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IN *Memoriam*



MUELLER'S  
Chapel of the Falls

## Kennewick Bank Hits \$1 Million

The new Kennewick First National bank in Angus Village in the Kennewick Highlands has reached the million dollar mark in deposits, it was stated Sunday by Miles S. Wilson, vice president and manager.

According to Wilson, total deposits were \$1,024,982.34 last Monday. The new bank has been in operation only three months, having first opened its doors July 2.

"Those of us associated with Kennewick First National are appreciative of the enthusiastic reception given our new bank in the Tri-City community," commented Wilson. "Reaching the million-on-deposit mark in something like 80 banking days means the bank has been growing at an average rate of over \$12,000 per day," he said.

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### EDNA A. STEWART

Funeral services for Edna A. Stewart, 73, who died Saturday at Kennewick General Hospital, will be Tuesday at Muller's Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Whitfield A. Smith officiating. Burial will be at the Riverview Heights Cemetery, Pasco.



RALPH P. NICOSON

Ralph P. Nicoson, 43, prominent Horse Heaven wheat farmer, died Friday at Kennewick General Hospital. He lived at 503 W. Kennewick Ave.

A native of Kennewick, he spent his entire life here. Mr. Nicoson was a member of the Kennewick IOOF Lodge 222, Locust Grove Grange, Clover Island Boat Club, Benton County Mounted Posse and the Kennewick First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Vernon Carl Gramling, with the Air Force in England, and Pat Gramling, Kennewick; daughter, Betty Gramling, Kennewick; a brother, Art, Kennewick; two sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Miller and Mrs. Esthel Schultz, both of Kennewick, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vernon Carl Gramling.

Services are pending at Mueller's chapel.

### THE CANTER

May, 1950



The Benton County Fairgrounds line up for a picture at the Kennewick Fairgrounds. From left to right: Hattie Lilly, Pasco; Marilyn Easley, Horse Heaven (Prosser); Nova Martell, Pasco; Yvonne Hollebeck, Kahlotus; Queen Barbara Owens, Kennewick; Lorraine Powell, Richland.





The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

23rd Psalm

IN MEMORY OF  
RALPH P. NICOSON

Born  
October 6, 1913

Passed Away  
April 12, 1957

Services at  
Mueller's Chapel of the Falls  
Kennewick, Washington  
Tuesday April 16, 1957 2:00 P. M.

Rev. E. I. Mitchell & Rev. R. W. Yates  
Officiating  
Zola Reavis, Organist

Roy Kratzer & Mr. & Mrs. Roy Larkin  
Singers

BEARERS

John Gravenslund  
George Kissick  
Martin Abken  
Pat Owens

Lyle Simmelink  
A. G. Edwards  
Glen Felton  
Ben Blair

Concluding Services  
Riverview Heights Cemetery  
Kennewick, Washington

By I. O. O. F. No. 222



## Fifty-four New Members In the Sheriff's Posse

The Benton County Sheriff's Mounted Posse met Monday evening at the Arrow Grill. Fifty-four new members have been added to their number in the membership drive which ends Jan. 31. A rodeo at the next Kennewick Fair was discussed and committee reports heard. A cowboy dance for members and guests is planned for Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Recreation Hall.

Officers for the organization are: Honorary Capt., Harry Cochran; Field Capt., Orin Lande; 1st Lt., Harvey Simpson; 1st Lt., Jim Mokler; 2nd Lt., Earl Grant; 2nd Lt., Elmer Smith.

### POSSE AUXILIARY MEETS

The recently organized ladies auxiliary of the Benton county Sheriff's posse held their fourth meeting Monday evening at the home of Lela Owens. By-laws were adopted and dues set. Officers elected are: Honorary Capt., Beulah Nicoson; Captain, Alberta Taylor; 1st Lt., Lucille Hopper; 1st Lt., Edith Magelson; 2nd Lt., Jean Mokler; 2nd Lt., Lela Owens.

December 1948

## COLORFUL POSSE DUE FOR COUNTY

KENNEWICK, Wash., March 4. —Benton county will soon have a bit of the old west in modern garb with organization of a sheriff's posse tomorrow.

Smartly clad riders in bright shirts and 10-gallon hats will become as well known in the Tri-City area as the grapes feted at Kennewick's annual October festival if Jim Mokler, the organizer, has his way.

The organization meet will be held at 7:30 p. m. at the Mokler Plumbing and Heating establishment. Riders from the Richland club and Prosser will be present to aid in selection of uniforms and plans to hold practice sessions on the sage land bordering Kennewick's city limits.

The new group will take part in the grape festival, carnivals and parades. It will assist the sheriff when emergency conditions demand road blocks and the hunting of escaped criminals. Each member will be deputized by the sheriff.

Tentative plans call for western hats, dark blue breeches, riding boots and stars.

MARCH 4 1948

## Mounted Posse To Aid Sheriff

The Sheriff's Posse rides again!

Already in process of organization here is the Benton County Mounted Posse, a uniformed riding group that will act as a volunteer force not only to aid the sheriff's office, but also for the recreational opportunities.

Sheriff Harry Cochran will be present at a meeting Friday night at 7:30 at the Mokler Plumbing company, when he will formally deputize the force.

True western style uniforms are planned with whipcord pants, contrasting cowboy shirts and of course the ten-gallon hats. Heavy leather holsters will carry .38 six guns in the best traditions of western law enforcement.

At the Friday meeting temporary officers will be chosen and practice times arranged. Anyone over the age of 21 is invited to participate.

MARCH 1948

## Hi-Yo!

### Posse Rides Again

The Benton County Sheriff's Posse staged a real honest to goodness Cowboy breakfast out in them thar hills Sunday morning.

"Chief Cookie" Glen Felton masterfully dished up large quantities of ham and eggs ably assisted by his wife Margaret. Enough food was on hand to amply fill up everyone present, including horses, dogs and any stray rabbits that ventured near.

Hi Jinks for the day were provided by Earl Grant and Pat Owens who demonstrated by pulling two cars out of the ruts they had bogged down in, that the horse is here to stay.

An Indian raid of howling ferocious savages, consisting of Earl Grant and Elmer "Snuffy" Smith, was successfully repulsed.

The rhythm and grace of riding were well demonstrated by some of the finest horsemen in the state. Alternating rhythm was demonstrated by "Doc" Selby and Dick Clute.

Plans for the future include, a club house, stables and more Western socials.

Members and guests present Sunday were, from Kennewick:

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Felton, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Miller and sons, Dick and Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Magelson and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Mokler, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clute, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Owens.

Doctor and Mrs. Steve Selby, Miss Betty Ferguson, Mr. E. C. Sampson, Mr. Earl Grant, Mrs. Lela Owens, Miss Barbara Owens, Miss Caroline McCalmet, Orrin Landy and Jerry Mokler.

From Richland were: Harvey Simpson, Roy Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Wade and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. McAdams and Mr. and Mrs. Udiens.

NE 1948

## Sheriff To Have Posse

Benton county will soon have a bit of the old west in modern garb with the organization of a sheriff's posse this Friday.

Smartly clad riders in brightly colored shirts and 10 gallon hats will become as well known in the Tri-City area as the grapes that are feted at Kennewick's annual October festival if Jim Mokler, the organizer has his way.

The initial meet for the formation of a mounted troop was held last Friday at the Mokler Plumbing and Heating establishment, 115 First avenue, Kennewick. The organizational meet will be held this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the same place.

Riders from the Richland club and Prosser will be present to aid in the selection of uniforms and organization of plans to hold practice sessions on the sage land bordering Kennewick's city limits.

The new group will take part in the Grape Festival, carnivals and parades that are held in the tri-city area. It will also assist the sheriff when emergency conditions demand road blocks and the hunting of escaped criminals. Each member will be deputized by the sheriff.

Tentative plans call for western hats, dark blue breeches, riding boots and stars. The color of the shirts will be selected at Friday's session, Mokler said. Anyone interested is urged to attend the meeting. Further information is available by calling Kennewick 411.

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TRI-CITY HERALD

## Sheriff's Posse Holds Breakfast

About 50 members and guests attended the cowboy's breakfast arranged by the Benton County Sheriff's posse Sunday morning between eight and ten o'clock.

The event was held mid the aroma of sagebrush seasoned with Horse Heaven sand near the old Luth barn on the old Al Luth ranch in Horse Heaven.

After the seven mile ride from town, the out-door breakfast was heartily enjoyed by all the cowboys and cowgirls. A few of the tenderfeet arriving by car encountered difficulty when their vehicles became stuck in the heavily gutted road near the camp. They were gaily dragged from the ruts by the cowboys with their ropes and ponies.

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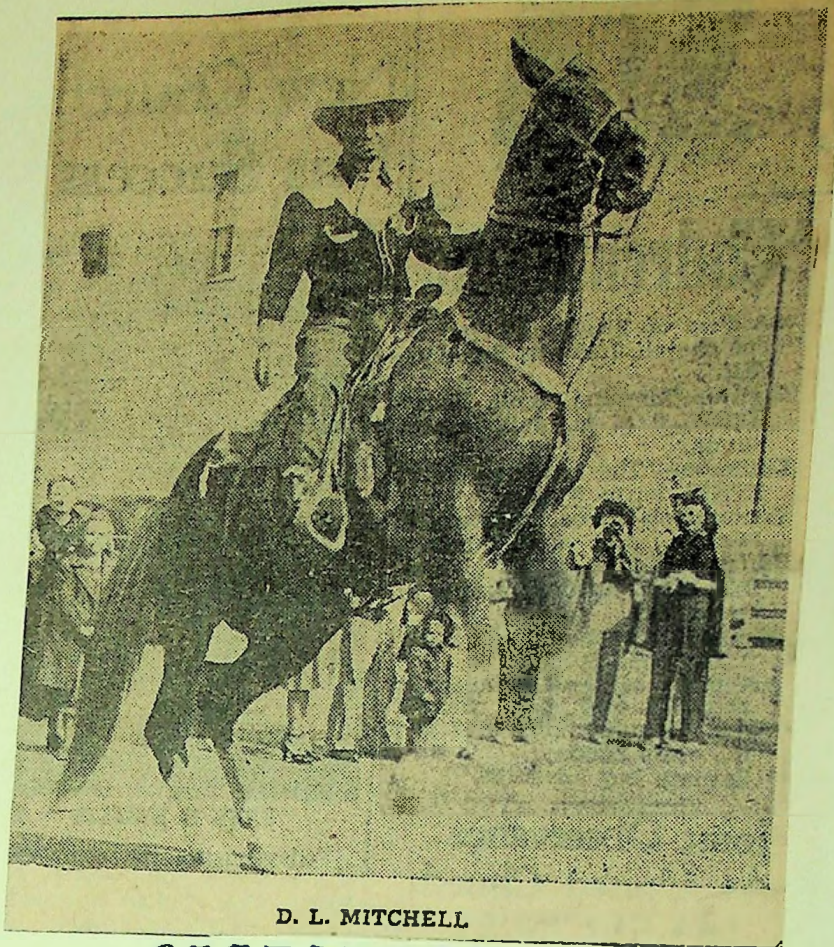


### Sheriff's Posse Holds Dinner, Rodeo, Dance

The Benton, county Sheriff's Posse got together Saturday evening for a combination fried chicken dinner, impromptu rodeo and dance.

Some displays of horsemanship and intricate dance steps seldom viewed by man were in evidence during the evening. In one match race, Elmer "Snuffy" Smith on a chestnut mare, beat out Earl "Maggy" Magelson on a buckskin stallion.

AUGUST 1948



D. L. MITCHELL

SEPTEMBER 1948

### Western Dance

A chance to wear western garb, relax and have a good time at a real western dance will be Saturday evening in the Kennewick recreation hall when members of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse are hosts to this event.

The dance begin at 9 p.m. and the public is welcome.

### Alberta Taylor Heads Auxiliary of Posse

KENNEWICK—The auxiliary to the Benton County Sheriff's posse met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. John Owens, with 19 present. By-laws were adopted and dues and entry fees agreed on. Refreshments were served after the meeting, with Mrs. Jim Mokler assisting the hostess.

Officers are Alberta Taylor, captain; Mrs. Arthur Nicoson, honorary captain; Mrs. Earl Magulson, first lieutenant; Lucille Hopper, first lieutenant secretary and treasurer; Mrs. John Owens, second lieutenant in charge of mounts and transportation; and Mrs. Jim Mokler, second lieutenant.

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OFFICERS OF THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE  
(All photographs by the Photocenter)

JANUARY 1949

ELMER SMITH EARL GRANT JIM MOKLER  
ORIN LANDE HARVEY SIMPSON





**OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE**

There can be no mistaking the fact that Benton county is a part of the "wild and fearless" West when there exists such an active western organization as the Benton County Sheriff's Posse.

This group of more than 100 members from Richland, Benton City, Kennewick and Prosser and

a few honorary members from out-county, has appeared in many round-ups and celebrations throughout the state.

Last year they traveled to the Pendleton round-up, the Toppenish Pow-Wow, the Walla Walla county fair and they participated in the Pasco Water Follies, the Kennewick Grape festival and the Richland Atomic Frontier Days. In the latter parade they took second place honors losing only to the group of Pendleton riders and they won a first prize in the Pasco parade. They also took second place in the grape parade.

Honorary captain of the posse is always the county sheriff. Heading the group of officers for the organization is the field captain, Orin Lande of Kennewick. He is assisted by a first lieutenant, James Mokler, who acts as secretary-treasurer and another first lieutenant, an executive officer, Harvey Simpson, Richland. Two second lieutenants of the posse are Earl Grant and Elmer Smith, both of Kennewick. Robert Taylor and Harvey Simpson handle publicity for the posse.

The 1949 social season for the posse was opened Jan. 22 when the group held a western dance at the Kennewick recreation hall. Last year two western rides and cowboy breakfasts were enjoyed in addition to the activities.

Number one project of the posse for this year is to work with the Benton county fair association for a larger county fair. The posse plans to assist with the sponsoring of a rodeo and horse races.

During the Grape festival last summer Leo Carillo who was

guest star of the event was made an honorary member of the posse. Posse members helped with this festival acting as an escort for Carillo and providing him with a mount.

At present a membership drive is in progress. The posse is divided into two teams and the losers will entertain at a cowboy breakfast for the winners. O. S. McAdams, team is ahead at present with O. P. Miller's team trailing.

The posse holds regular meetings the first Monday of each month at the banquet room of the Arrow Grill.

Recently formed is the Women's auxiliary of the Sheriff's posse. The group met for organization Jan. 17 at the home of Mrs. John Owens in Kennewick.

Officers are Mrs. Alberta Taylor, captain; Mrs. Ralph Nicoson, honorary captain; Mrs. Earl Magnuson, first lieutenant; Mrs. Lucille Hopper, first lieutenant secretary and treasurer; Mrs. John Owens, second lieutenant in charge of mounts and transportation and second lieutenant Mrs. James Mokler.

Shown above with his horse is D. L. Mitchell, one of the active members of the posse. The picture was taken during the Kennewick Grape Festival parade.

## Posse Wants Fair Rodeo

Pat Owens of Kennewick appointed chairman of a committee appointed by the Benton County Sheriff's Posse to work with the county fair association in seeking a rodeo for next year's fair it was announced today.

Publicity Chairman Robert Taylor reported the posse expects to take an active part in next year's grape and fair festival. He said the organization believes a high grade rodeo would help the annual event.

Working with Owens on the committee are Mike Cronin, Ward Larsen, Art Nicerson and George Austin.

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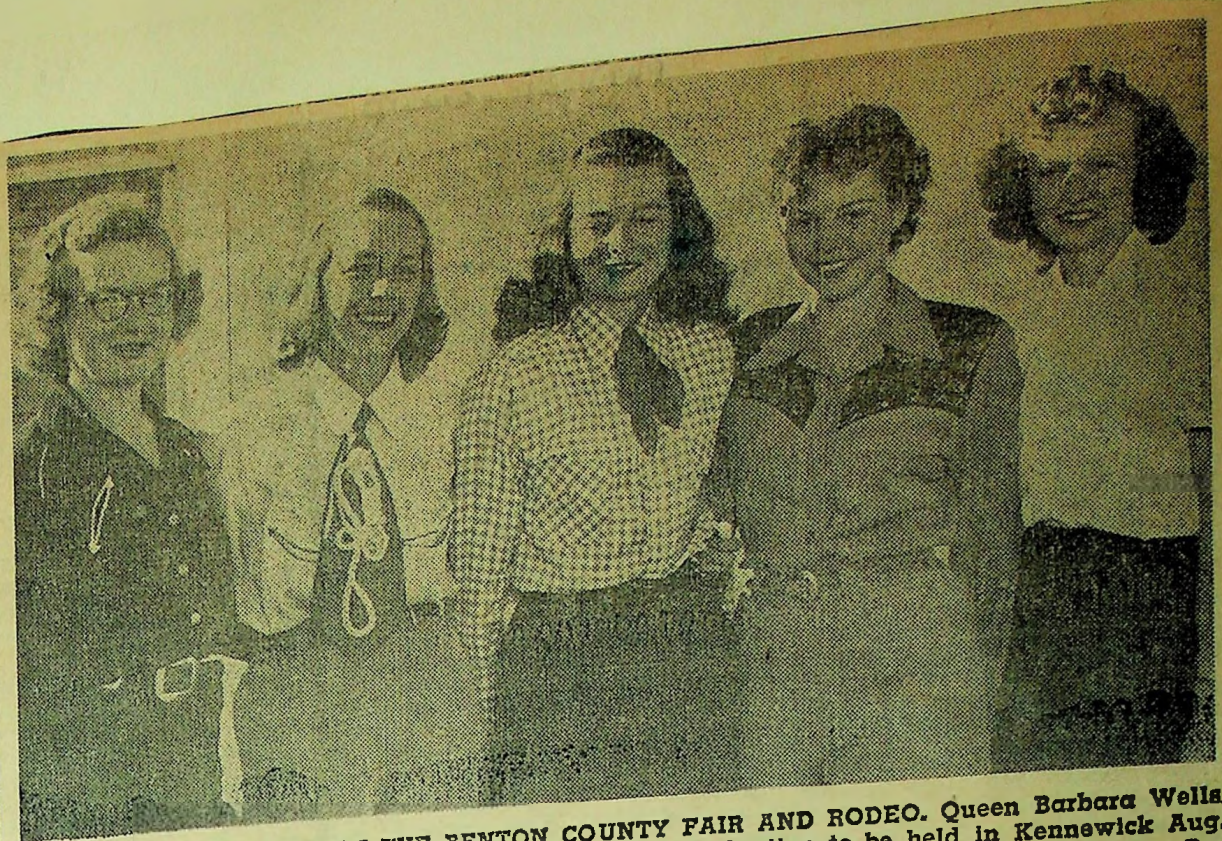
## Queen Role Is Open to Girls

**KENNEWICK** — The Benton County Fair association announced plans for a beauty contest to be held at the fair grounds Sunday afternoon at 2 to select four princesses and a queen to reign over the 1949 Benton county fair and festival. The contest is being sponsored by the Sheriff's Posse and auxiliary. The contest is open to residents of Benton and any other counties, but only the Benton county contestants will be eligible for the place of queen. Judging will be by out-of-town judges, after which a tea will be given for the contestants with Mrs. John Owens, where the winners will be announced.

Qualifications are that girls must be from 13 to 20 years old and unmarried; must be able to ride a horse, and not weigh over 135 pounds. Judging also will be based on beauty and personality.

The queen and her princesses will be taken to various cities and local meetings where they will be introduced to advertise the fair and festival.

**JUNE 1949**



**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.

**JUNE 12 1949**

*The United News - June 16*

## Queen, Attendants For Benton County Fair Are Chosen

**KENNEWICK**—Sunday, June 12, the final choices were made from a group of ten contestants competing for the positions of queen and attendants for the Benton County Fair and Rodeo to be held August 18, 19, and 20. Girls from 18 to 20 years of age, weighing less than 135 pounds, single and able to ride a horse were eligible and accepted for competition. The girls were judged by three impartial judges on the basis of horsemanship, personality and availability to make promotion tours to neighboring towns and communities.

The girls who were contestants were: Benton County—Joi Slusher, Richland, Marilyn Oliver, Kennewick, Jo Ann Bacon, Prosser, Florence Smith, Kennewick, Barbara Wells, Richland, Marian Schock, Kennewick, Ruby Galbreath, Richland, Margaret Kerr, Benton City; Franklin County—Marilyn Purser, Ringgold, Velma Biorn, Connell. Under the rules as set up the queen and three attendants were chosen from Benton County and one attendant was chosen from Franklin County.

At a reception held at Lela Owens home in honor of the contestants, Orin Lande, Captain of the Benton County sheriff's Posse introduced the judges, Perry Woodall, Toppenish, Arthur Bergevin, Lowden and August Beltzner, Joliet, Illinois. Mr. Woodall made the announcement of the choice of the judges for the queen and her attendants. Those chosen were Barbara Wells, queen, Joi Slusher, Marilyn Oliver, Jo Ann Bacon and Marilyn Purser, Attendants. Queen Barbara cut a beautifully decorated cake inscribed in honor of the queen and her court.

**JUNE 16 1949**

Harvey Simpson, president of the Richland Riding Club and member of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse, Alberda Taylor, Captain of the Women's Auxiliary to the Benton County Sheriff's Posse and Cy Miller, secretary of the Benton County Fair Association were among the guests who were present.

## Queen Contest Settled Today

Ever so many fair maidens in Benton county are this morning aspiring to the honor and homage which are associated with the queen of the Benton county fair and rodeo this fall.

The lucky one will be selected at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the posse grounds. A jury of impartial judges from three nearby cities will be called on to make the decision which means so much to the girls.

Margaret Reymore, chairman of publicity for the contest, informs the Roving Reporter that three attendants will be chosen from Benton county and one from Franklin county.

"Several charming and interest-

ing contestants have been entered," the chairman advises. "All contestants must be 18 through 20, be under 135 pounds in weight, single, able to ride a horse."

"Following the judging a reception will be held for all of the contestants at the home of Mrs. Lela (John) Owens at 294 Howard avenue, Kennewick. At that time the judges will announce their final selections."

**JUNE 12 1949**

## Miss Wells Is Chosen Queen

**KENNEWICK** — The queen contest for the Benton County Fair and Grape festival was held Sunday afternoon at the new fair grounds. Miss Barbara Wells of Richland was chosen queen by a trio of judges. Entries had to be 18 through 20 years of age, single, weigh under 135 pounds, and be able to ride a horse. They were judged on horsemanship, personality, and availability for the fair and events in which they were to take part.

The four attendants to the queen chosen were Joi Slusher of Richland, Marilyn Oliver of Kennewick, Jo Ann Bacon of Prosser, and Marilyn Purser of Ringold. The latter represents Franklin county.

Judges were August Beltzner, visiting here from Joliet, Ill.; Arthur Bergevin of Lowden, and Perry Woodall of Toppenish.

Ten girls were entered in the contest, and all were entertained with a reception at the home of Mrs. John Owens after judging was completed. The winners were announced at the reception, and the queen-elect was presented a cake which she cut and served. Attending the reception also were Harvey Simpson, president of the Richland Riders' club; Orin Lance, captain of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse; and C. C. Miller, secretary of the Benton County Fair association.



**JUNE 1949**



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

JUNE 12 1949

## 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 and members of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse and Auxiliary enjoyed an afternoon of horseback riding, pole bending and jumping. Capt. Orin Lande and 2/Lt. Elmer Smith of the sheriff's posse were present to instruct in drill work.

Pat Owens, rodeo chairman, and his daughter Barbara Owens, who is a member of the Pendleton Round-Up queen's court, were among guests.

Extra horses required for the afternoon were furnished by O. P. Miller, Jim Mokler, Denny Mitchell and Arthur Stromme.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Arthur Stromme and Mrs. Elmer Smith, chaperones for the Queen and her court. They were assisted by Mrs. O. P. Miller.

JUNE 28 1949

## Royal Court Honor Guests

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

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JUNE 30 1949

## 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. Rvey Simpson is president of the Richland Riding club.

JULY 5 1949

## Queen, Court Busy Fourth

Queen Barbara Wells and Princesses Joi Slusher, Marilyn Oliver, Jo Ann Bacon and Marilyn Purser, represented the Benton County Fair and Rodeo at four neighboring events on July 4th.

In the morning they attended the air show in Prosser, where they were welcomed by Mayor Dick Heald. At noon, the Queen and her Court accompanied by fifty members of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse and Auxiliary, all mounted, rode in the Prosser parade.

Going then to Toppenish, the group at 4 o'clock rode in the parade featured by the Pow Wow, and at 7:30 following their Grand Entry into the Toppenish Pow Wow Rodeo, as guests witnessed the performance from horseback.

Chaperones for the Queen and her Court were Mrs. Elmer Smith and Mrs. Arthur Stromme.

JULY 7 1949

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.

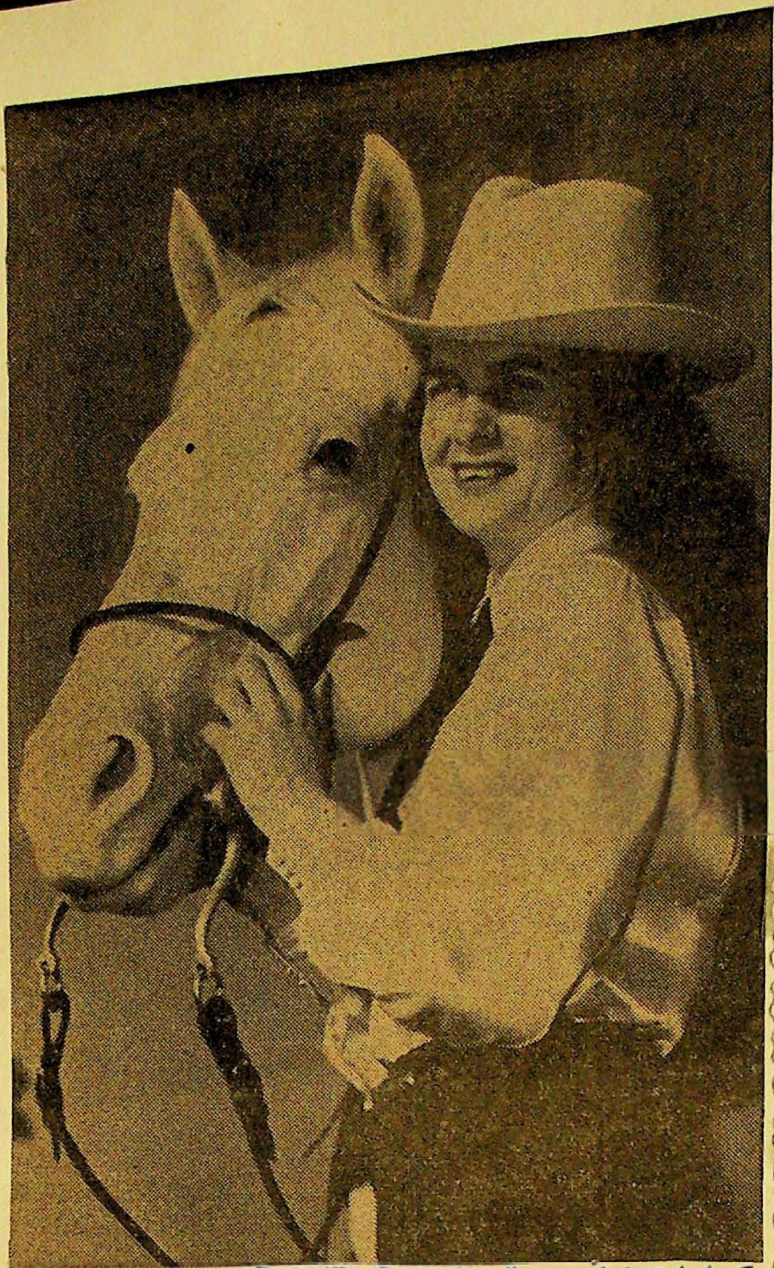
Barbara's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wells, were away from home when Barbara went into the contest. Her winning was a complete surprise. When they arrived home Sunday night, Barbara had not returned from Kennewick. Mr. Wells turned on the radio shortly after arriving and the first statement was that 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 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.

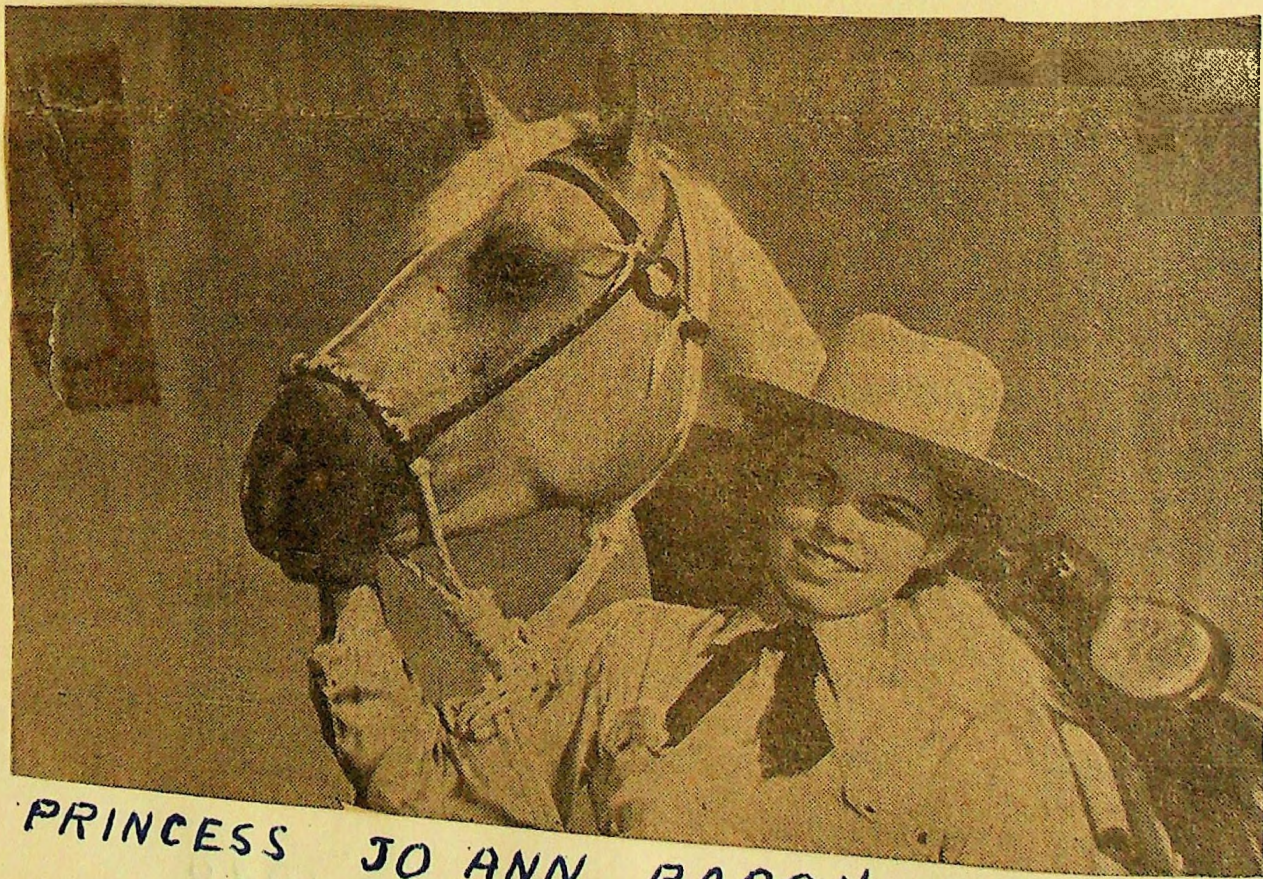
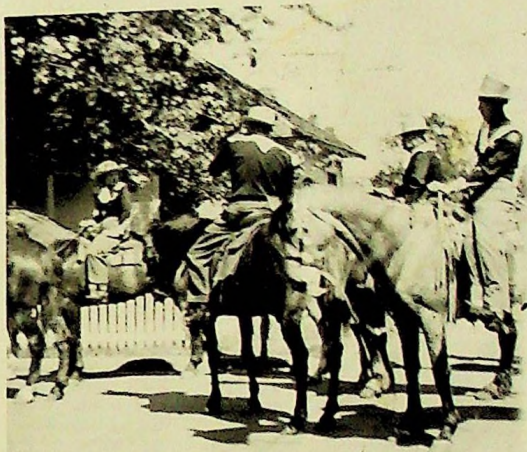
The area where a race track is to be laid out has been cleared at the fairgrounds. There will be a quarter a mile oval track and a quarter mile straight-away.





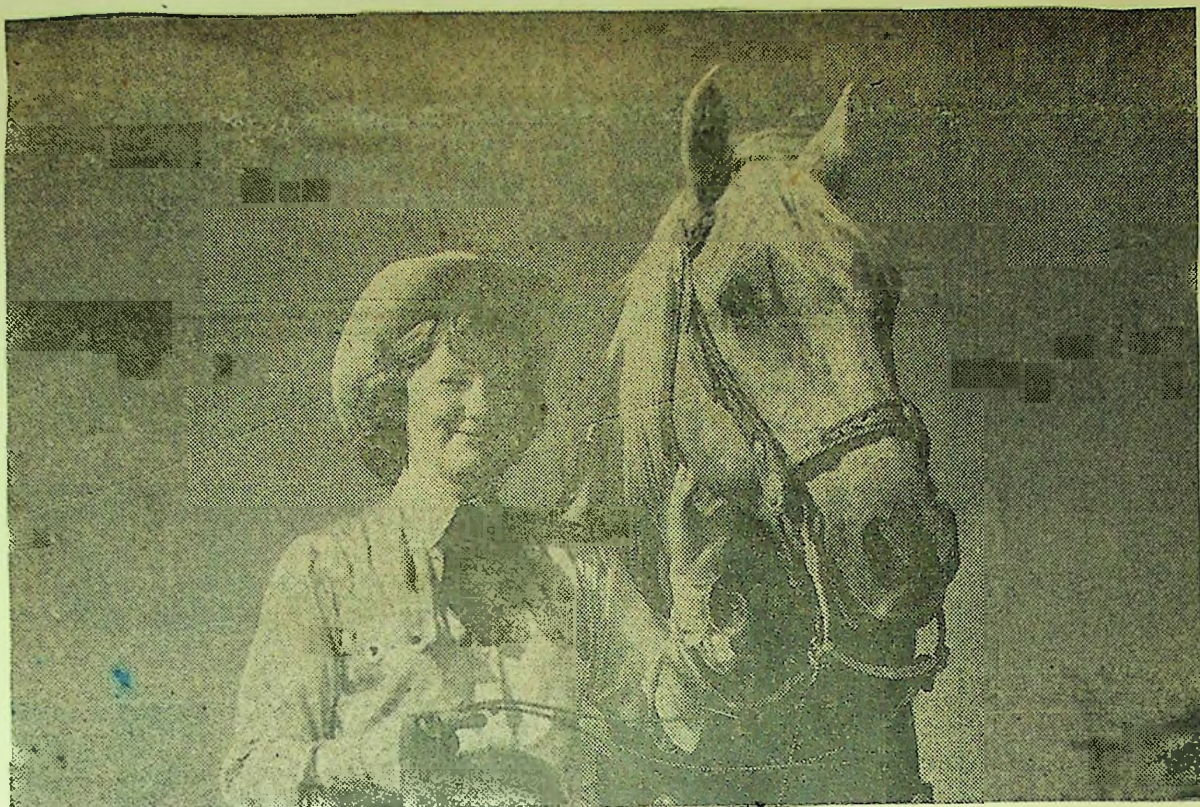
QUEEN BARBARA WELLS

JULY 30  
1949



PRINCESS JO ANN BACON





PRINCESS MARILYN OLIVER



PRINCESS MARILYN  
PURSER



PRINCESS JOI  
SLUSHER



## Royalty Tours Region by Air



The unique combination of royalty for the Southeastern Washington fair, a publicity chairman for the Air Fair along with Miss Sky Scorcher, queen of the Sunday Air Fair, made a flight from Walla Walla to Kennewick and return via Inland Airways Wednesday.

Left to right: Dale Dixon, Air Fair publicity chairman, ready to take off on his first flight; Farmerettes Virginia Danielson and Mary Eccles; Co-pilot Byron King; Fairest Farmerette Carol Cox; Pilot Bill Lockwood; Mary Kelly, (Miss Sky Scorcher) and Farmerettes Sue Collins and Elna Bosley. (Staff photo, Davison engraving)

### WALLA WALLA BULLETIN

JULY 1949



### He Flies With Beauties (Six)

Few persons have the opportunity to soar towards heaven for the first time in the company of six down-to-earth angels.

But Dale Dixon, publicity director of the Walla Walla Air Fair, Wednesday enjoyed just that experience—and he's still up in the air.

Dixon, a member of the Union-Bulletin advertising staff, had never flown until Wednesday afternoon. And what a flight he had.

His hostess was Mary Therese Kelly, Miss Walla Walla, and now "Miss Sky Scorcher," queen of the air fair next Sunday.

To help him forget his—er—air-sickness and love of terra firma were five other bits of feminine pulchritude—the farmerettes of the forthcoming Southeastern Washington Fair.

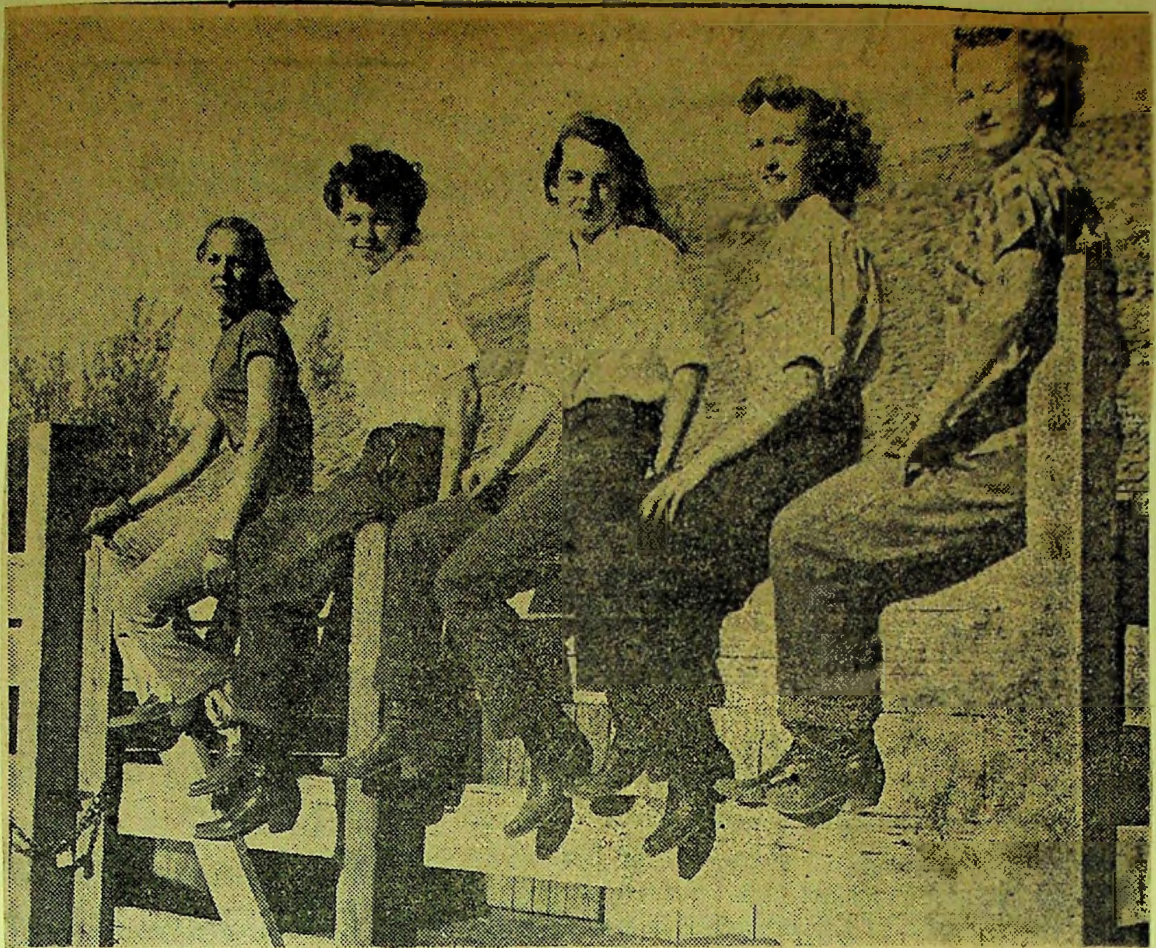
Taking off on the scheduled Inland Airways flight to Vancouver, Wash., the group was landed at Kennewick where they were met by Mrs. Elmer Smith and Mrs. Lela Owens, chaperones for the queen and princesses of the Benton County fair and rodeo later this year.

The contingent—with Dixon the only member of his species present—were guests of the Pasco-Kennewick Rotary club at a luncheon aboard a boat on the Columbia river.

Later in the afternoon, the party had sandwiches and "coke" with Miss Margaret Reymore, Kennewick city treasurer.

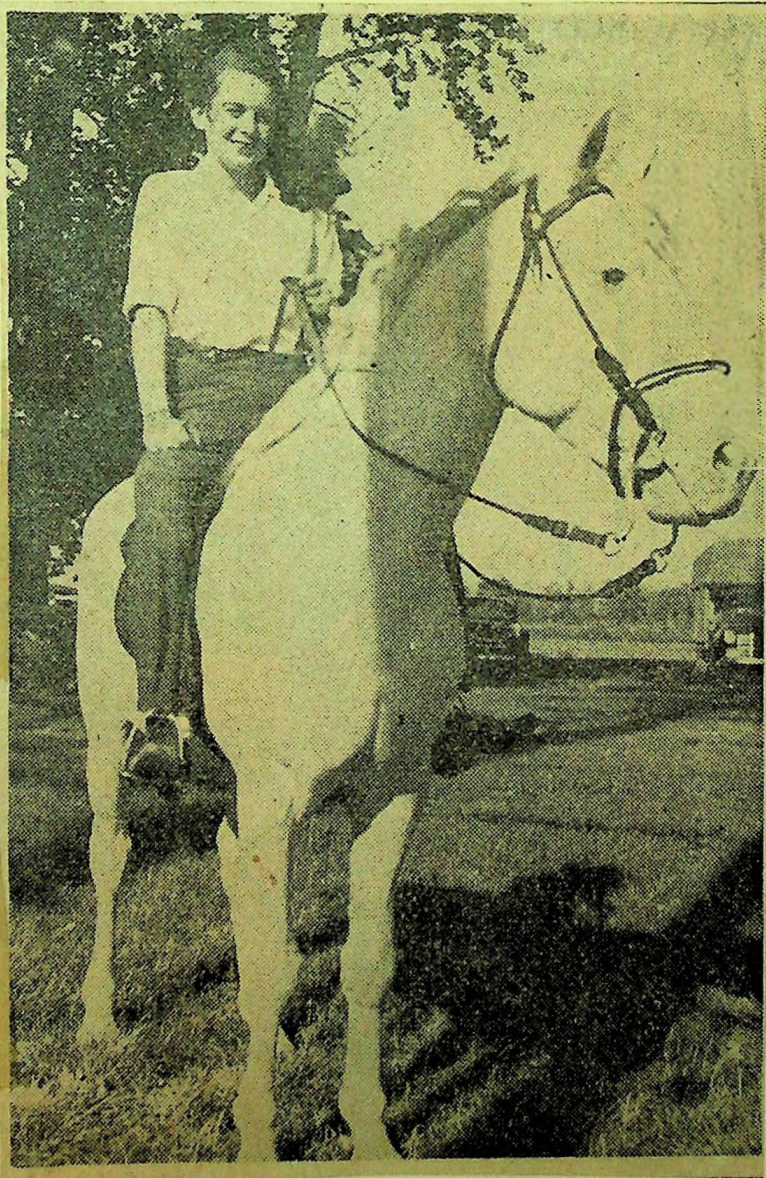
Although content with staying on mother earth, Dixon had to catch the plane back for Walla Walla. Of course he had the same six beauties to console him against a squeamish stomach.





SEEN MOUNTED on her white stallion, Sir Gallahad, is Miss Barbara Wells, daughter of W. 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.

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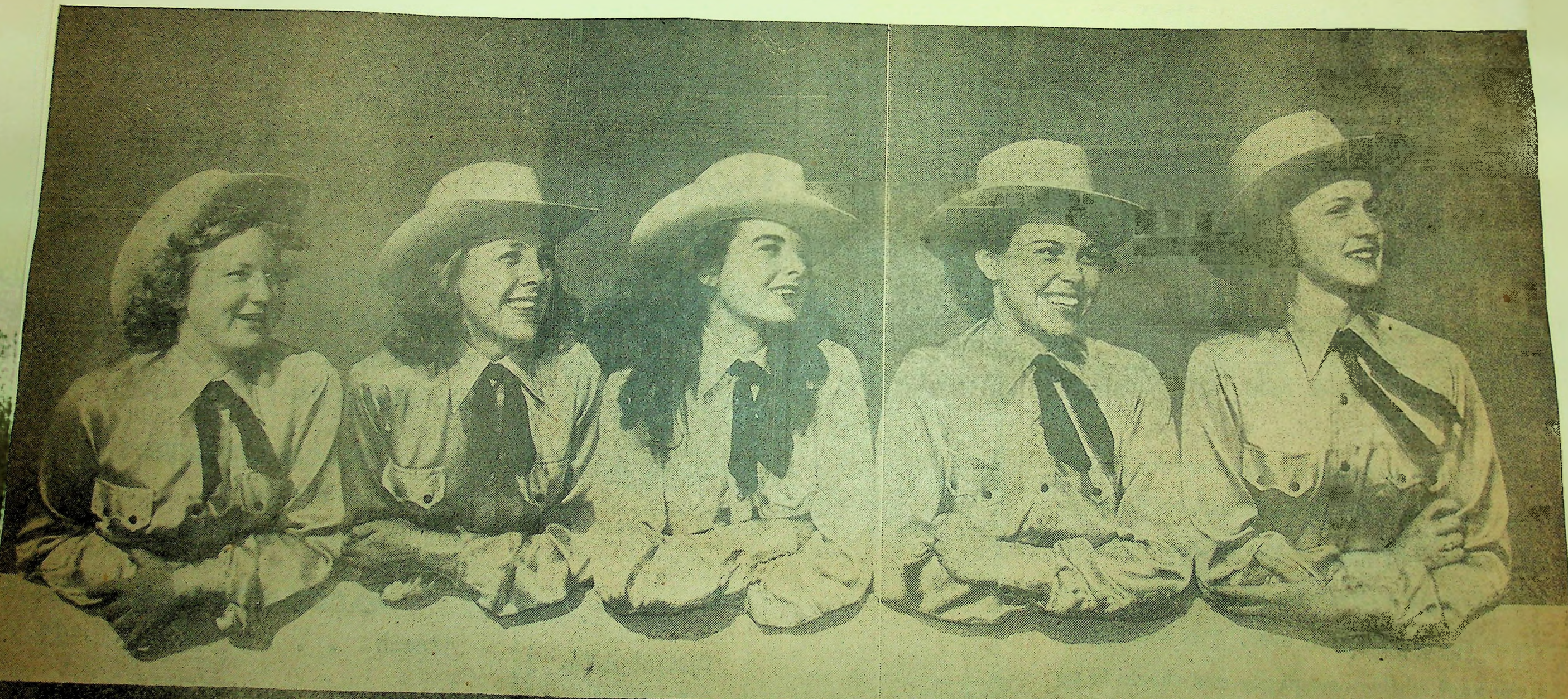


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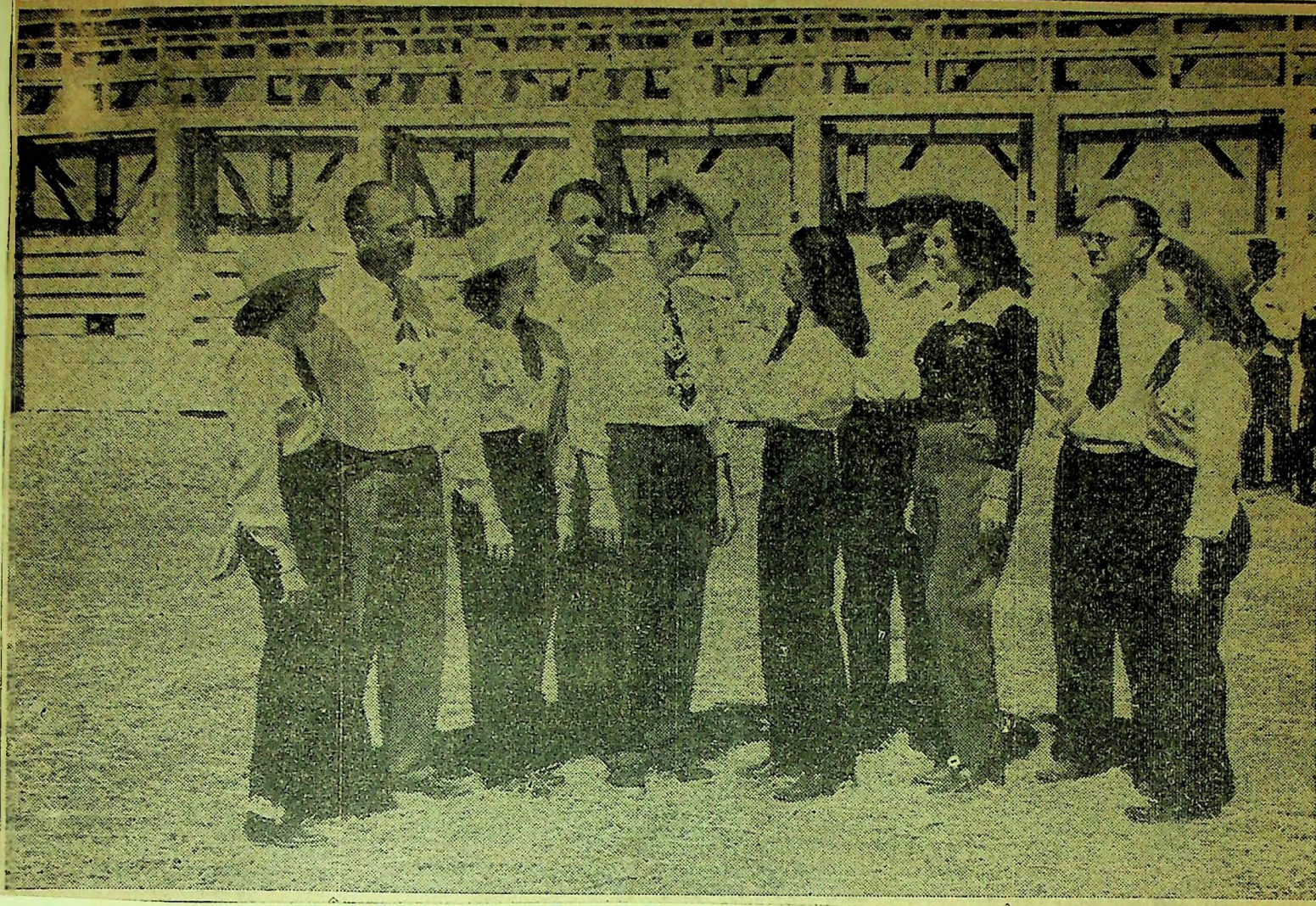
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# Kennewick Gets Set For Big Rodeo

Aug 2-49



AUGUST 2 1949



"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.)

AUGUST 2 1949





## WATER FOLLIES CROWD IS HUGE; BOATS ARE FAST

PASCO, Wash., Aug. 2.—Large crowds of spectators packed the grassy lawns of Sacajawea park yesterday afternoon, cars and people overflowing onto the sagebrush stretches adjacent to the shaded park, to witness the climaxing event of the second annual Pasco Water Follies.

The outboard motor races which began at 1 p. m. with mile-a-minute hydroplane and C-service runabout races thrown in for added thrill, besides the large group of outboard drivers who entered craft in the races.

Despite the heat of Saturday evening another large crowd turned out to witness the swimming meet held in the city's new swimming pool in Memorial park in west Pasco, with a total of 114 contestants from eastern Washington and Oregon cities competing for prizes in 22 different entries.

### "Around the Clock" Wins

In the annual street parade which was held Friday evening, the float entered by the Pasco Junior Women's club which portrayed the "Around the Clock" theme won top honors and a \$50 prize, placing as the best float in the five categories. Other winning floats were the Eagles' second in the organization division in which the Junior club placed first, while Pasco Kiwanis club float placed third.

Benton County Sheriff's Posse won in the mounted division; Ed Hendler's float won first in the commercial division with the float entered by the Pasco Beauty college placed second and the Utah and Idaho Sugar, Toppenish, placed third.

In the youth organizations the float sponsored by the Campfire Girls placed first; Rainbow Girls second, and Blue Birds, third. K and C Cleaning Service placed in the comic division while in the miscellaneous division the Veterans of Foreign Wars placed first with the American Legion winning second place.

AUGUST 2  
1949

## Gr'dstand Will Seat 7,500

Six months ago, a barren tract of ground southeast of Kennewick: today, a rodeo grandstand, nearly completed, which will seat over 7,500 people.

That is the short story behind the construction of a rodeo arena by the Benton County Mounted Posse. Action in the new arena starts with the Benton County rodeo August 20 and 21.

The construction which has turned a dusty plain into one of the finest show rings in the northwest, has been carried on by volunteer labor of posse members. With the bleachers up, the bucking chutes built, and the grandstand well on the way to completion, contract labor has been substituted.

### SUBSCRIPTION BASIS

Outside the main arena is a row of private stalls in which horse fanciers may keep their animals. These stalls were built on a subscription basis, costing \$210 each.

The land on which the arena is being built is owned by the Benton County fair and has been leased to the Posse for 20 years, dependent on upkeep. At the end of the 20 years, if the posse so desires, the lease may be extended for another 20 years.

Two factors will make the rodeo a top-notch event.

The stock will be furnished by Harley Tucker of Joseph, Oregon. To rodeo fans and those who know horseflesh, this means rough broncos and terrible tempered steers.

### TOP HANDS DUE

As the show precedes the Pendleton Round-up, top hands from all over the country will be in this region. Very few of them will pass up the chance to earn the large prize money which will be awarded.

Spectators won't have to worry about the sun as the posse's auxiliary will have two refreshment stands going full blast. Present plans call for the Boy Scouts to act as hawkers. Then too, the grandstand and some of the bleachers will be covered.

Oren Lande, captain of the posse, and Pat Owen, rodeo chairman, have been spearheading the drive. The two lieutenants, Elmer Smith and Jim Mokler, have aided greatly as have the 60 members of the outfit.

Programs will be printed. Earl Magelson is in charge of this committee. Al "Buck" Buchanan has charge of getting the water to the grounds. Bud Rictor will police the grounds and be in charge of the parking.

Harold McCamish has built the chutes and the seats for the grandstand on a contract, as well as put in much time on other phases of the project. Maley and company furnished a bull-dozer for some of the preliminary work.

Arena director for the show will be Owens.

AUGUST 2 1949

## Kangaroo Court To Function

Horses, cowboy clothing, a rodeo band, and a Kangaroo court will be some of the things which are to have part in the kick-off event of the first annual Kennewick rodeo, in front of the S. & J. Motor company building on Kennewick avenue at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

People of Kennewick will have an opportunity for the first time to see some of the outstanding horses and riders at the kick-off tonight.

Everybody should come dressed in their western outfits, members of the sheriff's posse, sponsors of the rodeo, said last night.

The band is one which has recently been organized by Frank Beste, Kenny Goldman, Robert Hunsley and others to play in the rodeo parade Saturday, August 20. Hunsley is director.

The Kangaroo court, to operate between now and the end of the fair and rodeo, will function for the first time tonight. Although the proclamation issued by Mayor Urban Keolker does not go into effect until midnight tonight, members of the committee said it would be tried out on selected individuals if they are caught not in proper dress.

First rodeo dance of the season will follow at 9 o'clock tonight at Playland dance pavilion in the Highlands. Merle Winder and his D-1 Ranch Hands will play. Earl A. Magelsen, chairman of the rodeo advertising committee, asked that western clothes be worn but that those who do not have such clothing are welcome. Come as you are, he added.

A police cab has been constructed to be used to haul offenders of the dress-up proclamation to Kangaroo court.

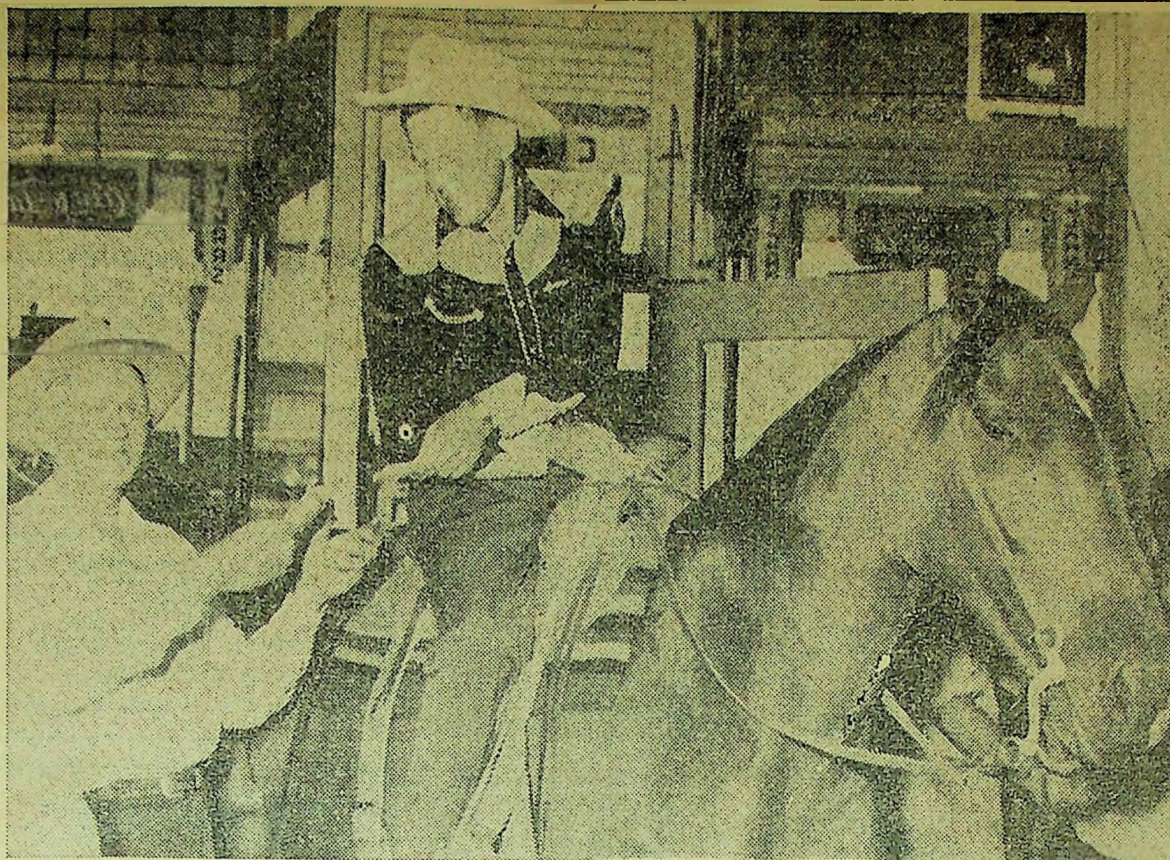
Kit Gifford, local real estate man, has been appointed to serve throughout the period as judge of the Kangaroo court.

AUGUST 4 1949





## Ticket Sales For Rodeo Get Under Way



KENNEWICK RODEO ticket sales got off to a flying start a few minutes after the picture above was taken. It shows Orin Lande, president of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse, selling rodeo tickets to A. C. Amon, president of the fair association. Then Amon had to dig up also for a ticket for the first Rodeo and Fair dance at the Playland dance hall tonight.

AUGUST 4 1949

## Amon Asks Farmers To Save Their Best For Benton County's Fair

A. C. Amon, president of the Benton County Fair association, urged yesterday that farmers save their best for exhibition at the county fair here August 19, 20 and 21.

He listed vegetables, fruits, eggs, grain, grass seeds, honey, livestock, needle work, and art work and added, "bring anything you raise or make."

Meanwhile, Queen Barbara Weels of the county fair and rodeo and her court, Joi Slusher, Marilyn Oliver, Jo Ann Bacon, and Marilyn Purser have had a busy week. On Friday evening they rode in the Pasco Water

Follies parade. On Saturday the girls with their chaperone, Mrs. Elmer Smith, went to Joseph, Ore., where they rode in the Chief Joseph Days parade in the morning and made a grand entry at the rodeo in the afternoon. Their horses were taken over by Orin Lande and Elmer Smith. Saturday night was spent at Wallowa Lake lodge and on Sunday morning they attended a

Cowboy Breakfast, then home again Sunday afternoon.

On Tuesday the Queen and her court, chaperoned by Mrs. Arthur Stromme, attended the Yakima chamber of commerce luncheon at the Commercial hotel in Yakima, and at 5 o'clock met with the Toppenish chamber of commerce for cold refreshments. Marvin Ross of the Crest store was master of ceremonies.

AUGUST 4 1949

## Smith Asks Parade Entries Of Floats, Horses, Stunts

E. C. Smith, general chairman of the Benton county fair parade, to be held Saturday, August 20, issued a call this week for entries of all kinds for this event.

Smith said he wanted to urge the people and business firms of the city to get started at once on floats if they haven't done so, in order that these may be ready for the parade, also so that time

will be sufficient to make the floats the best ever in any year.

He also asked that horse owners get their horses ready for the parade. There will be a great many rodeo horses in the parade, many of which are being brought in by the Benton county mounted sheriff's posse.

Smith urged that Kennewick people who wish to enter any

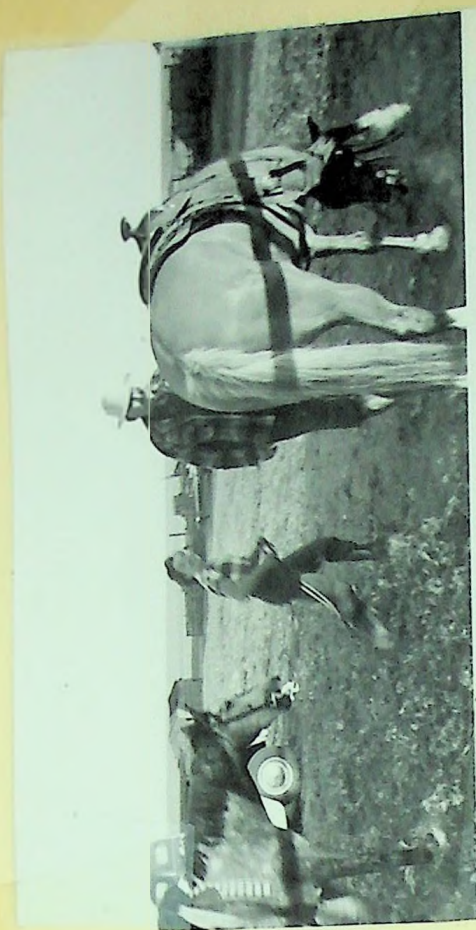
kind of float in the parade to please register as soon as possible with Mrs. Harry Linn or Carl Williams who are working up the parade. Howard Beste and his committee will assemble and start the parade.

There will be prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$5 for first, second and third places for floats in class 1, which includes fraternal, church, service and labor. Same prizes will be awarded in class 2, Youth groups, and class 3, commercial and individual.

Prizes for horses, best group \$25, best dressed man and horse, \$5, best dressed woman and horse, \$5.

AUGUST 4 1949





## Benton Rodeo Aug. 5-49 Offices Opened

Benton County Rodeo offices have been established in the S. & J. automobile building at the corner of Benton and Kennewick avenues. The office will remain there until after the rodeo is completed on Aug. 21.

Earl Maggelson, spokesman for the Rodeo said that tickets and full information will be available at the office.

Maggelson added that stencils for the sides of automobiles may be obtained at the Graves Auto Service, 15 N. Benton street. There is no charge for having the stencils put on the car and the dye will not harm the finish and can be washed off, the spokesman concluded.

AUGUST 5 1949

## You Can Get Out That Western Garb

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ August 5-1949 ★ ★ ★  
★ Yes, It's Benton County Fair And Rodeo Time Again ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### Here's The Official Proclamation:

Whereas dates for the Benton County Fair and Rodeo have been set as August 19, 20, and 21, during which the city of Kennewick and its adjoining areas will be visited by many persons from other regions,

And whereas, the fair and rodeo season will be one of festivity and a time during which the best things of our community will be presented for the inspection of the public,

And whereas the Chamber of Commerce, the Benton County Fair association, the Benton County Mounted Posse, and other groups have requested that the people of the community wear western garb in advance of those dates, for the purpose of advertising the celebration and to promote a spirit of festivity,

Now therefore, I, Urban Keolker, Mayor of the City of Kennewick, hereby proclaim the dates from August 6, 1949, to August 21, 1949, inclusive, as a time during which it will be fitting and proper for residents of the community, male and female, of all ages, to wear western garb. And the willing compliance of the people of the community with this request is hereby urged and solicited.

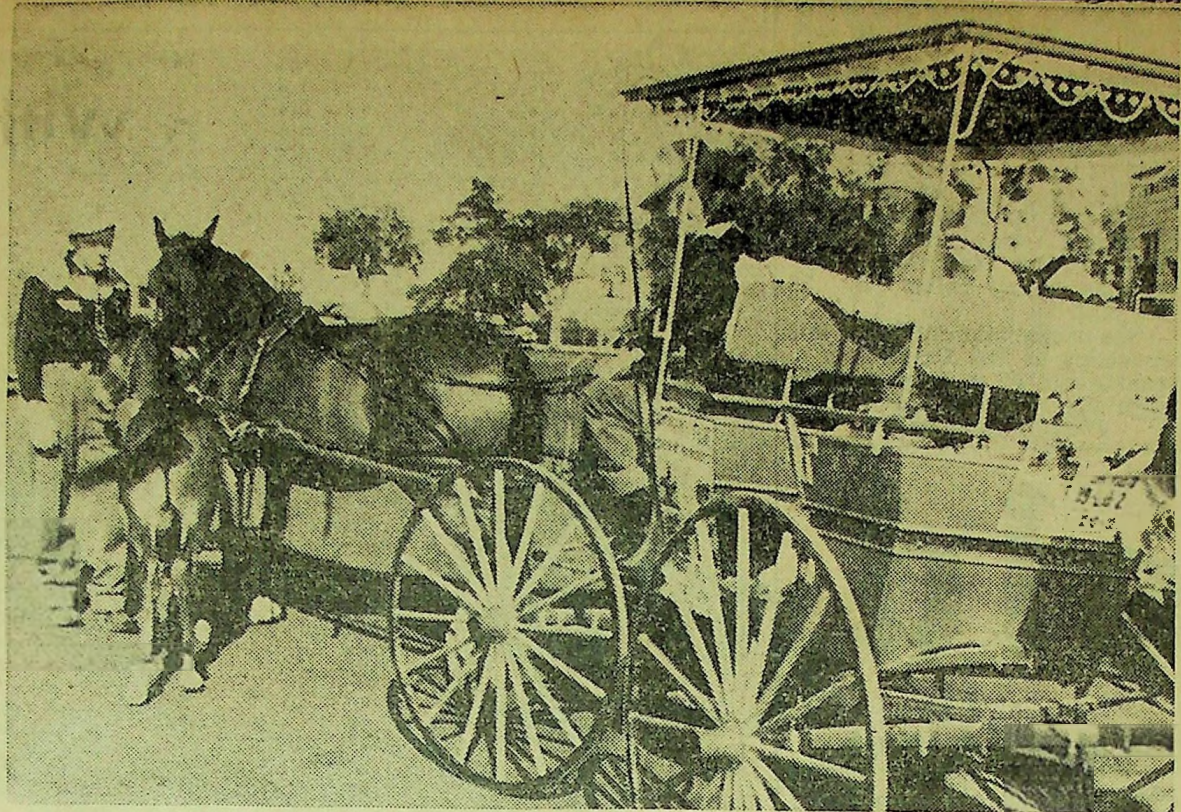
Done this 3rd day of August, 1949, in the City of Kennewick, the County of Benton, in the State of Washington, this 3rd day of August, 1949.

U. L. KEOLKER, Mayor

AUGUST 5 1949



*Aug. 8-1949* **Surrey With The Fringe On Top**



MEMBERS OF THE Benton County Sheriff's Posse got out the surrey with the fringe on top Friday to publicize the Rodeo in Kennewick on Aug. 20 and 21. The Benton County Fair will open on Aug. 19. The surrey in the above picture is seen in front of the bank in Richland.

**AUGUST 8 1949**



## Western Justice Hits Kennewick In Western Way

*Aug. 12, 1949  
Tri-City  
Herald*

Western justice, reminiscent of Roy Bean and his law "West of the Pecos" hit Kennewick in a big way Thursday noon.

Kennewick Chamber of Commerce members were expecting to hear Hugh Horton discuss two highly controversial ordinances now pending before the city council when "Jedge" Kit Gifford and his "Kangeroo Kourt" composed of Benton County Sheriff's Posse members, stomped in and put everyone under arrest.

The next step was natural enough.

A look into the "prisoner's" wallet and the fine was set. People

were fined for not wearing Western garb, for wearing western garb, for wearing neckties, for not wearing neckties and for wearing cowboy outfits that were too flashy.

### PROTESTS UNHEEDED

Vigorous protests by the suspects went unheeded as the "Jedge" brushed aside all questions as to the legality of his court.

He wasn't too proud to give the prisoner a chance.

"You're fined three dollars. Got a \$1.98?" he said.

When justice had been dealt out to 35 members and guests present, the Posse was approximately \$50 richer.

A cry went up for a song by the posse and when the "Jedge" discovered no one could, or would sing, he fined them all. As a matter of fact, the "Jedge" was the only person present who wasn't fined.

When the horse-play was over, Posse Captain Oren Lande thanked everyone for their co-operation and issued another invitation to the rodeo.

**AUGUST 12 1949**

## Some Culprit Done Went And Stole Posse's Auto

Some varmint of a culprit is in for a mighty hard time, pahdner, as soon's the Benton County Sheriff's Posse latches on to whoever done stole their cop car.

Seems as how t'other afternoon (Thursday, that is, pahdner) while the noble posse boys were riding herd on a bunch of city slickers and fining them all for not being in uniform that some sneaky coyote driv' off in the bright, shiny cop car.

Well, suh, pahdner, (wait just a minute till Ah adjust my six-shooter, blame thing's scraping

mah hip bone.) Anyhow, pahdner, soon's we swear out a warrant we're agoin' to arrest that thar varmint.

Matter of fact we're agoin' to hold court on the corner of Benton and Kennewick avenues Friday night at 7:30. Better come on down pahdner, and put on your bib and tucker. We might kick up our heels a little bit, you can't tell.

**AUGUST 12  
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## Fines In Kangaroo Court

The mills of justice ground exceedingly fine yesterday afternoon under a gavel wielded by Kangaroo Court Judge Kit Gifford at a regular meeting of the Kennewick Chamber of Commerce.

When the court session was over, 35 defendants had been fined and about \$50 had been taken in by the court.

The court session started when members of the Benton County Sheriff's Posse stormed the regular chamber meeting at the Riviera club, took possession of the microphone and Judge Gifford called for order.

A warrant was read charging members of the chamber with failing to comply with a proclamation issued last week by Mayor Urban Keolker requesting that every person wear some sort of western make-up to advertise the coming rodeo and fair, August 19, 20 and 21.

Every defendant pleaded guilty. Some posse members were fined too. President Gene Spaulding of the chamber was fined for dressing "too nice." Dr. S. S. Selby had the double charge of failing to wear proper clothes and being a member of the posse.

Here are the ones who were "socked."

Frank Maupin, Dr. S. S. Selby, Herb Owens, Hal Clark, Eunice Bell, Joe Siegfried, Gene Spaulding, R. C. Rector, Teresa Campbell, Jean McClarey, Thomas Thompson, Willard Campbell, Bob Mills, Dave Trunkey, Charles Noyes, Rex Patterson, Fred Bunch, Aubrey Books, Lee Leonard, Jim Grant, Sidney Lantor, Clint Silliman, Olav Otheim, J. C. Pratt, Hugh Horton, Ross Frank, Al Koeppe of Seattle, Jack Hanson, Orin Lande, Pat Owens, Ralph McAbee, Phil Grossman, John Hofmaster, Leo Shoewalter, Earl Magleson.

## Rodeo Troupe's Itinerary Given

A complete list of the various cities which the Benton County Rodeo troupe will visit to publicize the rodeo on Aug. 20 and 21 in Kennewick was released today by Earl Maggelson.

All shows in the different cities will start about 7:30 p.m. Maggelson said.

Pasco, Aug. 10. On Aug. 11 Dayton, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater. This trip will be a swing through the different towns during the day.

Aug. 12 and 13, Richland. Or Aug. 16 a day trip visiting Richland, Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser. And a final big show the evening of Aug. 18 at Richland.

AUGUST 12 AND 14

## 2 Big Night Shows Set For Benton County Fair, Rodeo

Two big night shows will be one of the highlights of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo to be held in Kennewick Aug. 19, 20 and 21. The shows will be presented in the rodeo arena on Saturday and Sunday evenings starting at 7:30.

Saturday night's show will consist of all Western entertainment with true Western music, gags, songs, acts and everything that goes into making a top full hour of entertainment.

On Sunday night the show will be the "Kennewick Varieties of

## Giant Parade Of Floats Displays To Kickoff Rodeo

A giant parade with floats, horses, displays and exhibits will kickoff the first day of the Benton County Rodeo which starts

on Saturday. The parade which will wind through the business sections of Kennewick is said by C. C. Smith, parade director, to be shaping up as one of the best ever held here. Actual starting time of the Saturday procession has not yet been set, Smith said.

Floats will be divided into three sections. The first section will be for clubs, fraternal organizations, churches, and similar groups. The next division is for the various youth organizations, such as the Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls. The third division of the parade is for commercial exhibits and displays. First prize winner of each division will receive \$25, with \$15 for second and \$5 for third place.

There will also be prize money for horse entries, Smith said. First prize of \$15 will go to the best organized mounted group. A prize of \$5 will be awarded to both the best masculine rider and mount and to the best feminine rider and mount.

Among other attractions of the parade will be different queens with their courts from other cities in the Northwest area, Smith added.

The Benton County Sheriff's Posse and the float that will be entered by the Kennewick Chamber of Commerce will not participate for any prizes, however both groups will be well represented in the parade on Saturday.

Anyone desiring to enter the parade is asked to contact either Mrs. Harry Linn or Mrs. Carl Williams. Howard Beste is in charge of assembling the parade prior to the time the parade starts.

Urban Keolker, mayor of Kennewick, will act as grand marshal of the parade. Smith said that the line of march and actual starting time will be announced early this week.

## Well Known Benton County Rider

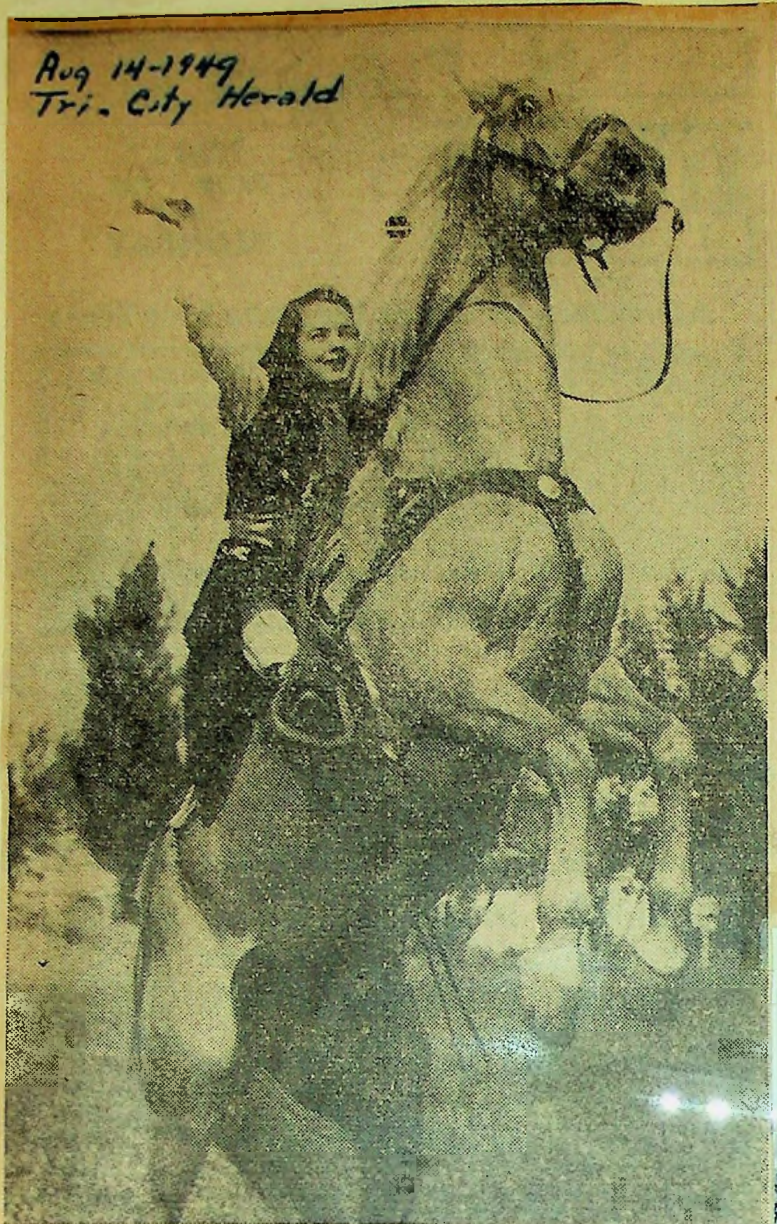


Mrs. Elmer Smith, well known rider in Benton county, is one of the chaperones to Queen Barbara's Court and will be a familiar figure to all Benton County folk who will see the Benton County Fair this coming week-end. (Photo by K. Dobbins)

SEE MRS. SMITH'S LONG TIME CHAPERON ACCOUNT IN BACK OF THIS SCRAP BOOK.



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BARBARA WELLS, Queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo lifts her hat in a salute as Goldie, her mount, does likewise by standing up. Barbara and her court of princesses will be one of the featured beauty attractions at the rodeo on Aug. 20 and 21. The three-day affair gets under way on Friday.  
(Herald Photo and Engraving.)

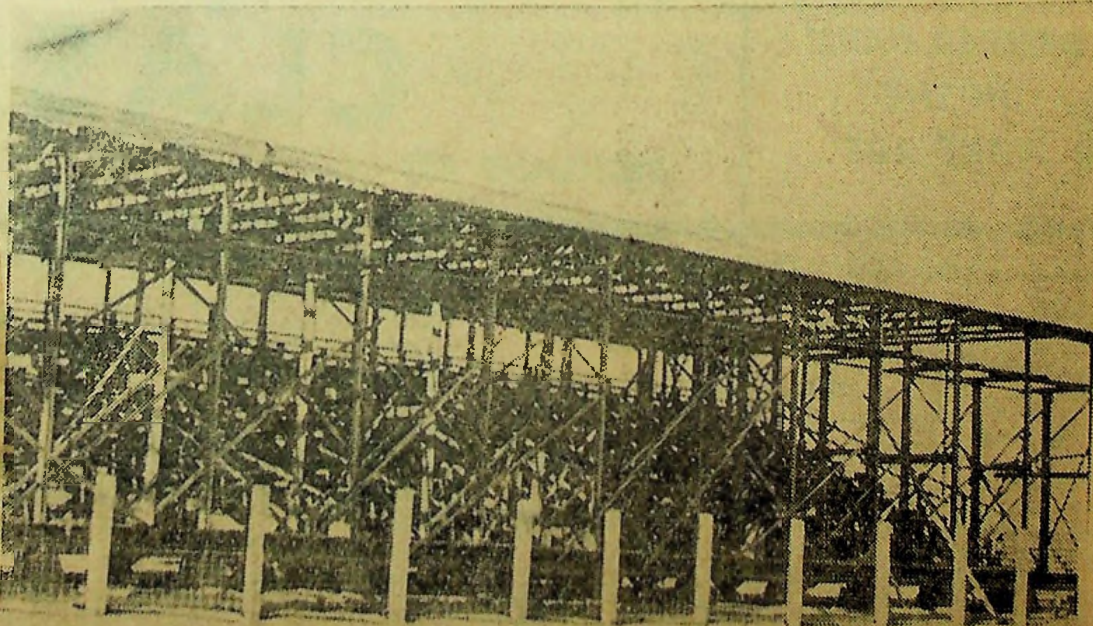
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Seats Ready For Big Rodeo Event

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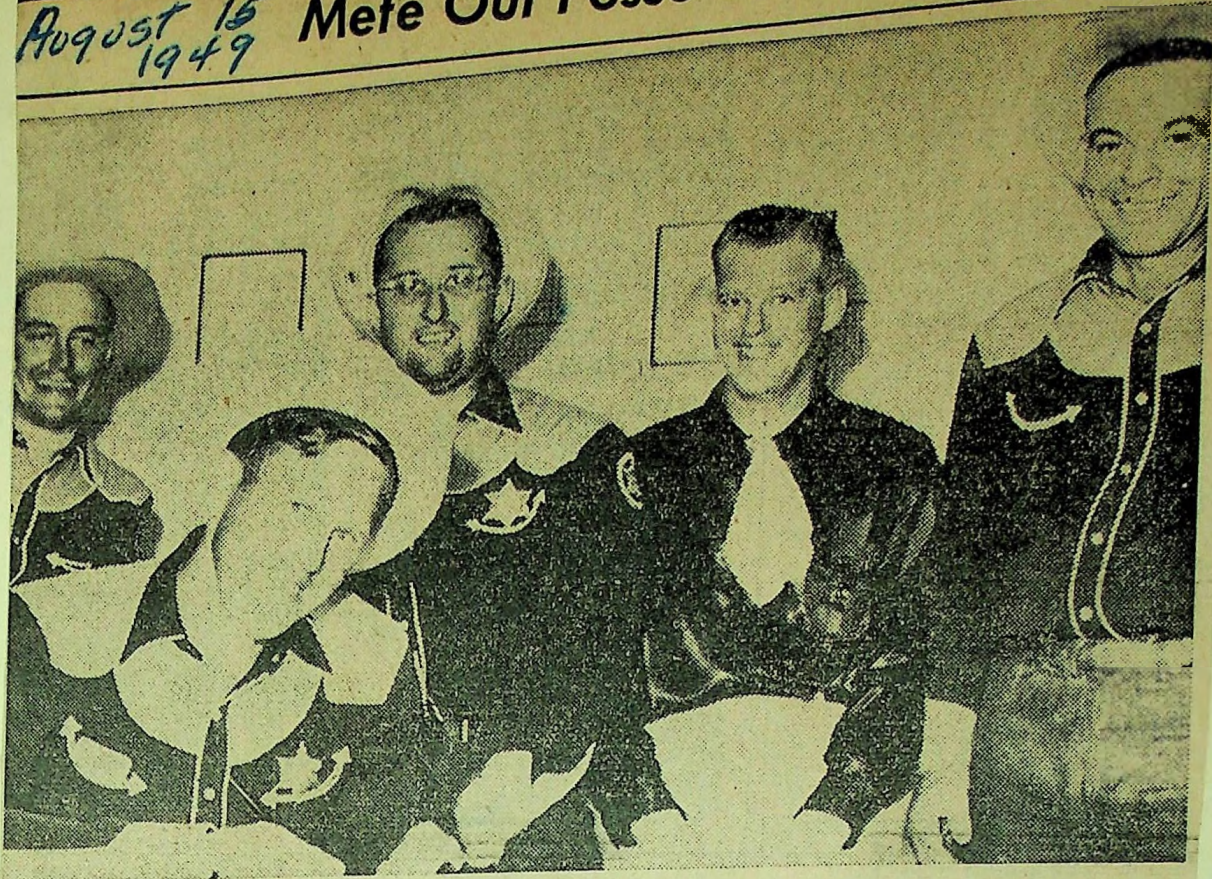


RODEO GRANDSTAND that will seat 2,000 fans of the bucking horses and bulldogging cowboys during the two day Benton County Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday is pictured above, nearly ready for the two-day big show. Extending to the right and left of the grandstand are bleacher seats for 7,000 more people expected to be on hand for the show. The two-night fair show, also on Saturday and Sunday will take place immediately in front of the grandstand. The rodeo starts at 2 p.m. and the night fair shows at 7:30 p.m.—(Herald Photo and Engraving.)

AUGUST 15 1949



August 15 1949 Mete Out Posse Justice Tri City Herald.



JUDGE ORIN LANDE, posse captain, seated at the desk waits for the culprits to come before the bench to be sentenced. The unbiased group standing behind Judge Lande are on hand to make certain that no varmint changes his mind. The scene was taken in the office of Glenn C. Lee, publisher of the Tri-City Herald, during a recent fineing tour by the posse. They are getting ready for the two-day rodeo in Kennewick which starts Saturday at 2 p.m. and again on Sunday at the same time. Left to right behind Lande are Ormand Gage, James Mokler, Ted Gifford and Pat Owens. Owens is chairman of the rodeo.—(Herald Photo and Engraving.)

AUGUST 15 1949

It Won't Be Long Now



Everybody is talking rodeo these days. And why not? The big Benton County Fair and Rodeo is just a few days away. Above you see Don Mock of Kennewick who will be one of the participants in the rodeo Saturday and Sunday, held in conjunction with the fair, which opens Friday. (Milne photo. Herald engraving.)

AUGUST 16 1949



## Rodeo Has Great Possibilities

Decision of public-spirited citizens to revive the once famous Kennewick Rodeo on August 20 and 21, is commendable. It should be made an annual event and with proper publicity could be developed into one of the greatest attractions in this section of the Columbia River Basin.

The rodeo made Cheyenne, Wyoming. Its great Frontier Days was launched, as was this year's Kennewick Rodeo, by a few far-sighted citizens. Those living today never cease to wonder at how great and how widely known their show has become.

The rodeo made Pendleton. Its Roundup is known from coast to coast and annually draws tens of thousands to our sister Oregon city.

The same is true of Salinas, Calgary, Denver, Ft. Worth and many other cities, large and small, for more than 100 of them today have accredited and outstanding shows that attract visitors in the millions.

The rodeo is as typically American as the Indian. It is nothing more or less than the every day work of the cowboy — one of the most picturesque and glamorous figures in our history — presented in pantomime in an arena.

The original Spanish word "rodeo" means "roundup,"—a gathering of cattle for market. Today it has come to mean a dangerous, spine-tingling exhibition that never fails to thrill and attract. Many of the top-notch performers came to the arena from the ranches and ranges of Cowland. Others came via Hollywood. But no matter where they came from if they're tops in rodeo performance they have to be good or else.

Any spot in the United States can hold a rodeo. But the great ones of the West are found in the heart of Rangeland, drawing reality from background and attracting natural and untrained performers who are out to win their spurs at any cost—many times a broken neck.

It's a dangerous sport and men who contest in a rodeo arena know that a split second is the difference between life or death. But for all its danger, it is the cleanest exhibition in the nation today, to quote T. Joe Cahill, one of the fathers of Cheyenne Frontier Days. Speaking in New York many years ago, "T. Joe" said: "You might

buy off a rider but you can bet your bottom dollar there isn't a gambler living who has ever been able to buy off a horse or bull."

No section in the world can claim a more natural background for a rodeo than can the Tri-Cities. Some of the great riders and rodeo performers of all time rode out from this section of the Columbia River Basin to win top honors—Paddy Ryan, Yakima Canutt, Jackson Sundown, Lee Caldwell, to mention but a few. They made rodeo history. Today, living among us, are men whose names once stood among the greats in rodeo competition. And a show capitalizing on the "Horse Heaven Hills," could be made one of the greatest in the nation.

Publicity picturing the great bucking horses of other years, with wings and halos, looking down from those Horse Heaven Hills at the modern, streamlined Kennewick rodeo would have national appeal. The name "Horse Heaven Roundup" could become internationally known.

Citizens and members of our Benton County Mounted Posse, who have revived the Kennewick Rodeo, and who have worked tirelessly to make it a success, deserve the united support and praise of the entire Tri-Cities area.

Now let's make it an annual event.

Let's call it the Kennewick "Horse Heaven Roundup," which should imply the ultimate and final in rodeos.

Why not an organization known as the "Horse Heaven Hombres" to promote the Kennewick Horse Heaven Roundup every day in the year?

Now that far-sighted citizens have made a rodeo possible, let's swing in behind them and make the Kennewick Horse Heaven Roundup the greatest show of its kind on earth!

And the starting point of your individual support is at the gates when they swing open next Saturday, August 20. If we really want to lay the groundwork for a nationally famous show this first one must be a success.

An outstanding rodeo has been arranged. We can make it or break it Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21.

Let's make it and as the cowboy once yelled on the old frontiers: "Wolf in the Tail!" let's go on together from there!

## 3-Day Event Feature 49'ers Fun Canyon

49'ers Fun Canyon, the biggest show seen locally for some time, will more than add to the air of festivity to be found at the Benton County Fair and Rodeo August 19, 20 and 21.

Highlighting this attraction will be the Dew Valley Acorns.

A popular entertainment group from Richland. Organized for three years, the group will present an entirely new program which is built along the Spike Jones lines.

That's not all there is to Fun Canyon either. There will be dancing to a western band on an open air concrete slab 50 by 75 feet, various games and refreshments.

Fun Canyon will be located just inside the main gate of the rodeo grounds. Admission will be 50 cents which includes the show by the Dew Valley Acorns and the dancing. Proceeds from the Canyon, which is sponsored jointly by the Kennewick Kiwanis club and the Benton County Mounted Posse, will go to the Kennewick Hospital fund.

The Acorns, now currently featured on the Elks radio show which originates in Richland, have one presentation which is tops, according to Steve Selby, who is ramrodding the Canyon.

That's "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan McGrew," a pantomime with narration by someone over a mike in the background.

Their show is produced by Jack Pierard and directed by Whit Helthaman. Featured is Doris Brown, vocalist, who was formerly with Del Courtney's band. Frank Haggard handles the guitar while Cyril Wood and Jim Sutherland entertain with a piano duet. George Finney is on the Hawaiian steel guitar.

Pat Morris is another vocalist while Van VanDusen handles the comedy. Bern Crosley and Lane Norwood are two characters in the show. Tommy Cartwell is the sound technician and with a production like those of Spike Jones, the job is a big one.

Another standout attraction is Tony the Clown, a professional clown who was on the Paramount Public circuit for ten years.

The Acorns have donated their services to Fun Canyon so they might help the Hospital drive.

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## Choice Seats for Rodeo Reported Going Fast

There are 7,500 seats available for the Benton County Rodeo which starts on Friday, but if you want a grandstand or buckaroo seat, you'd better get one today or tomorrow at the latest. These, considered by rodeo fans to be the choice seats, are going fast, rodeo officials said today.

The buckaroo seats are built right over the chutes from which the riders and the bucking horses and other animals start their rides. These seats sell for \$4, and there are 450 available.

Approximately 2,000 covered grandstand seats for rodeo fans are ready and waiting at the north side of the grounds. Here you can sit and watch this top show for \$2.

But if you want to get out and really root for the rider or the horse, whichever you want to see win, then you'll want to get into the general admission seats and let your hair down and really go to town when the buckers start to let daylight between themselves and the rider. These tickets cost only \$1.50.

If you want to get really down in front there are 80 box seats in the grandstand from where you can almost reach out and touch those Brahma steers as they go roaring by with fire in their eyes. But remember, get your tickets now and you'll enjoy the show that much more. All prices are plus tax. Children's general admission is 50 cents.



# You Can Get Out That Western Garb

Yes, It's Benton County Fair And Rodeo Time Again

## Here's The Official Proclamation:

Whereas dates for the Benton County Fair and Rodeo have been set as August 19, 20, and 21, during which the city of Kennewick and its adjoining areas will be visited by many persons from other regions,

And whereas, the fair and rodeo season will be one of festivity and a time during which the best things of our community will be presented for the inspection of the public,

And whereas the Chamber of Commerce, the Benton County Fair association, the Benton County Mounted Posse, and other groups have requested that the people of the community wear western garb in advance of those dates, for the purpose of advertising the celebration and to promote a spirit of festivity,

Now therefore, I, Urban Keolker, Mayor of the City of Kennewick, hereby proclaim the dates from August 6, 1949, to August 21, 1949, inclusive, as a time during which it will be fitting and proper for residents of the community, male and female, of all ages, to wear western garb. And the willing compliance of the people of the community with this request is hereby urged and solicited.

Done this 3rd day of August, 1949, in the City of Kennewick, the County of Benton, in the State of Washington, this 3rd day of August, 1949.

U. L. KEOLKER, Mayor

### Benton Rodeo Office Open

The Benton County Rodeo headquarters in the S. & J. building on the corner of Benton and Kennewick avenues is open from 12 noon to 8 p.m. daily.

Full information concerning any part of the rodeo activity can be obtained by telephoning Kennewick 7151. Earl Maggelson, rodeo spokesman said.

### Rodeo Entrance Deadline Friday Night At 8:30

Entrance deadline for contestants in the Kennewick Days of '49 Rodeo is 8:30 Friday night, it was announced at Rodeo Headquarters Wednesday.

Drawing for horses will start immediately after the entry lists are closed.

Rodeo starting time has been set at 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Announcement also was made that an all-western variety show will be held at the rodeo grounds Saturday evening, starting at 7:30. Kennewick variety show will be held, same time, same place, Sunday evening.

Evening entertainment during the Fair and Rodeo also includes dancing at the Playland pavilion both Friday and Saturday nights.

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## Pre-Holiday Celebration For Fair And Rodeo Slated Thursday

A two-hour windup show featuring bands, singers, dancers and other entertainment will highlight the pre-holiday celebration of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo which starts Friday.

The giant show will be held Thursday night, 7 p.m., at Posse headquarters at the corner of Benton and Kennewick streets in Kennewick.

Bob Hunsley and the Rodeo band will be one of the major attractions along with the 49ers, tap dancers, singers, guitar players and other forms of entertainment, Earl Maggelson, publicity chairman said today.

Maggelson said that tickets for the two days of rodeo, Saturday and Sunday, are selling well, but those wanting grandstand or buckaroo seats should get them now, before they are all gone.

The publicity chairman added that in Pasco the tickets are on sale at the Pasco Motor Supply, Stromme Motors and the Ace club. The Kennewick Rodeo headquarters will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. until the rodeo and fair end on Sunday night, Maggelson concluded.

## Big Parade Saturday Morning

The biggest and best ever seen in Kennewick!

Cowboys, floats, bands and beautiful queens will parade Saturday morning at 11 o'clock as the festive celebration gets under way.

Two bands, the town band and the Kennewick high school band, will provide the music which makes the hearts of many onlookers beat faster.

The color guard will be composed of VFW and American Legion members. Also marching in the parade will be C and D Batteries of the 420 AAA Gun Battalion. These are the Kennewick and Richland outfits of the National Guard.

More than 50 floats have been entered and according to C. C. Smith, chairman of the parade, this is the largest group ever to join a Kennewick parade.

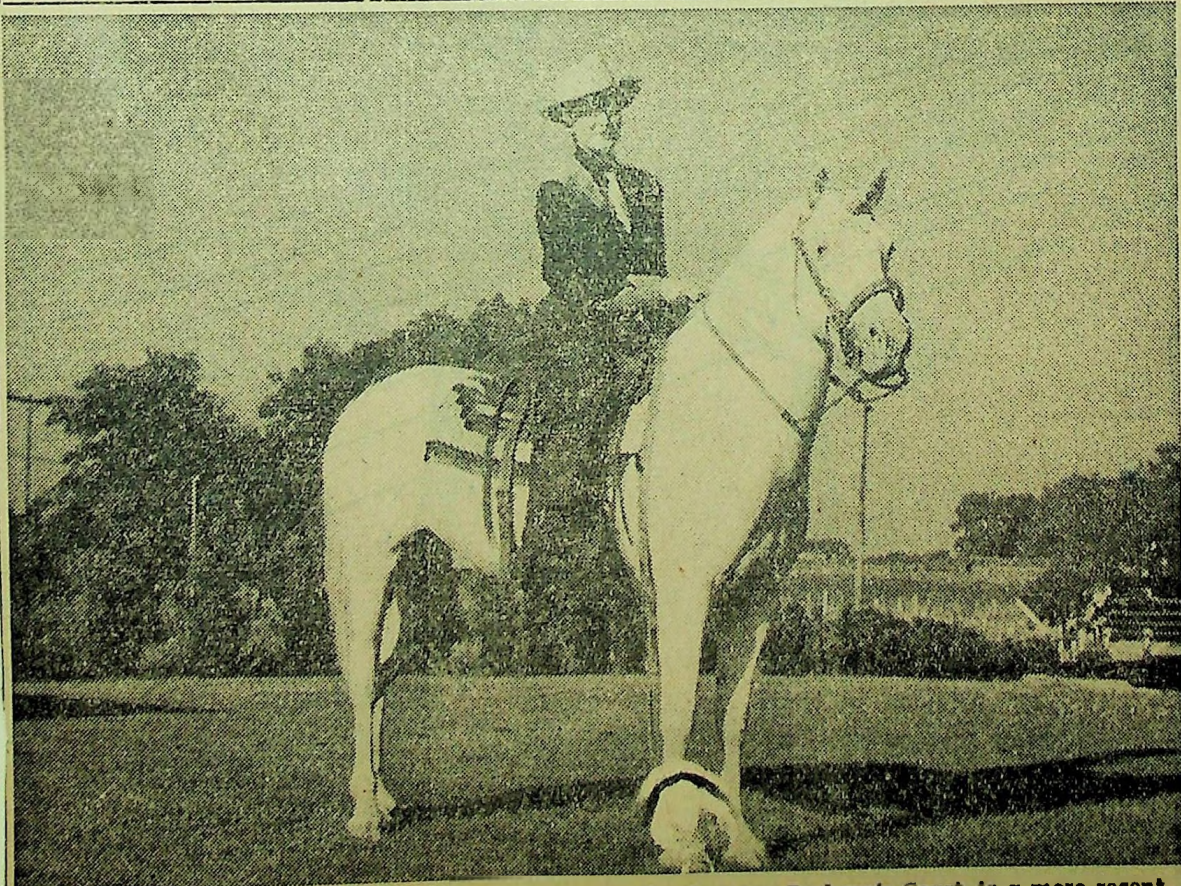
### LINE OF MARCH

The parade will start at Sixth and Washington and go down Washington to Kennewick Ave., where it will turn and go west to Fruitland. Then it will go south to First and down to Auburn where it will disband.

The parade marshal, the police escort, the queen and her court, the town band and the officials will continue to Washington street where they will go down Avenue C. They will be accompanied by other mounted groups.

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## Chaperone To The Queen's Court



Mrs. Arthur Stromme, Pasco, one of the chaperone's of Queen Barbara's Court, is a more recent devotee of horse back riding, but is perhaps one of the most enthusiastic riders in the area. She and her mount, "Johnny", will be familiar to witnesses of the Benton County Fair this coming week-end, having appeared in numerous affairs in the Tri-Cities during the past summer. (Photo by K. Dobbins)



## All-Professional Talent Is Used In Kennewick Rodeo

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and cents to the best riders when the year is ended. That is why the Benton County Rodeo is assured of getting only top riders. Ready to do their best to make life miserable for the cowboys will be some of the finest rodeo stock in the United States from the Harley Tucker farm. Their slogan is "Tuckers Buckers—Best in The West."

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### Clean-Up Time At The Rodeo Grounds



Kennewick businessmen and enthusiasts of the Benton County Rodeo and Fair to be held Aug. 19, 20 and 21 in Kennewick, turned out the other day to help get the fair and rodeo grounds in tip-top shape for the big two-day event. The rodeo is Aug. 20 and 21. Seated on top of the fence from left to right are Neil Miller, foreman of Pratt's garage; Bud Richter, distributor for Texaco; J. W. Sleeth, of carpenters local 1849; Joe Hanson, Prosser; Marv Ross, of the Crest department store; W. G. Switzer, Tri-City contractor; George Austin, of Pasco, cattle raiser; and Clifford Mitchell, salesman for Stromme Motor Sales, Pasco. Front row, left to right are Bill Seidle, Pat Owens, rodeo chairman; Harold McCamish, in charge of construction of rodeo grounds; D. L. Mitchell, of D. L. Mitchell real estate; Urban Keolker, Kennewick mayor and Keolker's clothing stores; Orin Lande, captain of the posse; Ted Wagner, Kennewick and A. R. Ferguson, Governor of Moose Lodge, Kennewick, 482.

(Herald photo and engraving.)





**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, Kenewick; Joi Slusher, Richland; Marilyn Purser, Ringold; and Jo Ann Bacon, Prosser.—K. Dobbins, photo, Davison engraving)

## Benton County Fair, Rodeo Starts Friday, Ends Sunday

**KENNEWICK** — Decked out in colorful cowboy regalia, citizens of this area are set to kick off the lid of the big Benton County fair and days of '49 rodeo, Friday. The celebration will continue through Sunday.

Opening day will be exclusively Fair day. Exhibits from every part of the county are pouring in and booth space has been greatly enlarged to accommodate exhibitors. Preparations have been made to handle the largest array of exhibits in the history of the Fair.

Saturday and Sunday the one-time famous Kennewick rodeo will be revived. A grandstand with a seating capacity of more than 7,000 is ready and 10 acres have been graveled for parking.

The Tucker livestock string from Joseph, will be on hand with top stock with top-notch buckaroos known throughout the Northwest. Purses totalling \$1,500 will be awarded for events which include bronc riding, calf roping, bulldogging, wild cow milking and Brahma bull riding.

Other attractions also are scheduled. The rodeo is a point show for contestants, approved by the R.C.A. and I.R.A.

## Ready For Weekend



Prancing high on her favorite mount, Mrs. Elmer Smith, chaperone for the Queen and her court, gets ready for the week-end festivities. A top-grade rodeo, a carnival and the 49'er Fun Canyon will bring the Benton County Fair and Rodeo to a climax. (Herald engraving.)

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## Queen Barbara



Queen Barbara, who with her princesses, will rule over the Benton County Fair, which will hold the interest of all Tri-City residents this coming week-end, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (Photo by K. Dobbins)



## Mayor Congratulates Queen



Queen Barbara, who will rule over the three days of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo this coming week-end, August 19, 20 and 21, is congratulated by Mayor Urban Keolker of Kennewick, immediately following her coronation at the Sheriff's Posse sponsored dance held at Playland last Saturday night. (Photo by F. Milne)

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## Benton Rodeo Schedule Set

By Staff Correspondent

**KENNEWICK**—Getting underway with a pre-vue program of "kangaroo court" and two free hours of entertainment at 7 p.m. Thursday, the Benton County fair and rodeo's official schedule was released Wednesday night by Earl Magelson, publicity chairman.

The fair and rodeo officially begins Friday. Full Saturday and Sunday programs are outlined.

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### Big Parade Saturday

Stock shows, carnival shows and concessions will be in continuous operation. The main parade will assemble Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on First to Sixth streets above Washington.

Following the main parade Saturday, they'll be "coming out of the chute" at the rodeo beginning at 2 p.m., while a night show begins at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds, and there is another dance at Playland at 9 p.m.

Sunday's program highlights are the 2 p.m. rodeo and the 8 p.m. night show, both at the fairgrounds.

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## Announce Officials Of Rodeo

Officers and officials of the Benton County Rodeo which starts its two day show Saturday at 2 p.m. at the rodeo grounds in Kennewick were announced today, by Pat Owens, rodeo chairman, and Orin Lande, captain of the Benton County Posse.

In charge of the publicity is Earl Maggelson. The parade is under the direction of C. C. Smith and Buck Buchanan is handling the sale of tickets to the rodeo.

Parking and policing of the grounds has been placed under Bud Richter and Marv Kahl heads the grandstand group.

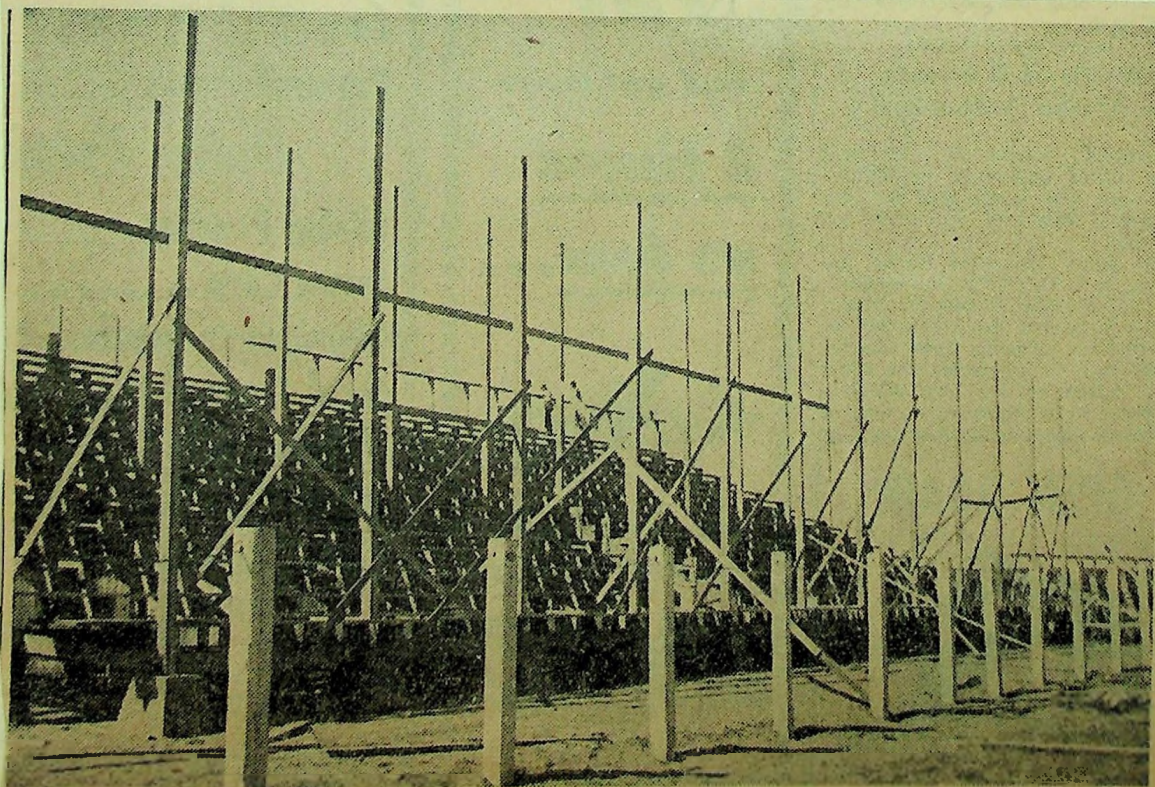
Marv Ross has been placed in charge of entertainment.

## Rodeo Program

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10. Wild cow milking.
11. Brahma bull riding.

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**NEW GRANDSTAND RISING**—The Benton County fairgrounds at Kennewick will shortly be equipped with a modern new grandstand. Work on the addition is shown as the Union-Bulletin's camera caught it during the weekend. (Staff photo, Davison engraving).



# Big Three-Day Celebration Gets Under Way In Kennewick Today; Fair Gates Open, Rodeo Saturday

Tri-City area residents entered the holiday mood Friday with the prospects of a big three-day celebration which starts today with the opening of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, which will run through Sunday.

Two days of top rodeo show performers, and plenty of bucking horses and wild Brahma steers assured the population of plenty of rodeo action. A Happy Canyon is also ready at the fair and rodeo grounds to enter-

tain the public as is the Meeker carnival and show.

Stock from the Harley Tucker farm, rated as the best rodeo stock in the country, arrived here several days ago. Cowboys and cowgirls, who will do their stuff for the customers have also moved into Kennewick.

Judging of the entries in the fair competition got under way this morning. A parade of youngsters wound through the streets of Kennewick at 11 a.m. as the

first parade of the three-day celebration.

Saturday another parade will tour the city at 11 a.m. E. C. committee, said today that Saturday's parade will be one of the finest ever seen in Kennewick. Included will be top show horses, mounted groups of riders, floats, displays and exhibits.

Seats for 7500 people have been built at the rodeo grounds, south of the Twin City airport. The two rodeo shows, on Saturday and Sunday, will start at 2 p.m. They will be followed by a night show on the same days.

A band concert, under the direction of Ralph Booth McAbee, will be held in the rodeo arena Sunday evening starting at 7, and will be followed by the show at 8 p.m.

Signs and markers throughout the city of Kennewick pointed the direction to the rodeo and fair grounds and continuous bus service was assured. The buses will leave from their terminal

All automobiles and trucks must be removed from the following streets by 10:30 a.m. Saturday:

Washington street between Fifth avenue and Kennewick avenue; Kennewick avenue between Washington and Fruitland streets; Fruitland street between Kennewick and First avenues; First avenue between Fruitland and Washington streets.

The entire widths of the above streets will be required for the parade and wrecker service will be used to move any cars parked in the area after 10:30 a.m., Saturday.

at Kennewick and Benton streets and run direct to the grounds.

Motorists were advised by rodeo officials that the best traffic route was to follow Washington street south to Tenth, turn east on Tenth and follow the signs straight ahead to the rodeo and fair grounds.

Happy Canyon Days will start off Friday night with a dance, Dr. S. S. Selby, chairman of Happy Canyon said. It will be held in conjunction with other entertainment for those not wishing to dance, he added.

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## Welcome, Visitors

This is the opening day of the Benton County Fair which is being combined in Kennewick with the first annual Kennewick Rodeo.

This is being written too early Friday morning to tell just what the crowd will be, but all indications are that it will be one of the largest, if not the largest, in Kennewick history.

Probably most of the crowd will be made up of Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland people. We have also extended invitations to the people of Prosser, our county seat, Grandview, Sunnyside, and other communities, and there will be representative groups from these communities here today, tomorrow, and Sunday.

Kennewick has done much this year towards providing the people of Benton county with a fair such as it can be proud of, affording people in the various lines of endeavor a means by which they can exhibit their handiwork, test their abilities, and the results of their labors and planning. It gives livestock men, gardeners, fruit growers, bee keepers, dairymen, housewives, artists, and teen-age and school children the opportunity to measure themselves against the efforts of others. It is one of the ways in which progressive America checks up on itself and gets a closeup on what it is doing for itself and its community and country.

Kennewick has built two large exhibit halls for these purposes. It has developed a new fairground, it has provided corrals and chutes for a rodeo and has brought the best in this sport from the nation here for all who wish to see. Kennewick has taken steps to build race tracks and to erect additional buildings and provide better fair and rodeo facilities all around as finances will permit. Apparently the fair and rodeo have been in good hands. Such men as A. C. Amon, Kenneth Serier, Pat Owens, Orin Lande, and others and a group of interested women, deserve the thanks of the community and county for their efforts.

It is to be hoped that everybody will profit educationally and from an entertainment standpoint by the annual event. People in Kennewick have been wearing western wear for two weeks. This is done not only to advertise the fair and rodeo but also to create a spirit of fun and gaiety. In this it has succeeded. People have been happier in Kennewick and the Tri-City area because of the number of western shirts, hats, boots, and ties that have been worn. It has given people something to talk about besides the weather. It has afforded a diversion needed every so often in every community.

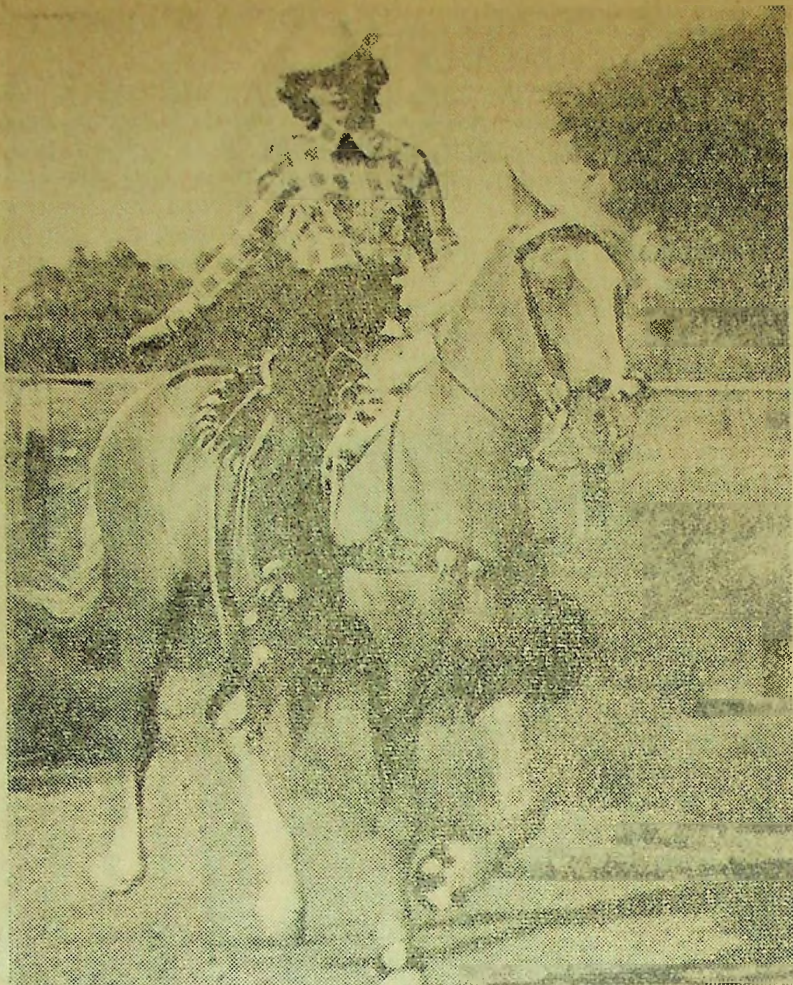
We hope the people from other communities here today, Saturday and Sunday will catch that spirit. We want them to blend themselves into the rest of the community family these days—to be happy and to go home with memories that will make them happy for days to come.

We welcome all who visit us from wheresoever they may come. We hope these three days will be both profitable and pleasing to all.

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## Richlander Wins In Benton Rodeo Parade



Top honors for the best woman rider and mount in the Benton County Rodeo parade were awarded Lee Emsen, riding the Palomino stallion, Ora Ray. Mrs. Emsen is the wife of Henry H. Emsen of 618 Cottonwood drive.

## Woman Wins In Benton Parade

First prize for the best woman rider and her mount at the Benton County rodeo on August 20 went to Lee Emsen of 618 Cottonwood drive.

Mrs. Emsen, 20, riding an eight year old stallion, Ora Rey, were judged the best during the rodeo parade of some 300 entrants. Ora Rey, meaning golden king, is a registered Palomino owned by Danny Sullivan of 1418 Hunt. Sullivan recently purchased the horse at Heber City, Utah. In past years it has been featured

at the Helderado parade in Las Vegas where he was ridden by the governor of Nevada.

Mrs. Emsen has been riding in horse shows since she was nine and has won several firsts for her exhibitions of western and bareback riding. She has brought her own Palomino, Golden Imp from Oregon and plans to show him next season.



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## Rodeo Program

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# Crowd Of 15,000 Persons Jam Downtown Kennewick Saturday Morning To Witness Big Parade

A crowd, estimated at 15,000, packed downtown Kennewick Saturday to witness the biggest parade ever staged in the city. Residents from the Tri Cities and from miles around swarmed

The big rush at the Benton County Fair and Rodeo caught members of the college extension staff shorthanded with the result they hadn't compiled the list of prize-winning exhibits in Fair competition at the time The Herald went to press. Results will be announced in The Herald the first part of the week.

into Kennewick at an early hour Saturday in order to get choice vantage spots to witness the

mammoth parade, which preceded the first performance of the two-day rodeo being held in conjunction with the Benton county fair.

Kennewick avenue was cleared of cars at 10:30 and parking space on other streets throughout most of the city was at a premium.

The parade, which started with a false alarm which brought the four fire trucks and the chief's car roaring up the street, took better than an hour to pass the judges stand at the corner of Kennewick avenue and Benton street.

## ALL WERE REPRESENTED

Nearly all of Kennewick's businesses were represented. Two bands provided the music.

The town band, coming first, was on the back of a truck while the Kennewick high school band, led by high-stepping drum majorettes, was in the middle of the parade.

Leading the parade on his Palomino was Earl Maggleson as marshal. His fancy strutting set the tone for the following groups.

First prize, \$25 in the commercial and industrial floats went to U and I Sugar. Strickler Motors took second which was worth \$15 and the Post Office was third for \$5. Honorable mention went to the Shoe Box, Penney's and King's Bowling Alley.

The \$25 first prize in the float division open to fraternal, church, service and labor organizations went to Pre-School. Second was the Red Cross and third the Lutheran church. The Eagles, Kiwanis, Christian church and the Fire department won honorable mention.

## TAKE TOP HONORS

The Wagon Wheelers, decked out in brightly colored plaid shirts, took top honors as the best riding group. Best male rider and horse was Bill Hill, a Walla Walla man, with the Wagon Wheelers. Lee Enson, 1618 Cottonwood Ave., Richland, was the best cowgirl. Honorable mention went to Archie Schick, sheriff of Walla Walla county.

Gene Spaulding of Kennewick, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, was given the following award: "For your audacity in inflicting upon the public such a peduliary unique show of horsemanship. (which one is Gene?), we fine you for gross misrepresentation one dollar." Spaulding later paid the fine which went to the hospital drive.

For the floats in the youth organization division, the Campfire girls won first with the Bluebirds taking second. Third went to the Kennewick Recreation council. The Finley 4-H Sewing club won honorable mention.

More than 50 floats and 200 horses were entered in the parade which drew highly favorable comments from all spectators.

The parade was supposed to have gone down Avenue C, but this was decided against at the last minute because of the heavy traffic on that artery, parade officials said.

## He Led The Parade



EARL MAGGLESON, marshal of the parade, led the biggest parade ever seen in Kennewick. Prancing on his palomino, Maggleson set the tone for the following entrants.

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# A Ripping, Snorting, Bucking Good Time Had At Rodeo Saturday

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By JIM GRANT

They ripped, snorted and bucked as the Benton County Rodeo opened to a large crowd at the Fair grounds Saturday afternoon.

Top cowhands from all over the country are awaiting Sunday's action after completing a hard day's work with some events still not finished. Others have won money for first day events, but will be back in action, riding and roping for top prize money.

Celebrities were on hand from neighboring cities. The Walla Walla Farmerettes were introduced and issued an invitation to the crowd to the Southeastern fair. Marie Everett, Pasco,

with 21.7 and J. B. McMeans of Yakima with 23.1.

The calves were more than one hundred pounds bigger than those usually used in rodeo. This made the throwing unusually easy. The best string in the west. Final money will be decided today. But John Tubbs of Spokane took first for Saturday's riding. Sheppard was in second, Kenny Madland of Portland in third.

6.1 seconds, barely edging Jiggs Laek of Omak by nine-tenths of a second. Ike Fernandez, who got down from his horse where he had been judging took third with 9.3 seconds. Far behind

second with a 43.8 mark. Many of the competitors lost out in this event because they milked the cow too far away from the judge. When they had milked the cow, they had to run to the judge and this counted in their time.

Meanest critters in the arena were the Brahma bulls. Rules in this event require an eight-second ride. At the end of Saturday's riding Madland was riding in first with Daniels close behind. However, both men could be shaken out of the money by this afternoon's riders.

## ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Trick riding by Francis Sylller of Walla Walla and Buttons Woods from Redmond, Oregon drew a big round of applause.

The youngsters showed their elders in the Posse Relay. The Pony Express, a 4-H club from Prosser took first. The Walla Walla Wagon Wheelers and the Sheriff's Posse will fight it out this afternoon for second place honors.

A dust storm blew up as the program was nearing completion, but most of the crowd, which packed the grandstand and bleachers, stayed until the last bull came out of the chute. Several cowboys competed in the cow milking contest after the stands were cleared.

Sunday's show will start at 2 p.m. and Posse members who are sponsoring the rodeo urged everyone to get to the fair grounds early. One explained that the bucking will be better tomorrow as the horses found out today that the ground was soft and wouldn't hurt their

Water Follies queen, also met the crowd.

Weather conditions were ideal as the grand march started the rodeo. Queen Barbara of the Fair and Rodeo came to the front with her court. And with announcer Larry Daniels shout of, "Mak'er western!" the show was on.

The chutes opened and four riders came out, three on broncs and one on a nasty Brahma bull.

First was the calf roping. Pud Adair of Wickenburg, Arizona posted a time of 21.2 seconds to take top money for the day. He was followed by Chuck Sheppard of Phoenix, Arizona with 22.8. D. Bergman of Walla Walla

had: This event will show this afternoon with the top money for the two days to be decided.

Bronc riders had a hard day as they outrode one of the toughest

and Bill Hancock from Arkansas.

Even the steers were mean, but still several excellent times were posted. Oscar Linkus from Baker, Oregon threw his bull in

in fourth was Hancock with 19.4.

Competition in the wild cow milking is half completed and Sam Jory is riding in first with 30.8 seconds. Frost Frome sits (Continued on Page 13)

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## Greater Success Ahead

The Benton County Fair and Rodeo have ended.

The companion events will go down in history as among the most successful of their kind staged in Southeastern Washington.

And, rightfully, because they truly were successful!

Crowds attended both the fair and the rodeo.

Crowds saw the many exhibits at the fair, witnessed with approval the thrilling rodeo events.

Crowds saw the street parades on Friday and Saturday and all were in accord in placing the stamp of approval on these spectacles.

In other words, crowds came to Kennewick. They saw the programs, they went away satisfied.

In any venture, be it retail, professional,

## Rodeo Draws Big Crowd to Kennewick

KENNEWICK—An exceptionally good opening day rodeo crowd, estimated at about five or six thousand, watched the lead-off performances of bull dogging, calf ropers, brahma bull riders, and wild cow milkers at the completely new fair grounds here.

Officials said that times in the calf roping contests were a bit slow, ranging from 21.2 to 29.1 in the first four, because the calves used were about 100 pounds heavier and that much tougher than the animals ordinarily used.

The bucking horses were throwing their riders like confetti with only four men managing to stay on the right way long enough to qualify.

The brahma bulls were described by some cowboys as the "toughest critters ever." One of the brahmas attempted to gore the rider he had thrown, but wranglers whipped the animal off before he could injure the man. No serious injuries were reported.

Eddy MacMurdo, rodeo secretary, said he was well pleased with the events of the first day. The weather was good up until the last few minutes of the rodeo when a strong wind kicked up a miniature dust storm.

Larry Daniels capably announced the events. Ernest Crutcher was the other rodeo secretary, and Pat Owens was rodeo manager and arena director.

The rodeo was officially opened by the grand entry of Barbara Wells, queen of the Benton county fair and rodeo, and her court of princesses which included Joy Slusher, Marilyn Perser, Jo Ann Bacon, and Marilyn Oliver.

Yet to come at the fair is the second day of the rodeo starting Sunday at 2 p.m. and the big all western night show Sunday evening at 7:30.

### Results

Bull dogging (first go around)  
Oscar Linkus, Baker, 6.1; Jiggs Laek, Omak, 7.0; Ike Fernandez, 9.3; Bill Hancock, Arkansas, 19.8.  
Calf roping—Bud Adair, Wickenburg, Ariz., 21.2; Chuck Sheppard, Phoenix, 22.8; Demase Bergevin, Walla Walla, 23.7; J. B. McMeans, 29.1.  
Cow milking—S. M. Jory, 30.8 (setting high).  
Bronc riding (first go around)—Rode—John Tubbs, Spokane; Chuck Sheppard, Phoenix; Kenny Madland, Portland; Bill Hancock, Arkansas.  
Brahma bull riding (first go around)—Kenny Madland, Portland, (setting high); Larry Daniels, Lewiston; Bob Maynard, Hollywood.

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industrial, fairs or rodeos, if the "customers" are satisfied, the endeavor is successful and will continue to expand.

And, expansion appears to be the good fortune ahead for not only the Benton County Fair and Kennewick Rodeo, but the Pasco Water Follies and Richland's Atomic Frontier Days celebration.

Each of these ventures in the Tri Cities have been a big success this year.

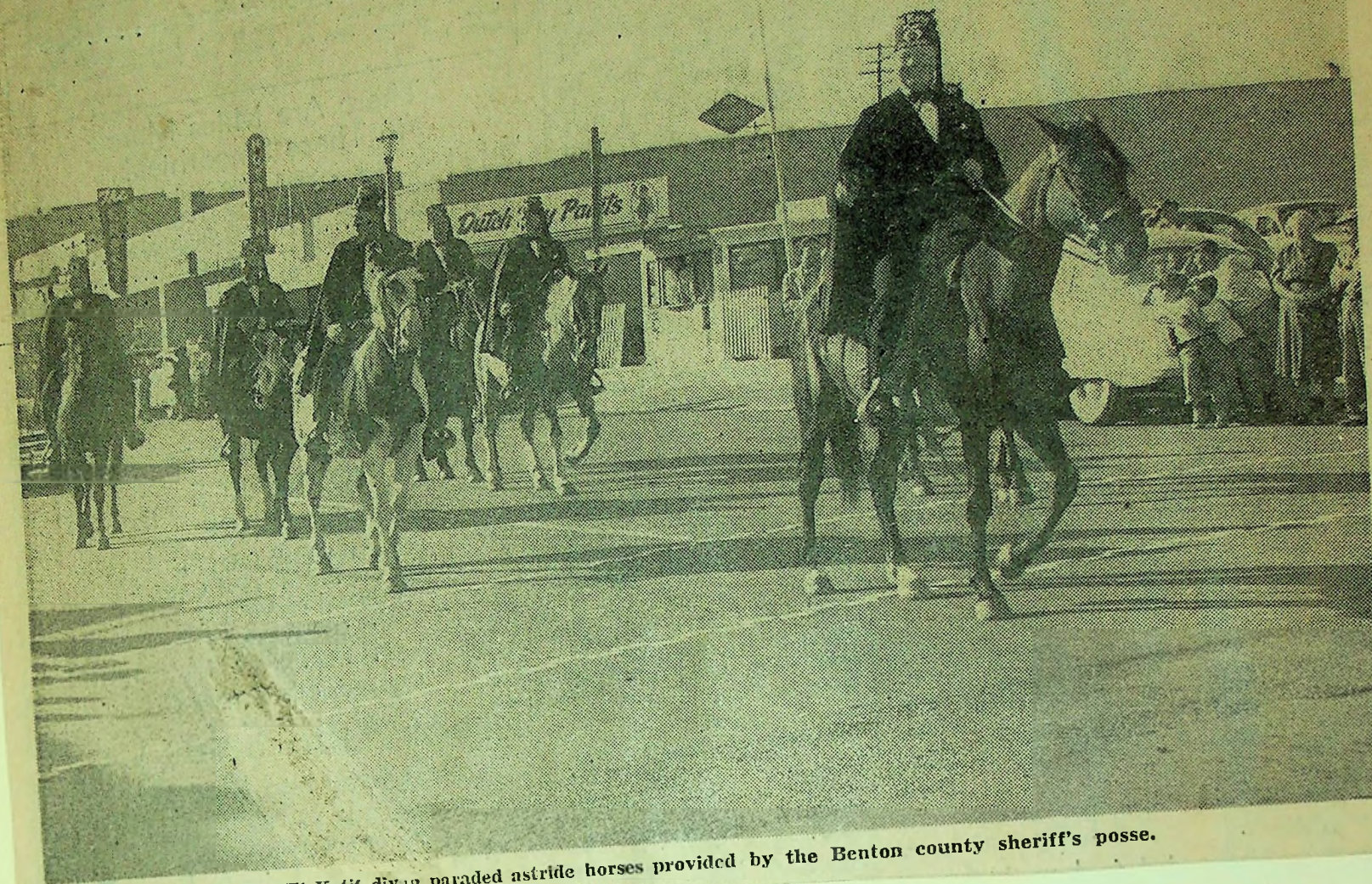
Plans already in the making for 1950 indicate that each of the programs in the three cities will be bigger and better than those just concluded.

Cooperation, determination and the civic-mindedness of the residents of the Tri Cities have had an important part in making the affairs successful.

And, with that spirit continuing, and showing evidence of expanding, the 1950 celebrations hold great promise.

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The El Katit divan paraded astride horses provided by the Benton county sheriff's posse.

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**Kennewick Folk  
Attend Meeting**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Switzer, Orin Lande, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, D. L. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Ormand Gage, members of Benton County Sheriff's Posse and Auxiliary, attended a meeting of Washington State Horseman's association of Zone 1 held Sunday at the Bungalow cafe in Toppenish.

Elmer Smith, captain, represented the local club.

The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss drawing uniform rules, which are being considered by the association, pertaining to horse shows and competitive events. Tentative plans were made for a local horse show on June 11 to be sponsored by Benton County Sheriff's Posse. The next meeting will be on March 12 at the Desert Inn with members of the Richland Riding club as hosts.

*Tri-City - 3-2-50*  
**Posse Auxiliary  
Lists Committees**

Standing committees for the coming season were announced by Captain W. G. Switzer at a meeting of the executive board of the Ladies auxiliary of Benton County Mounted Posse. The meeting was held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Smith on Kennewick Ave., the group including Mrs. Frank Green and Mrs. Harold Heady of Prosser.

Committees appointed were: ways and means, Mrs. Buck Buchanan, Mrs. Dale Quillen, Mrs. C. C. Miller and Mrs. Arthur Stromme; membership, Mrs. Earl Magelson, Mrs. Floyd Van Hollebeke, Mrs. Harold Heady; publicity, Mrs. W. G. Switzer, Mrs. E. Magelson, Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mrs. Dan Swanson of Prosser; entertainment, Mrs. Jim Mokler, Mrs. Neil Miller, Mrs. Ormand Gage; food, Mrs. O. P. Miller, Mrs. A. Richter, Mrs. Ted Wagner; queen, Mrs. Wayne Thorne, Mrs. Lela Owens, Mrs. Elmer Smith; hostess, Mrs. S. S. Selby, Mrs. Eunice Parker Bell, Mrs. Harold McCamish.



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## Rules For Queen At Fair Given

Following are the rules which were drawn up for the selection of a queen and court for the Benton County fair and rodeo which will be held this year on August 18, 19, and 20.

1. The court will consist of a queen and three princesses. One girl will be chosen from each of the following areas: Richland, Kennewick, Prosser and Franklin county. The queen will be a Benton county candidate.
2. Girls must be single and between the ages of 18 and 20. They must weigh less than 135 pounds.
3. Selection of the queen and princesses will be based on horsemanship, personality and experience. Selections will be made by a group of unbiased judges.
4. The court is to be available at any and all times for promotional activities.
5. Outfits for the court, except for boots, will be furnished by the Auxiliary to the Benton County Mounted Posse.
6. All entrants from the different communities are expected to attend a meeting at the fair grounds March 26 at 1 p.m. Riding clothes should be worn. At this time a final selection will be made. Entrants should bring their own horses and saddles if available. If not, try-out horses will be furnished for the horsemanship test.
7. Members of the court from last year will not be eligible.

The contract for stock for the rodeo was also signed at the meeting which was held Tuesday evening. It went to Mac Barbour of Klamath Falls. He will furnish 40 head of bucking

## Rodeo Queen To Be Chosen Next Sunday

Queen of the Rodeo for 1950 will be chosen at the Benton county fairgrounds at 1 p.m. next Sunday. Aspirants for the "throne" are asked to wear riding clothes and to bring their own horse and saddle, if possible. Those without a horse will be furnished with a mount for the horsemanship test, it was announced.

Girls from the Richland, Prosser and Kennewick areas are eligible, provided they are single, not less than 18 or more than 20 years of age, and must weigh no more than 135 pounds. Selection of the queen will be based on horsemanship, personality and appearance. Members of the queen's court of last year will not be eligible, however.

### Three Princesses

The queen will have three princesses in her court, one girl will be chosen from each of the above areas, in addition to Franklin county, entrants from which are eligible to qualify as princesses, Earl Magelson, chairman of the advertising committee of the Benton county fair and rodeo explained.

The queen and her court will be available at any and all times for promotional activities, and will receive their costumes, with the exception of boots, from the auxiliary of the Benton county Mounted Posse.

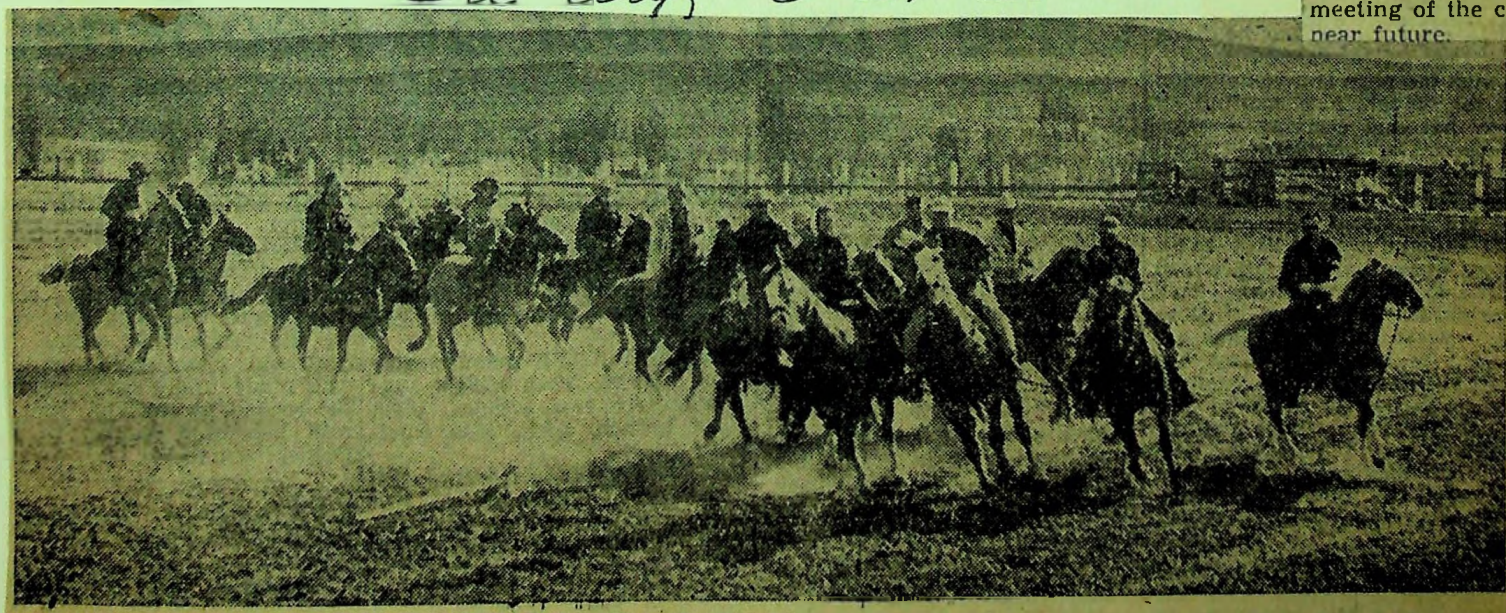
### Stock Coming

It was also announced that stock for the rodeo, which will be held in conjunction with the fair, August 18, 19 and 20, has been contracted for. Mack Barbour of Klamath Falls, Oregon, has agreed to furnish 40 head of bucking horses, 40 head of cows and calves, 15 head of Brahma bulls and 15 head of steers.

Harvey Simpson, Richland, chairman of the horse show committee, announced last night that plans are under way for a horse show to be held at the fair grounds June 11. Details of the event will be discussed at a meeting of the committee in the near future.

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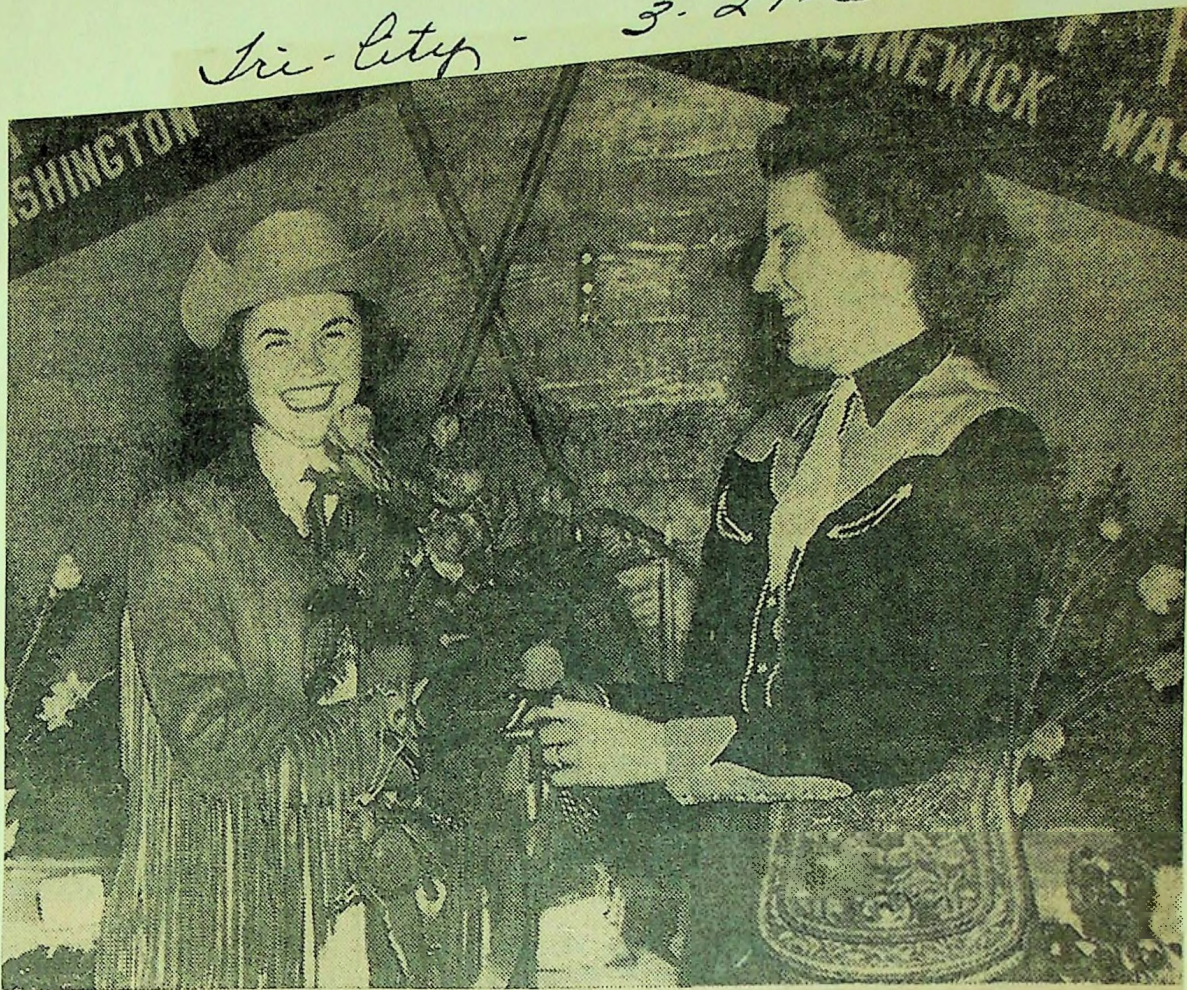


**THERE WILL BE** plenty of action at the Benton county fairgrounds this Sunday when members of the Mounted Posse and Auxiliary swing into action in preparation for the Benton County Fair and Rodeo this summer. Also, Sunday will be the day that

beauties will be selected for the Queen contest. The time is 1 p.m. The drill team above, captained by Orin Lande, will be in uniform Sunday. Other members of the posse and auxiliary attending are asked to be in uniform.—(K. Dobbins photo.)



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ON THE LEFT is Barbara Owens, 19-year-old Kennewick girl who will rule as Queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo for 1950. She is being given the first of the many bouquets she will receive from Mrs. Wayne Thorne, member of the Auxiliary to the Benton County Sheriff's Posse.

## Rodeo Queen Chosen

The queen for the Benton County Fair and Rodeo was chosen Sunday afternoon.

Announcement that Barbara Owens, 19, Kennewick would rule over this year's fair and rodeo which will be held August 18, 19 and 20 was made at a reception honoring the queen and her court at the recreation hall in Kennewick Sunday afternoon.

Selected for the court to serve as princesses were Marilyn Easley, 18, Prosser; Lorraine Powell, 18, Richland; Nova Martel, 17, Pasco and Yvonne Van Hollebeke, 18, Kahlotus, alternate.

A total of six young ladies competed for the coveted crown. Selection was based on horsemanship, personality and appearance.



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**QUEEN AND COURT**—Barbara Owen, top, 19-year old Kennewick girl who was chosen queen of the 1950 Benton County Fair and Rodeo, Sunday afternoon. Lower picture shows the queen surrounded by her court of princesses (left) Lorraine Powell, 18, Richland; (right) Nova Martel, 17, Pasco; (kneeling) Marilyn Easley, 18, Prosser.



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Playtime for Tri-City women finds a variety of interesting sports available . . . upper left are seen girls of the area who enjoy horseback riding, left Hattie Lou Lilley, Pasco; Marilyn Easley, Prosser, Nova Martell, Pasco; Yvonne Van Hollebeke, Kahlotus; Barbara Owens, Kennewick and Lorraine Powell, Richland.







Queen Carolyn Hall - Rickland

NOT Carolyn Hall.





QUEEN BARBARA—This is Queen Barbara Owens, Kennewick, who will reign over the Horse Show here Sunday at the Kennewick fair grounds. The queen will be accompanied by her princesses—Lorraine Powell, Marilyn Easley and Nova Martel. —Tutwiler Studio.



QUEEN'S COURT—These are the princesses in Queen Barbara Owens' court who will reign over the Kennewick Horse Show being held at the Kennewick fair grounds this coming Sunday. Left to right they are Lorraine Powell, Richland; Marilyn Easley, Prosser, and Nova Martel, Pasco.—K. Dobbins Photo.





**POSSE OFFICIALS**—The three Richland men above are officials in the Benton County Sheriff's Posse which is staging the Horse Show at the fairgrounds in Kennewick on Sunday. Harvey Simpson, right, is vice-president of the Posse and is in charge of the show; center is Glen Allen and left is Roy Butler. Both are trustees.

## MANY RIDING CLUBS TO BE IN KENNEWICK HORSE SHOW

Art Hannam, Tacoma, has been selected to judge the Horse Show being held next Sunday at the Kennewick fair grounds. Eleanor Smith, Mounted Posse auxiliary secretary, announced.

Other ring officials will be Walter Holt, Portland, announcer and Grant York, Milton, Ore., ringmaster. Holt was announcer at the Pendleton Roundup last year.

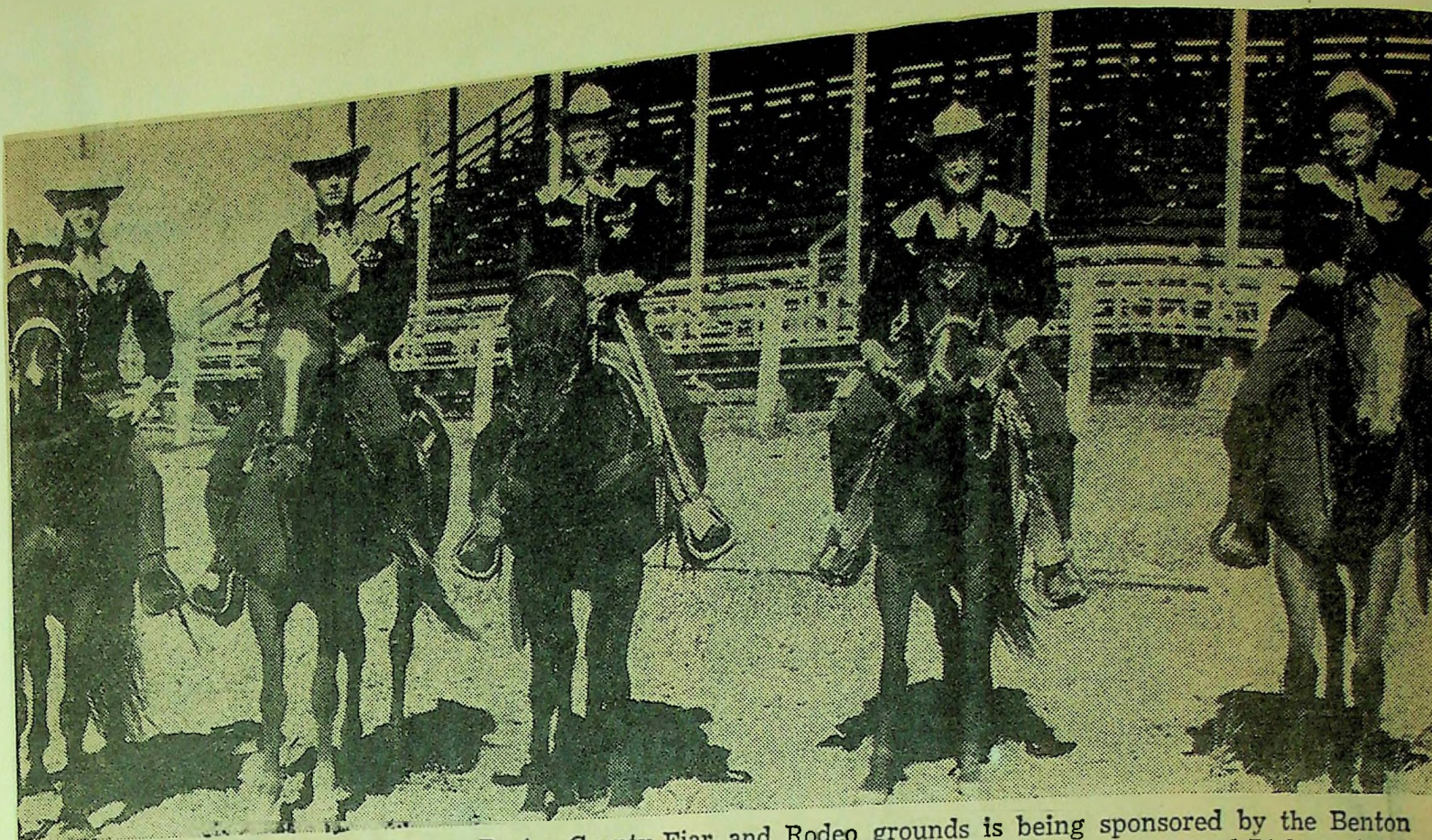
Riding clubs from all over the Northwest have signified that they will send entries to the show, Mrs. Smith said. Among those which will be represented are the Yakima Sheriff's Posse, the Grandview Riding club, the Moxee Riders, Toppenish Outlaws, Prosser Stampede Assn., the Pendleton Mustangs and the Milton-Freewater Pioneer

Posse.

One of the outstanding groups to perform at the show will be the Appleland Cowgirls, who will put their mounts through intricate drills. Dressed in colorful satin costumes, these girls have presented their exhibit of fine riding at affairs throughout the state. Their most recent appearance was at the Richland Horse Show last month. The 24-member group has been in operation for the past two years.

Among the 17 events in the show will be a trailer race in which contestants must unload their horses from a trailer, saddle them and ride them around the ring twice. The contestant completing the ride and reloading his horse on the trailer in the least time is judged winner.





**NEXT SUNDAY'S HORSE SHOW** at the Benton County Fair and Rodeo grounds is being sponsored by the Benton County Mounted Posse. Officers of the posse are from left to right, 1st Lt. Harvey Simpson; 2nd Lt. Bud Richter; Capt. Elmer Smith, 1st Lt. Jim Mokler; and 2nd Lt. Dale Quillen.

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## Big Horse Show Due Here Sun.

A 17-event horse show will be held at the Benton County Fair and Rodeo grounds June 11. The show is under the sponsorship of the Benton County Mounted posse. Cash prizes totalling \$375 will be awarded to the first three places in 12 of the events. The show will start at 1 p. m.

Art Hannam, Tacoma, will be the judge of the Washington Horseman Association approved show. Grant York, Milton, Ore., will be ringmaster, and Walter Holt, Portland, will be the announcer. Holt is well-known locally for his work at the annual Pendleton Roundup as their announcer.

The order of events for the horse show is:

- One. Jumpers, English.
- Two. Stock Horse Race, Open.
- Three. Matched Pair (Western only).
- Four. Exhibition
- Five. Tennessee Walking Class English.
- Six. Pole Bending, teams of four
- Seven. Fine Harness
- Eight. Stock horse.
- Nine. Exhibition rap Kirklin's rope act.
- Ten. Junior Horsemanship under 18 years.
- Eleven. Five Gaited owner-amateur.
- Twelve. Exhibition.
- Thirteen. Best all-around pleasure horse-open.
- Fourteen. Palomino (under saddle).
- Fifteen. Relay race, teams of six.
- Sixteen. Five gaited. Open.
- Seventeen. Trailer race.



**HIGH-JINKS**—This is W. E. Johnson, putting his Anglo-Arabian six-year-old "Naco" over the high-rail. Johnson will enter his horse in the jumping event at the Horse Show being held at the Kennewick fair grounds this Sunday at 1 p.m. Naco was an outstanding performer at the recent Richland horse show.

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# **AT THE HORSE SHOW**

At the Kennewick Horse Show this afternoon will be an old friend of ours, Stamper VII. This colorful Palomino stallion has a record longer than Sing Sing's oldest resident. Only Stamper's are cups, not convictions. The only reason everyone doesn't call this horse "Trigger" is the matter of some dollars that stood between Dr. S. S. Selby, his owner, and Roy Rogers, the cowboy. The screen star wanted to buy the stallion, but they could never agree on a price.

In the 12 show classes in which he's participated Stamper has won seven blue ribbons, one grand championship, one reserve grand championship, and three performance ribbons. Like we said his pedigree is a long one. It traces back to the winner of every major stake race in this country including the fabulous Kentucky Derby.



STAMPER VII  
"Almost Trigger"

*Roy Rogers  
horse R*

*Lin-City*



**PALOMINO BEAUTY.** "Goldacre Peavine King" winner of the Palomino stake at the Spokane horse show last weekend will be seeking similar honors at the Kennewick Horse Show Sunday. The show starts at 1 p.m. at the Benton County Fair and Rodeo grounds. Other top horses such as "Robin" prize winning Appaloosa will also be there from W. A. Simonds stable.

## **ON THE HORSEY SIDE**

The upcoming Kennewick Horse Show on Sunday brings this note from Armand Gage, trainer of the W. A. Simonds stable. Gage tells us that "Pend Oreille Midas" is now known as "Goldacres Peavine King." We puzzled about that for a couple of days before we chanced to talk to Gage again to get the lowdown on why such a drastic renaming.

It turns out that the new monicker lends more prestige to the prize winning Palomino. The old handle didn't have any significance, while the new one indicates his family tree. That gives the judges of the shows a good clue, in case they needed it, that they are looking at a horse with a pedigree longer than his name. The King will be at the Sunday show, as will Dr. S. S. Selby's, Stamper VII. A good chance for you to see some fine horseflesh.







*Lie City 6-12-50*

## Horse Show Is Success

Riders and horses from the lower Yakima valley and Oregon participated in the Kennewick horse show held Sunday afternoon on the Benton county fairgrounds.

The event was sponsored by the Benton county sherriff's posse and was attended by approximately 1,200 persons.

In addition to the riders, guests honored at the occasion were Chiefs Job Charlie and Jim Pat O'Dere, Ellensburg Rodeo Looney of the Yakima Indians, princess; Barbara Davis, queen-elect of the Moxee Hop festival; and Queen Coonie Courtright and her princesses, Maxine Stowall and Susan Willard of Toppenish.

Yesterday's event was reigned over by Barbara Owens, queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo.

Riders represented the Pioneer Posse of Milton-Freewater, Outlaws, Toppenish, and the Moxee riders, Grandview.

Events and the winners in order of their placing, follow:

Jumpers, English style: W. E. Johnson, Richland, on Naco; Or-er Bonney, Yakima, on Silver Slipper; William DeLong, Richland, on Prince; Lee Ehmsen, Richland, on Sir Galahad.

Open Stock Horse Race: Pete Miller on Ben Hur; Francis Lockett on Cherokee Maid; Lou Horder on Nigger; Pat Rusk on Red.

Best Matched Pair: Silver Slipper owned by E. P. Snyder, and Silver Boots, owned by Pete Berg, First; Tillicum and Skookum, entered by Sonny and Mike Paradis, second; Daisy Mae and Abner owned by Pat Paradis and Julie Erickson, third; Tony and Twilight, owned by Don

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**KENNEWICK BEAUTY.** Faye Conner will perform some of fancy trick riding stunts at the Kennewick Horse Show, Sunday at the Benton County Fair and Rodeo grounds. Here she is seen on her horse "Princess" doing a side stand at a full rate of speed. Another of the features for spectators will be the drill put on by the Appleland Cowgirls of Yakima.



# Kennewick Horse Show Draws

Six riding clubs were represented in the Annual Horse Show at the Kennewick fairgrounds, Sunday. Approximately 1500 people watched riders from the northwest display the horses and their riding ability.

Riders were present from the Pioneer Posse of Milton - Free-water, the Outlaws of Toppenish, the Moxee Riders, Inc., the Grandview Riding club and the Appleland Riders, besides the Benton County Mounted Posse, its auxiliary and the Benton

County Junior Posse.

A grand entrance started the show with Barbara Owens, queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, reigning.

Her honor guard was made up of Pat O'Dell, a princess of the Ellensburg Rodeo; Barbara Davis, queen-elect of the Moxee Hop festival; and Queen Connie Courtright and her princesses, Maxine Stowall and Susan Willard of the Toppenish Pow Wow. Chief Jim Looney and 83-year-old Chief Job Charlie of the

Yakima Indians were also presented at this time.

## NACO Tops Jumpers

The first event was the jumpers, English style. W. E. Johnson, Richland, owner and rider of Naco, took first place. Silver Slipper, ridden by Omer Bonney and owned by E. R. Snyder of Yakima, was second. Third place was Prince, owned by Mrs. J. Dickson of Richland and ridden by William DeLong. Sir Galahad owned by Frank Cook of Richland, was ridden to fourth

place by Lee Ehmsen.

In the open stock horse race which followed, Bob Taylor's horse, Ben Hur, won top place. Pete Miller was the rider. Cherokee Maid, owned and ridden by Francis Lockett was second. Nigger, entered by Lou Horder took third honors. Red, ridden by owner Pat Rusk, placed fourth.

Silver Slipper and Silver Boots, owned respectively by E. R. Snyder and Pete Berg were the best matched pair in the third event. Tillicum and

## Throngs

Skookum, entered by Sonny and Mike Paradis of Yakima, placed second. Pat Paradis' Daisy Mae and Julie Erickson's Abner were third. Tony, belonging to Don Cole, and Twilight, belonging to Red Brown, took fourth place.

### Special Events Held

An exhibition of fancy footwork such as "thread the needle" and a schottische, was given on horseback by the drill team as a special event.

The Tennessee Walking class See HORSE SHOW, page 2.

## HORSE SHOW . . .

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was the fifth event. Harris Golden Prince, ridden by Ormand Gage and owned by D. L. Mitchell of Kennewick, won the blue ribbon. Second place was Fan with owner rider W. F. Pigg from Pendleton. Grace Ann Allen, entered by W. A. Simonds of Kennewick, was third.

The Toppenish Outlaws took the pole bending event with Appleland placing second. Pioneer Posse was third and Grandview's riding club won fourth.

### Minnie Mercer Wins

Al Erickson's Minnie Mercer was judged best for fine harness. Harves Kernel, belonging to Leone Irwin, won second position and Rascal, entered by Harvey Simpson of Fairfield, placed third.

Starlight, owned and ridden by Jim Dripps, took top honors in the stock horse class. Chipewa Dan was second, ridden and owned by Ward Larsen. In third place was Snooper, entered and ridden by Eli Patnode of Moxee. Tony, also owner ridden by Don Cole, was fourth.

Faye Conner of Kennewick gave an exhibition of trick riding. She is a member of the auxiliary of the Benton County Posse.

### Juniors Show Style

Junior horsemanship was the tenth event. In this event all contestants were required to be under the age of 18. Sandra Curl, an Adams, Ore., girl, riding her own horse, Duchess, was awarded first place. Betty Hammermeister, Toppenish, placed second on her horse, Cupid. Another Toppenish girl, Maxine Stovell, won third on her own horse, Penny.

Minnie Mercer, ridden by Julie Erickson, took first in the amateur's five-gaited event. Grant York's Roots was second and Barbara Davis's Gaytime was third.

Best all-around pleasure horse in western equipment was Robin H., a registered Apaluce quarter-horse, owned by W. A. Simonds. Van Chuckles, placed second with owner-rider Mrs. Omer Bonney. Omar Rahal, entered by Barbara Davis, was third.

### Topper Best Palomino

Leone Irwin's palomino, Highland Topper, won first place in his class. Les Amber was second and Stamper VII was third.

The Benton County Junior Posse won the six horse relay, barely edging out the Pioneer Posse. Benton County's Mounted Posse was third and the Toppenish Outlaws took fourth place. The event was run in two heats against time.

Minnie Mercer also won the five-gaited open with Boots second and blackout Joe, owned and ridden by Pearl Judkins of Fairfield, third.

The trailer race, which wound up the afternoon, was won by the Grandview Riding club. In this event, each club sent two men out with a horse in a trailer.

On a given signal, they jumped out of their car, backed the horse out and saddled him up. They then rode around the arena twice and loaded the horse again after unsaddling him. The Benton County Posse placed second with the Outlaws third and the Pioneers fourth.

Walter Holt from the Pacific International Livestock exposition was the announcer for the show. The judge was Art Hannan of Tacoma and the ringmaster was Grant York of Milton, Ore.





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### Posse and Queen To Attend Show

Benton County Mounted Posse will attend the horse show to be held at Grandview, June 18, at 1 p.m. The queen, Miss Barbara Owens, of Kennewick, and her court, will be entertained by the Grandview Posse.



POSSE AUXILIARY—Shown above are some of the members of the Benton County Posse Auxiliary who were present on the 30 mile field trip held Sunday morning in the hills south of Kennewick by the Benton County Posse. Contests and games were carried on during the mornings ride, which ended in a breakfast for "All hands," at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thorne. Reading from left to right are: Captain Katherine Hansen, Junior Auxiliary; Mrs. Earl Magelson, vice-captain; Mrs. George Kissick, sponsor of the Junior Auxiliary; Mrs. Elmer Smith, 1st Lt.; Mrs. Bud Richter, chairman of the eats committee and Miss Nova Martell of Pasco.

—News photo, Tutwiler Studio.

—News photo, Tutwiler studio.

*Tri-City 6-22-50*

### Local Riders In Horse Show

Members of the Benton County Mounted Posse and Auxiliary participated in the Horse Show held in Grandview last Sunday. They, with Queen Barbara Owens and her princesses Lorraine Powell, Nova Martel and Marilyn Easley of the Royal Court for the Benton County Fair a Rodeo led the parade for grand entry into the arena.

In the competitive events Lory Kissick won first place in stock horse race on Ben H. The Posse won second place in relay and fourth in pole bending.

*Tri-City 6-28-50*



A game of croquet . . . Kennewick girls, Helen Hanson, Pacific Lutheran; Barbara Owens, OSC; Carolyn Travis, EWCE; Wilma Ponce, College of Puget Sound and Lynn Fredericks, Linfield.

Ralph Smith Photos

*Queen Barbara Owens*



*Tri-City*

## Mounted Posse Has Breakfast

Forty members of the Benton County Mounted Posse enjoyed a Sunday morning ride of two and a half hours, meeting at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thorne where they had breakfast.

Serving on the breakfast committee were Mrs. A. L. Buchanan, Mrs. Jim Mokler, Mrs. Clarence Yedica, Mrs. Dana Zimmerman, and Mrs. O. P. Miller. The hungry riders were served pancakes, with ham and eggs. Approximately 75, including those members who drove to the Thorne home, were served.

Following the morning meal the group held a series of horse races, pole bending races, and other games.

## Plans For Rodeo Are Discussed

Members of the Benton County Mounted Posse Auxiliary met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Elmer Smith in Kennewick at the same time that members of the Posse met at the fairgrounds.

Plans for the rodeo were discussed at each meeting. committee heads outlined their plans for the coming rodeo arrangements were discussed.

At the close of the meetings the two groups met jointly at the Smith home for a social hour, during which time June birthdays of Auxiliary members were observed. The birthdays of Mrs. A. M. Richter and Mrs. Denney Mitchell were particularly noted as they fell on the day of the meeting. Other members having June birthdays were Mrs. George Kissick, Mrs. Wayne Thorne, Mrs. Dana Zimmerman and Mrs. Marvin Ross.

A birthday cake held the center of interest in the refreshment scheme.

*Auxiliary members  
celebrating June  
birthdays or anniversaries*

*Tri-City - 7-18-50*

## Bigger, Better Benton County Rodeo And Fair

A promise of a "bigger and better Benton County Fair and Rodeo in 1950" was voiced today by A. C. Amon, general manager.

Amon coupled his optimistic statement with the disclosure that a new stock barn, 60 x 140 feet would be ready for the display of stock at this year's fair, Aug. 18, 19, and 20 at the fair and rodeo grounds in Kennewick.

The other two barns will be used for agricultural, home economic, commercial, and other displays, he said.

Officers of the 1950 fair board who are now completing plans for this year's show are Kenneth Serier, president; Frank Lampson, vice president; and J. C. Pratt, Ray Marsh, and Orin Lande, members of the board of directors for the fair organization. Ted Gifford has been appointed chairman of the commercial exhibits.

Elmer Smith, as captain of the Benton County Mounted Posse, will direct that group's work in promoting the combined annual event of Benton county.

*Tri-City 7-30-50*

## Inland Air To Carry 3 Queens

The Tri-Cities three queens will be flown to Seattle to participate in the Seattle "Seafair" celebration by Inland Airways the airlines announced today.

Kenneth D. Martin, general traffic manager for Inland, wrote the Tri-City Herald Saturday that his firm is happy for the chance to participate with the Tri-Cities in celebration.

As a result, the three beauties, Miss Pasco, who will be named this week, Miss Atomic Energy who will soon be named, and Barbara Owens, queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, will fly to the State's First City to participate in the show.

All will be members of the court of Miss Seattle. Other members of the court will be Miss Alaska, Miss Hawaii, and other queens representing cities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The three Tri-City delegates will stay in the Olympic hotel and will attend all the events of the gala show Seattle is planning.





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Queen Barbara Owens, second from right, and her princesses, Nova Martel, Marilyn Easley, and Lorraine Powell, will reign over the Benton County Fair and Rodeo in Kennewick.

## Kennewick Parade Large, Colorful Affair

By Staff Correspondent

**KENNEWICK** — Thousands of men, women and children lined the business district here to witness the pre-rodeo parade Saturday morning. It was one of the finest, most colorful and largest events held here in recent years.

Washington street south from West Kennewick avenue and extending several blocks on both West Kennewick and First avenue was lined with thousands of people.

### Officials Participate

A police escort of three cars representing the state patrol, county sheriff's force and the Kennewick police led the parade. Immediately following was a color guard consisting of an army unit of about 250 men from North Richland, marching in close order drill, extending more than a city block in length. Queen Barbara Owens and her escort of three princesses, Lorraine, Marilyn and Nova, mounted on horses, followed the color guard.

Then following in order were the Benton county commissioners, the mayors of cities in Benton and Franklin counties, the Veterans of Foreign wars with a group of majorettes and a bugle corps. Many fraternal organizations, youth groups, Kiwanis and Kennewick Chamber of Commerce floats appeared just ahead of the Kennewick high school majorettes and

band. Finley, Grandview, Benton City, Toppenish and Prosser also were represented with colorful floats.

The Grandview high school band led by a group of majorettes staged spectacular marching tactics and drew a big round of applause from the crowds along the line of march.

### Many Commercials

A great many commercial floats and cars of concerns in the Tri-Cities were in the parade followed by the mounted Benton county posse.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fesbick drove a four-horse team with an open wagon followed by two of the old type covered wagons or prairie schooners. Then came Arthur Campbell with his pack mule train and Chief Tom Yellup and a group of Indians and Indian princesses in beautiful, colorful costume and riding equipment.

### Many Riding Groups

The Richland Riders club, Milton Loney and the Walla Walla Wagon Wheelers and riders from Benton City also drew big rounds of applause.

The parade took exactly one hour to pass a given point and despite the extreme heat and noontime sun few if any left their positions.

Saturday marked the second day of the Benton county fair. Hundreds headed for the fairgrounds for the

rodeo performances. Both the Benton county fair and the rodeo extends through Sunday.



Columbia Basin 8-1-50

## Benton County Rodeo Plan Is Announced by Committee

The Benton County Rodeo, to be held August 19 and 20 in conjunction with the Benton county fair, promises to be a wild and woolly event, with an outstanding array of cowhands, rough stock and a brilliant regalia of specialty performers, Pat Owens arena manager predicted yesterday.

Owens said the show was enhanced Monday by the signing of Cy Taillon, Great Falls, Mont., as announcer. Taillon has mixed such shows as Ft. Worth, Houston and Madison Square Garden, and is recognized as an outstanding announced throughout the rodeo profession.

Cowhands participating in the Benton County show will be up against the beefy stock of Mac Barber, Klamath Falls, who's stock holds the envious record of dumping more waddies at the

Pendleton show than any other riding stock in the history of the show. The rodeo will feature a full agenda of rodeo events: bareback and bronc riding, calf roping, bulldogging, and brahma bull riding.

### Clown Signed

Clown Billy Keen and his mechanical barrel will perform. Specialty acts include Frank and Bernice Dean, San Jose, Cal., fancy and trick riders who also do a whip act with an 83 foot

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whip, reputed to be the longest in the world.

Barbara Huntington, Eugene, Ore., and Frances Stiller, Walla Walla, have been signed as trick riders for the show.

The arena manager said things are shaping up for a top show for the rodeo fans of the tri-city area. Many of the nation's best cowboys will be working in the Benton county show preparatory to participating in the Pendleton Roundup later in the month.

### Queen to Tour

Auto caravans to surrounding towns will advertise the Benton county show, a rodeo committee spokesman said Monday. Special entertainments are scheduled Aug. 1 to 6 at Sanders Field between games. Yakima, Wapato and Toppenish will be visited August 9 by the queen, her court and the Desert Drifters.

Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser are scheduled for Aug. 11; Connell and Richland Aug. 11 and Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater on Aug. 12.

A special two-hour show at Prosser will highlight the out of town appearance of the Benton county aggregation.

Miss Barbara Owens, queen of the fair and rodeo, will reign with her court at the Queen's ball Friday evening at the Highland Improvement club, Lehnard road. Member's of the court are Marilyn Easley, Prosser; Lorraine Powell, Richland, and Nova Martel, Pasco.

The Desert Drifters will play at the dance, and accompany the queen and court on their tour of nearby towns. The Drifters are one of the most unique bands in the west, committee spokesmen declared, as they are all teen-age youngsters who have combined into a high-ranking western swing ensemble.

Walla Walla  
Bulletin

## Rodeo Talent Is All Signed

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Owens states that he was exceedingly fortunate in obtaining the services of Cy Taillon, nationally known rodeo announcer. Laughs for the kiddies and grown-ups too, will be supplied by Billy Keen, famous rodeo clown.

Owens, himself a well known cowboy of the Northwest, assures that the 1950 Benton County Rodeo will be tops in thrills and entertainment, with top-flight cowboys.

## Parade Chairmen Are Announced

Committee chairmen to handle divisions in the Benton County Fair and Rodeo parade Saturday, August 19, in Kennewick, were chosen at a meeting of the group last night.

E. C. Smith, general chairman in charge of parade arrangements, said the parade will assemble at 11 a. m., and that the line of march and trophy awards will be announced at a later date.

Chairmen of parade divisions include:

Church, labor, civic, fraternal, Chuck Noyse; Youth organizations, John Kinzig; Visiting cities and unclassified, K. Dobbins; Mounted units, individual and starter, Bob Matheson.

Columbia Basin 8-2-50

## Parade Head Tells Plans

A gigantic parade will usher in the 1950 Benton county fair and rodeo celebration in Kennewick.

E. C. Smith, general parade chairman, announced yesterday group chairmen for various sections of the parade have been named. He urged participants to contact section chairmen regarding registry of floats and parade instructions.

The chairman said last year's plan of lining up parade sections along streets feeding into Washington street would again be followed this year. Preliminary reports from groups in the tri-city area indicate that this year's parade will be a big, colorful event. Prosser has announced that several floats and a band will attend from there.

Smith listed the following sub-chairmen for the parade:

Walt Wochler, color guard, bands and military; Kenneth Serier, dignitaries; Chuck Noyes, churches, clubs, lodges and labor; John Kinzig, youth groups; K. Dobbins, visitors and unclassified floats; G. A. Conrad, commercial and Elmer Smith, horses.

Bob Matthewson will be parade starter.

Line of march will be decided later, Smith said. He explained that the current street and water system repairs have torn up several streets for intermittent periods, so that a definite parade route cannot be set at present.

Trophies will be awarded winners in the several sections of the parade.

## Delegation From Prosser In Benton County Parade

(By Staff Correspondent)

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Reports indicate, said Smith, that this year's parade will be a "big, colorful event," and that Prosser also has announced that several floats and a band will attend from there.

The line of march will be announced later.



# Kennewick Junior Chamber To Assist In Fair, Rodeo

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MISS BARBARA OWENS, Queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, will reign with her court at the Queen's Ball at the Highland Improvement Club, Lehnard Road, on Friday evening, Aug. 11. Members of Miss Owens' court are Marilyn Easley of Prosser, Lorraine Powell of Richland and Nova Martell of Pasco. The Benton County Mounted Posse and Ladies Auxiliary, sponsors of this pre-rodeo event, have engaged the Desert Drifters, well-known Western band, to furnish dance music for this gala affair. Tickets will go on sale at convenient downtown locations.

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The Kennewick Junior Chamber of Commerce volunteered to assist the Benton County Fair in putting on the 1950 Fair and Rodeo. They will take charge of the street decorations and will operate a Kangaroo Court to enforce Western dress upon Mayor Koelker's proclamation.

The Junior Chamber headed by Virgil Powell, newly elected president, is fast becoming a very prominent and active club in promoting and assisting in the development of civic affairs.

Other officers recently elected are Bob Alexander, vice president; Charles Fox, secretary; Cal Thrapp, treasurer. It is the belief of the officers and members of the club that through cooperation with other civic organizations, Kennewick and the Tri-Cities will grow.

## \$3,745 In Cash Goes To Cowboys

Approximately 10,000 rodeo fans turned out for the weekend show at the Benton County Fair and Rodeo grounds. Despite the heat on Saturday and Sunday huge crowds poured into the fair grounds to see the exhibits, judging, carnival, and the night show.

The top cowboys of the rodeo carried off \$3,745 in prize money. Master of ceremonies for the two-day rodeo was Cy Tailon, rated as one of the best rodeo announcers in the business today.

The crowd also thrilled to the fancy trick riding of Barbara Huntington and Francis Stiller.

Most fans described the show as the "best we've seen yet." And in keeping with their policy of trying to always improve the rodeo, Owens indicated today that already plans are being discussed to present an even larger and more enjoyable spectacle next year.

Second day and final averages for the rodeo follow:

Calf roping: (Second day) 1. B. J. Pierce; 2. Jim Fought; 3. Tom Wood; 4. Tex Howard. (Averages): 1. Eddie Akridge; 2. D. Bergiven; 3. B. J. Pierce; 4. Dick Burk.

Bull Riding: (Second day) 1. Crump; 2. Rothrock; 3. Scriver. (Averages) 1. Rothrock; 2. Crump 3. Elford; 4. Scriver.

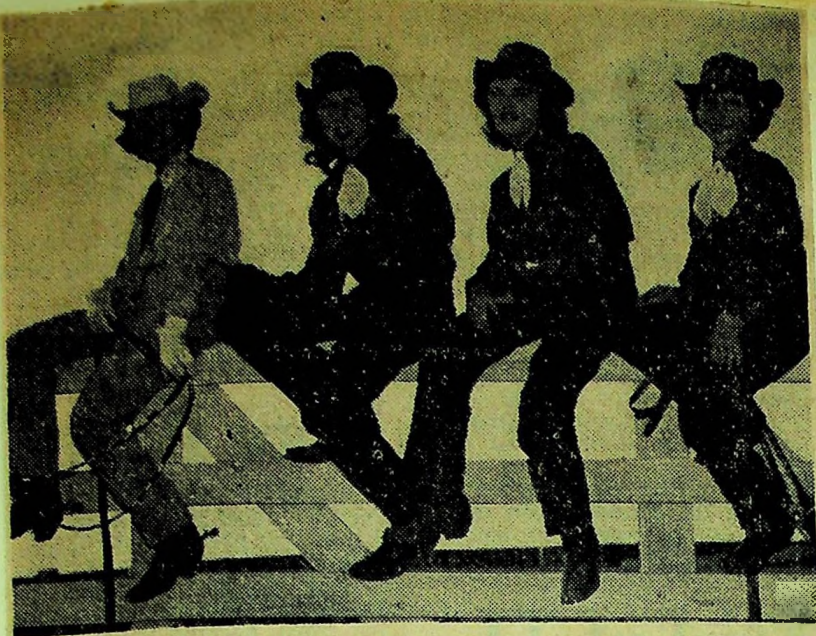
Saddle Bronc: (Second day) 1. Gene Pruett; 2. Crump; 3. Copenhaver. (Averages) 1. Gene Pruett; 2. Crump; 3. Pennell; 4. Copenhaver.

Bull Dogging: (Second Day) 1. Ed Burlingame; 2. Bob Nordtome; 3. Tony Benedictis; 4. Les Kamm. (Averages) 1. Tony Benedictis; 2. Francis Stiller; 3. Gene Pruett; 4. Ed Burlingame.

Bareback Riding: (Second Day) 1. Hailey; 2. Ed Akridge; 3. Wyatt; 4. Copenhaver. (Averages) 1. Akridge; 2. Wyatt; 3. Hailey; 4. Crump.

Cow Milking: 1. Harvey Matlock; 2. D. Bergiven; 3. Oran Fore; 4. Eugene Hassler; 5. Curtis Tarwater; 6. Larry Frazier.





**ON THE FENCE**—This is Queen Barbara Owens and her court who will reign over the Benton County Fair and Rodeo Aug. 18, 19 and 20. Left to right they are Nova Martel, Pasco; Lorraine Powell, Richland; Marilyn Easley, Prosser, and Queen Barbara. The affair will be held at the Benton county fair grounds at Kennewick.

## Pendleton on Rodeo Route

The caravan of queens, talent and dignitaries which will visit surrounding towns next week to advertise the Benton County fair and rodeo has altered its schedule to include Pendleton on August 12, publicity chairman W. H. Siedel said yesterday.

The group will participate in the Pendleton dress parade on the 12th. Queen Barbara and her court, local musical talent and Posse representatives will make the tour.

Siedel said a large delegation of fair and rodeo representatives will participate in the Pasco Water Follies parade tomorrow. Chief Jobe Charley of Toppenish, and four Indian princesses will join the Pasco parade.

A pageant symbolizing the exploratory trek of Lewis and Clark will be given by 50 members of the Yakima tribe during the fair celebration. Jeanette Wesley, who will play the part of Sacajawea in the pageant, will appear in the Pasco Follies parade.



**CY TAILLON** will be the announcer for the Benton County Rodeo to be held in conjunction with the Benton County Fair in Kennewick Aug. 18, 19, 20. Taillon comes to Kennewick with 25 years in show business to his credit. The much-traveled master of ceremonies has announced rodeos, livestock shows, air shows and boxing matches and football games throughout North and Central America. He announced the 1950 Cheyenne Frontier Days celebration in Wyoming and is under contract to also preside at the Pendleton Roundup.



*See City 8-4-50*

## Kennewick Will Wear West Attire Monday



In photo above, Mayor U. L. Keolker of Kennewick is seen signing a proclamation declaring that western attire will be official dress for all citizens of the city for the period beginning Monday.

The reason: The Benton County Fair and Rodeo, which will get under way Aug. 18 and run through the 20th.

The proclamation follows:

WHEREAS The Benton County Fair and Rodeo dates are August 18, 19, and 20, and

WHEREAS It has become the custom for the citizens of Kennewick to dress in Western attire for a period previous to the show dates, and

WHEREAS The costume is beneficial in advertising the show and the community, and

WHEREAS The Benton County Sheriff's Posse and the Chamber of Commerce have requested such action.

Now therefore, I, U. L. Keolker mayor of Kennewick do proclaim that Western attire shall be the official dress for all citizens for the period beginning Monday, Aug. 7 and ending Sunday August 20th.

L. KEOLKER, MAYOR

*Columbia Basin 7-5*

## Prizes Set For Parade

Awards for outstanding floats in the Benton county road parade have been arranged for, Ross Frank, manager of the Kennewick chamber of commerce, said yesterday.

Frank said local merchants deserved a vote of appreciation for their fine cooperation in backing prizes for the parade. The chamber manager said that if any businesses who desire to contribute were missed by the parade prize solicitors, they may contact him at the chamber office.

Some difficulty in obtaining trophies has been experienced, and may force parade officials to award cash prizes instead of the trophies originally planned, Frank reported.

Arrangements for decorating the town in a fair and rodeo motif have been completed. The Kennewick Junior Chamber of Commerce is aiding in decorating for the three-day event.

*Columbia Basin 7-5*

## Rodeo Stock Due Aug. 15

The rough, tough rodeo stock of Mac Barber is expected to arrive at the Benton county fair and rodeo grounds August 15 preparatory to performing in the rodeo on the 19th and 20th.

Barber's bucking broncs, brahma steers and fleet footed calves will be used in the Pendleton roundup following the Kennewick show.

Posse president "Snuffy" Smith, said the rodeo grounds are being whipped into shape for the colorful two-day show. The arena area is being sprinkled daily to prepare a dust free landing for hapless cowboys, and facilitate better observation from the grandstands. The covered stands have all been marked for 1500 reserved seats, and the open air stands cleaner and repaired.

Barber's stock will have to be rugged to outdo the field of outstanding cowhands expected for the Benton county show. Such veteran arena performers as Chuck Shepard, Del Kinman, Laurel Ives Deb Copenhaver Asa Laughlin, Mose Sam, Kenny Madland, Bill Hancock and Lee Pennell will test the horseflesh and beef at the Kennewick rodeo. Many of these cowhands will go on to compete in the Pendleton roundup the next week.



August 5, 1950

Mayor Urban Keolker  
619 W. Kennewick Ave.  
Kennewick, Washington

Dear Sire:

Saddle up, bring your dam and ride herd on our court. We will be honored if you would brand (crown) our queen and lead the great stampede (Grand March) at 9:30 sharp.

Roundup starts at 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 11th at the Highland Club House Corral. Come early and enjoy the fun.

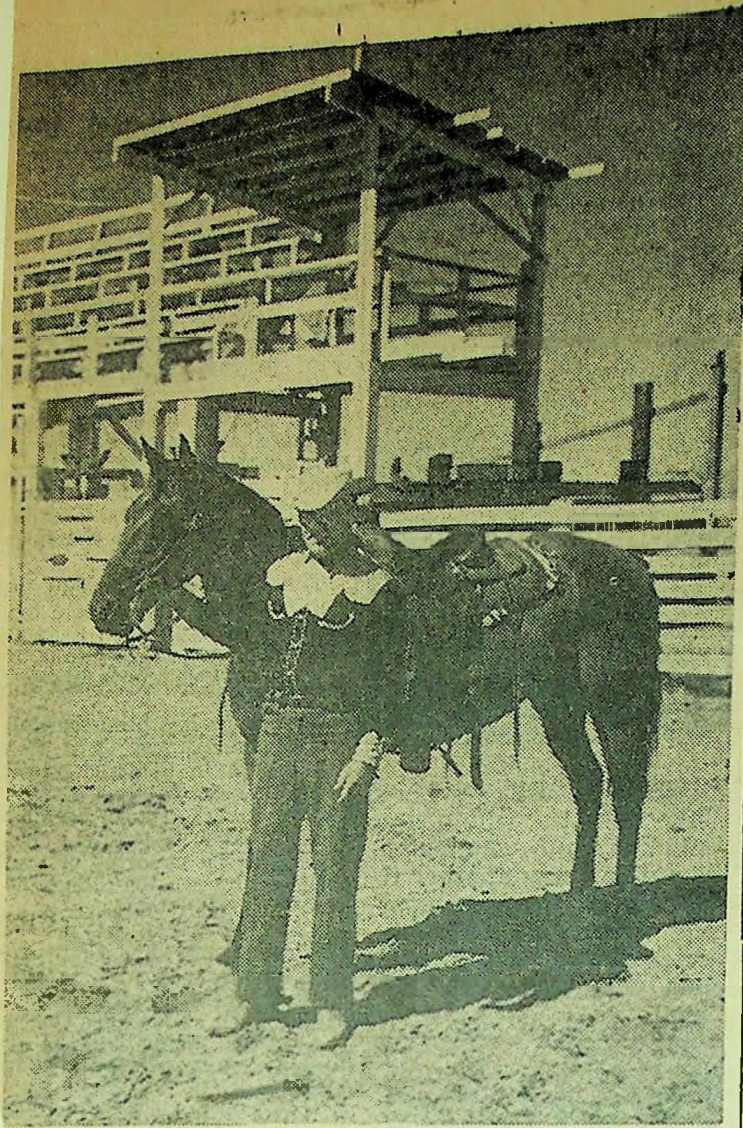
Yours truly,

Elmer Smith  
Captain

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## Top Talent Booked For Benton County Rodeo



PAT OWENS

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Pat, an ex-cowboy himself, assures us the 1950 Benton County Rodeo will be tops in thrills and entertainment with top-flight cowboys entering into competition.

## Plans Go Ahead For Rodeo, Fair

Plans were shifted into high gear today to bring out capacity crowds for the three-day Benton county rodeo and fair to be held in Kennewick Aug. 18-20.

Advertising committee members were going ahead with plans drafted at a meeting to attract attention to the event, which is gaining state-wide recognition.

One of the attractions to precede the big three-day program will be the queen's ball to be held the night of Aug. 12. The place for the dance will be announced at a later date.

Committee members agreed on the design and wording for posters to advertise the fair and rodeo and they will be printed and distributed at an early date.

Neil Miller was named chairman of "ball-hoo" advertising for the event, which will include such crowd-getters as "kangaroo kour" parades, etc. while Marvin Ross will be in charge of public appearances for the queen and the mounted posse.

Earl Magelsen will be in charge of arrangements for the queen's ball, to be assisted by W. C. Seidle, committee member, and Mrs. Elmer Smith and Mrs. Jack Switzer, posse auxiliary members.

Other members of the advertising committee include W. H. Seidle chairman; Elmer Smith, captain of the mounted posse and Pat Owens, rodeo arena manager.

## Brilliant Coronation Ceremony Will Inaugurate Posse Ball

Highlighting the midsummer season in Kennewick will be the Benton County Mounted Posse ball Friday evening when Queen Barbara will be crowned queen of the fair and rodeo, Mayor Urban Keolker of Kennewick presiding at the coronation ceremonies.

The coronation will take place at 9:30 Friday evening, and immediately following the ceremony Queen Barbara, escorted by past Posse Captain Orin Lande, will lead the grand march.

The princesses of the Queen's Court, Princess Marilyn Easley of Prosser, escorted by Bill Sidel; Princess Lorraine Powell of Rich-

land escorted by John Gravenslund and Princess Nova Martell of Pasco escorted by Ira Lampson will be next in line on the grand march.

Patrons and patronesses of the ball will be president of Kennewick Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Eddie Pacot; state representative and Mrs. Cy Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Amon.

Mrs. Jack Switzer, Auxiliary Captain; Elmer Smith, Posse Captain; Kenneth Serier, president of the Benton County Fair Association and Pat Owens, rodeo chairman, will be introduced among the distinguished guests.

## Fair, Rodeo Kickoff Set For Tonight

The Benton County fair and Rodeo 'Kick-Off' will open officially at 7 p.m. Monday.

Highlight of this evening's festivities will be a street dance on Kennewick avenue between Auburn and Benton streets. Music for the dance will be provided by the Desert Drifters and the Square Abouts.

Kangaroo Court will also be in force tonight with members of the Benton County Mounted Posse on hand to enforce their ruling of Western garb for everyone.

The three big days of the fair will be Aug. 18, 19, and 20 when the fair and rodeo swings into full session.

U. L. Keolker, mayor of Kennewick, issued a proclamation Friday decreeing the wearing of Western style clothing during the fair and rodeo season.



*Tri City 8-8-50*



**FAIR AND RODEO SEASON OPENS.** The annual Benton County Fair and Rodeo got away to a good start last night. Here is a view of a portion of the big crowd that participated in a street dance, part of last night's opening of the new season. The fair and rodeo will take place in Kennewick, Aug. 18, 19, and 20.

*Columbia Basin 8-8-50*



**RODEO ROYALTY**—Pat Owens, right, arena manager of the Benton county rodeo August 19 and 20, and daughter Barbara Owens, queen of the show, look over the rodeo grounds on horseback. The father-daughter combination provides the Kennewick show with an authentic western background, as Pat Owens was once one of the top buckaroos in the rodeo business.

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## Kennewick Rodeo Group Opens Booth

Headquarters for the Benton county fair and rodeo have been opened up in downtown Kennewick, a spokesman for the sheriff's posse said yesterday. The quarters will occupy the former King's Bowling Alley building at 118 Kennewick Ave.

Information on the fair and rodeo, and tickets for the several entertainment events may be obtained at the headquarters between 12 o'clock noon and 8 p.m. Mrs. Thelma Switzer, president of the ladies auxiliary of the posse said posse members would staff the office, and as soon as arrangements can be made, the hours will be extended to include the forenoon. Space for the rodeo headquarters is being donated by the Smokeshop.

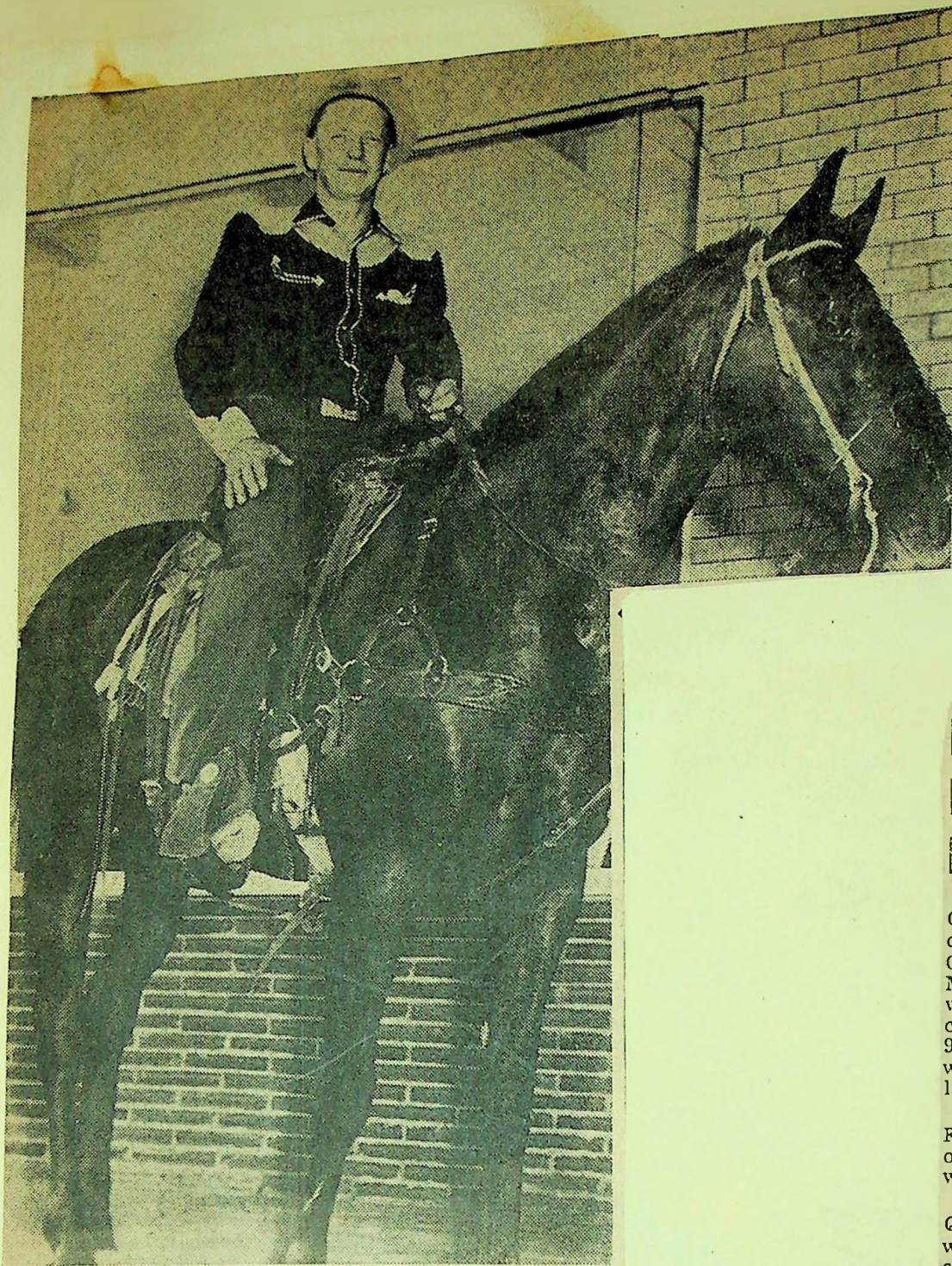
Tickets will go on sale today, for several classes of rodeo seats. Buckaroo seats up over the chutes are \$2.50 per day; box seats, \$5; reserved grandstand seats \$2.75; covered grandstand, \$2.50; bleacher seats, \$1.50; kids bleachers, 65 cents and kids grandstand, \$1. Admission to the fair will be 25 cents, including parking. Rodeo performances will start at 1 p.m.

Festivities for the rodeo got underway last night with entertainment on Kennewick avenue, sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce. Their vigilantes and Kangaroo Kourt meted out western justice to persons caught without western attire. A street dance followed entertainment by talented youngsters who will appear during the rodeo celebration. The Desert Drifters, Squareabouts, Hill Billy Bills, little Jeannie Kates, who is being called the Sweetheart of the Sheriff's Posse, Madene Baze and Marlene Ross, provided a program of musical entertainment.

Out of town advertising for the fair and rodeo gets rolling today as the queen and her court, accompanied by rodeo officials, sweep into Prosser for an appearance at the Commercial club at noon, a parade at 6 p.m. Tomorrow's touring schedule includes Yakima, Wapato and Sunnyside.

Meeker shows will bring their big carnival to town during the week of the fair and rodeo.





THINGS ARE HUMMING over Kennewick way these days. Last minute details have been completed and Benton county residents are busy as bees getting ready for the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, which will be held Aug. 18, 19, 20 at the fairgrounds. One of the many attractions at the rodeo will be the Benton County Mounted Posse. Above is Elmer Smith, who is captain of the mounted Posse.—(Photo by Columbia Lab.)

*Tri City 8-11*

## Barbara Will Be Crowned At Rites Tonight

Coronation ceremonies, when Queen Barbara Owens will be crowned Queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo with Mayor Urban Keolker of Kennewick presiding at the coronation ceremonies, will take place at 9:30 tonight at the Queen's Ball which will be staged in the Highlands clubhouse.

Orin Lande, member of the Fair Board and also a member of Benton County Mounted Posse will be Queen Barbara's escort.

The grand march, led by Queen Barbara and her escort, will follow immediately at the close of the coronation ceremony with Jeanie Rae Cates, baton twirler, preceding the Queen and her escort.



PLANNING FOR THE Queen's Ball are seen members of the committee, seated Mrs. James Mokler, Jack Switzer, chairman, and Mrs. C. C. Miller. Standing are Mrs. Neil Miller and Mrs. Ormond Gage. Coronation of Queen Barbara Owens will take place at 9:30 tonight, the Queen's Ball to be held at the Highlands clubhouse.



*Tri City 8-13*



**QUEENS FLY**—Queen Eleanor Raynor (left) of the Pasco Water Follies and Queen Barbara Owens of the Benton county Fair and Rodeo are shown boarding an Inland Airways plane for Seattle where they will participate in the Seafair now underway there. Queen June Higgins of the Richland Atomic Frontier Days left on a later plane.

*Columbia Basin 8-14*

## Rodeo Tickets On Sale Today

Tickets for the Benton County Rodeo went on sale today at rodeo headquarters, 118 Kennewick avenue.

Prices listed for children are: in covered grandstand \$1; in bleachers, 65 cents.

Adult prices are: Bleacher, \$1.50; covered grandstand and buckaroo seats, \$2.50; reserved grandstand, \$2.75; and box seats \$5. Officials at rodeo headquarters said all reserved seats would be held until ticket holders arrived.

Space and the utilities in the rodeo headquarters have been provided through the courtesy of the Smoke House. House of Service is maintaining the sound equipment.

**TO RETIRE**—George Kissick, who will retire Sept. 1 after 15 years as maintenance and equipment supervisor with the Finley School District, was honored at a retirement party Aug. 18. The party, which he shared with George Safford, whose birthday was also noted, was hosted by Marie and Elmer Smith and Beulah and Arthur Nicoson.

The Kissicks came to Kennewick in November, 1942 from Belle Fourche, S.C. After working at Big Pasco and S&J Motors, George and Lucille owned and operated Washburn's Variety Store in Kennewick for five years. He also served on the Kennewick city council.

## Gala Rodeo Fete on Tap In Kennewick

A gala pre-rodeo celebration will be held in Kennewick tonight with music, dancing, and the usual hi-jinks by the Junior Chamber of Commerce vigilantes. A special feature at tonight's show will be the appearance of a Benton county mounted sheriff's posse with their horses.

The jamboree will be announced by Kit Gifford. Festivities will begin in front of rodeo headquarters at 118 Kennewick at 8 p.m. Free pony rides will be furnished for the children.

The Desert Drifters, Hill Billy Bills, Jeannie Cates, a group of costumed Indians, the queen and her court and other talented performers will present entertainment during the show. The Kennewick city band is scheduled to appear in western dress.

A street dance will follow the entertainment.



*Columbia Basin  
8-14*

## 2 Parades For Rodeo And Fair

Two giant parades will roll through Knnewick this week as the 1950 Benton County Fair and Rodeo approaches its climax.

On Friday at 10:30 a.m. children from throughout the entire area will parade through the business sections and on Saturday will come the mammoth parade of floats.

Cash prizes totaling \$210 will be awarded to the top floats in the Saturday parade. Top prize will be the \$65 Grand Prize.

The floats have been divided into four classifications for the Saturday affair. These are com-

mercial, organizations, best horsemanship combination and best comic float.

Entries will be judged during the parade. Points will be awarded on the basis of originality, theme, beauty, color, and representation of Benton county and general locality.

### STARTS AT 10 A.M.

The parade is scheduled to start Saturday at 10 a.m. There will be three prizes awarded in the commercial and organizations fields, two in the best horsemanship combination, and one for the best comic float.

There will be seven classifications of the Friday's children's parade, with three prizes for each group. These groups are: most original costume, best character costume, youth unit of two or more in a group, the outstanding doll and buggy unit, decorated tricycle and bicycles, pets of any kind including ponies, and a special award to the best dressed cowgirl, cowboy, and pony.

Pre-school children are to assemble on First and Dayton streets behind the Methodist church. Additional details are available from Mrs. Harold McCamish, Kennewick 2907.

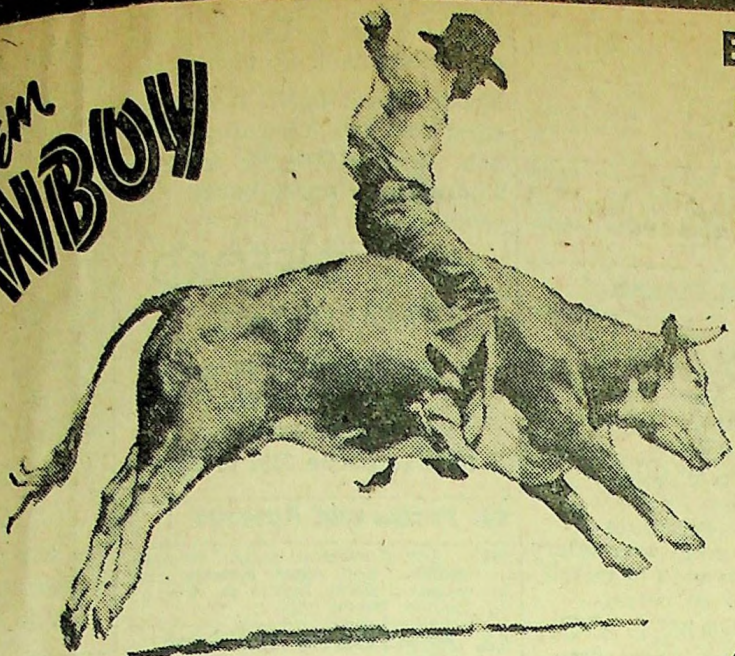
**LITTLE SWEETHEART**—Little 8-year old Jeannie Rae Cates, Sweetheart of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, is a busy lady these days touring with the Benton County Posse road show troupe advertising the Benton County Fair and Rodeo August 18, 19 and 20. Jeannie made a hit with the Prosser Commercial club at their

luncheon meeting last week. She, along with the Drifters, the Hill Billy Bills, Madene Baze, Mary Cy Miller, state representative, and many other Kennewick citizens are volunteering their services to the rodeo and fair.





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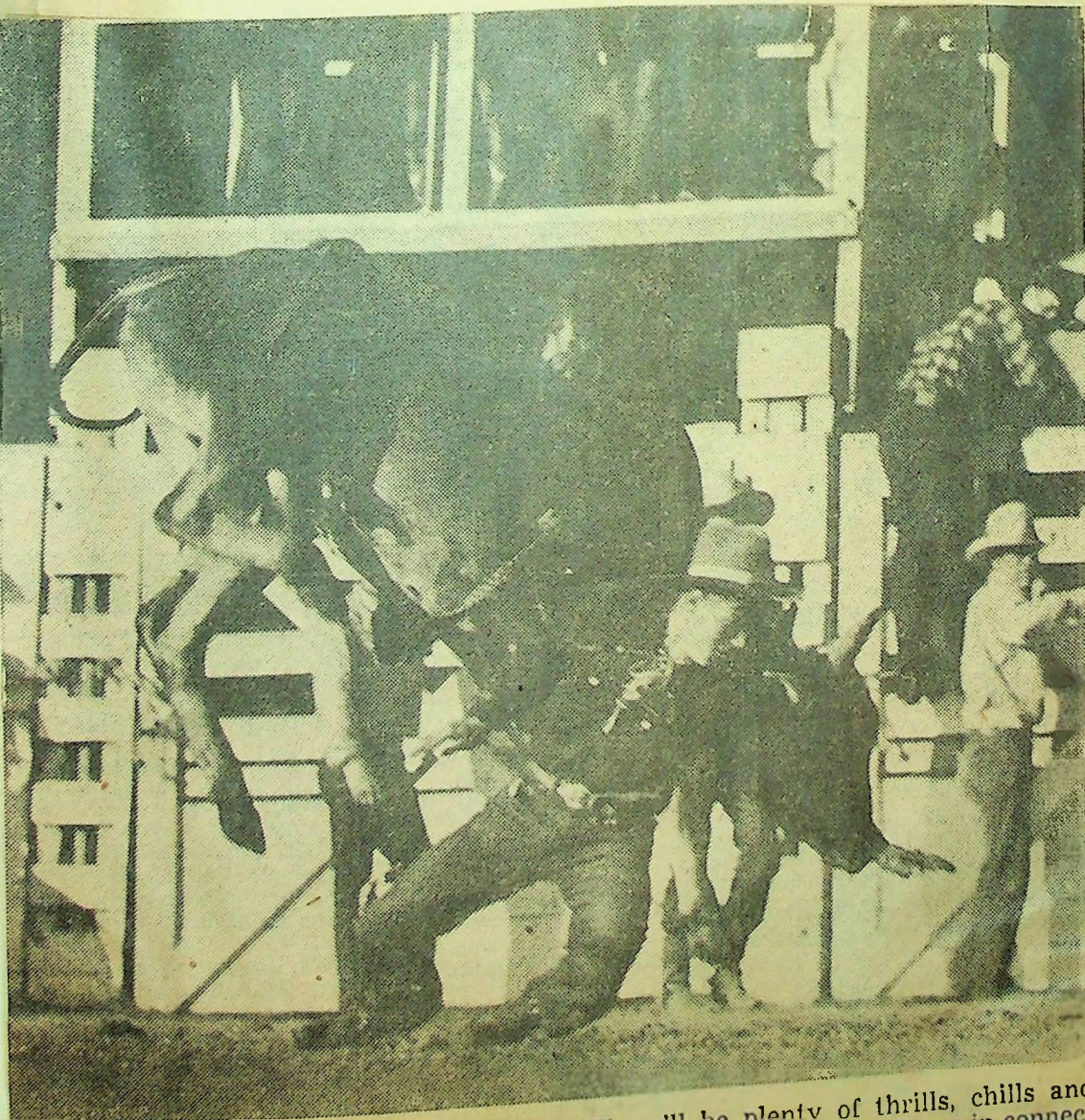
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**AUG. 18-19-20**

At The

# KENNEWICK FAIR GROUNDS

All Seats Sheltered But Those Over Bucking Shutes



**WHOOPS! LOOKOUT THERE COWBOY!**—There'll be plenty of thrills, chills and spills at the Rodeo being sponsored by the Benton County Mounted Posse in connection with the Benton County Fair this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fair runs three days. The rodeo will be presented Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

*Tri City  
8-15*

## Indian Village Springs Up At Fairgrounds

An authentic true-to-life Indian village is springing up on the grounds of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo.

The encampment will be the home of the 60 Yakima Indians who moved onto the grounds today. They are to be presented all three nights in the arena of the rodeo in their nationally famous pageant, "Sacajawea."

One of the highlights of this magnificent story of the ancient Indian lore is the "Shoot the Moccasin" game, Complete with Indians riding their ponies bareback and whirling their arrows through the air at a target.

The pageant itself depicts the overall story of the love of an Indian maid, Sacajawea, for an Indian youth, White Grass.

The story dramatizes the struggles between the Columbia River Indians and the plains Indians. Also weaved into the theme is the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition and how Sacajawea guided the expedition away from possible death and disaster.

## Rodeo Tickets For Tri-Cities

Officials of the Benton County Rodeo said today that tickets are now on sale in Pasco and Richland as well as at rodeo headquarters, 118 Kennewick avenue.

In Pasco a booth has been set up at Fourth and Lewis streets, while in Richland the tickets are available at the Desert Inn hotel.

The grandstand and bleachers have been entirely covered over this year, officials said.

Prices for the tickets are Children in grandstand, \$1; in bleachers, 65 cents.

Adult prices: Bleacher, \$1.50; grandstand and buckaroo seats, \$2.50; reserved grandstand, \$2.75; and box seats \$5.



# Kennewick Sets for Weekend

## PREPARATIONS SPEEDED BENTON RODEO DATE NEAR



**VIGILANTES**—This hardy group of Kennewick Jr. Chamber of Commerce members "raided" a recent Pasco Chamber of Commerce meeting in an inter-city advertising stunt for the Benton county rodeo this week-end. True to vigilante style, this group of young Kennewick residents were assembled from various walks of occupation in the town. Back row, left to right: Ken Waddell, radio announcer; Virgil Powell, president of the Jr. Chamber; Cal Thrapp, banker; R. Wagner, gasoline dealer and Armand Pearson, PUD engineer.

Front row, left to right: Bob Mathewson, real estate; Mort Brown, private businessman; Sid Lantoe, clothier; Dean Loney, attorney and Charlie Fox, insurance.

In the foreground is the sweetheart of the Benton county rodeo, tiny Jeannie Rae Cates, who received a warm reception at her Pasco appearance.

The Jr. Chamber vigilantes have been patrolling Kennewick streets enforcing the western dress required to be worn downtown preparatory to the rodeo. They have constructed an impromptu jail (?) in front of rodeo headquarters.

participating in a night pageant. From the cowboy side of the rodeo, waddies who arrive at the grounds early will get a look at their competition as Mac Barber moves in his stock for a brief rest before the Benton county show.

Sheriff's posse captain E. "Snuffy" Smith announced yesterday that all seats at the rodeo grounds will be covered this

Things will be taking on a "cowboys and Indian" look at the Benton county rodeo grounds in Kennewick today as brightly painted Indian tepees are put up to the accompaniment of a chorus of bawling stock. The Yakima Indian village will be a part of the rodeo show Aug. 19 and 20, and will house Indians year, except the buckaroo seats up over the bucking chutes.

Smith said work on temporary grandstand seats in addition to the regular covered seating.

Advertising for the rodeo is being received enthusiastically by the residents of towns, the rodeo committee reported. Owens, who has been at the Seattle Seaside, will join the touring group at Yakima at noon, and will arrive at North Bend at 6:30.

Bands of roaming terrorized citizens of Kennewick last night as they pursued the unfortunate weren't wearing western. A street dance and music by the Kennewick band provided a lively air for the local show.

Organization of the parades which will precede the rodeo was progressing, according to general chairman E. Smith. The chairman said that floats in each section already had been entered, and expected as the parade day nears.

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## Gala Rodeo Fete on Tap In Kennewick

A gala pre-rodeo celebration will be held in Kennewick tonight with music, dancing, and the usual hi-jinks by the Junior Chamber of Commerce vigilantes. A special feature at tonight's show will be the appearance of a Benton county mounted sheriff's posse with their horses.

The jamboree will be announced by Kit Gifford. Festivities will begin in front of rodeo headquarters at 118 Kennewick at 8 p.m. Free pony rides will be furnished for the children.

The Desert Drifters, Hill Billy Bills, Jeannie Cates, a group of costumed Indians, the queen and her court and other talented performers will present entertainment during the show. The Kennewick city band is scheduled to appear in western dress.

A street dance will follow the entertainment.

## Show On Street Billed Tonight

There will be a street show on Kennewick avenue between Auburn and Benton streets tonight at 7:30.

The program is under the direction of the Benton County Mounted Posse and will feature the Desert Drifters, the Two Bills, Jeannie Cates, Madeline Baze, the Pasco-Kennewick band, Marv Ross, Kit Gifford and Mayor Urban L. Keolker.

Free rides for all the children will be provided by the posse. Several ponies will be there for the children to ride.

## Kid's Parade Starts at 10 Fri. From High School

Assembly point and route of the kids' parade scheduled to begin Friday at 10 a.m. were announced yesterday by Mrs. Harold McCamish, general parade chairman.

Grouping of parade units will begin at 10 a.m., with the parade itself starting through the business district at 11 o'clock.

Pre-school children with dolls, pets, etc., will begin assembling at First Ave. and Dayton street, behind the Methodist church. Youth units, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Bluebirds, Campfire Girls and any other organized youth groups entering the parade will group along First Avenue and Dayton St., in front of the Mueller chapel.

Decorated bicycles will begin the parade along the irrigation canal on Dayton street. Floats and horses will assemble between the park and patrol area east of the high school. Pets will conclude the parade, and will be grouped on the high school lawn.

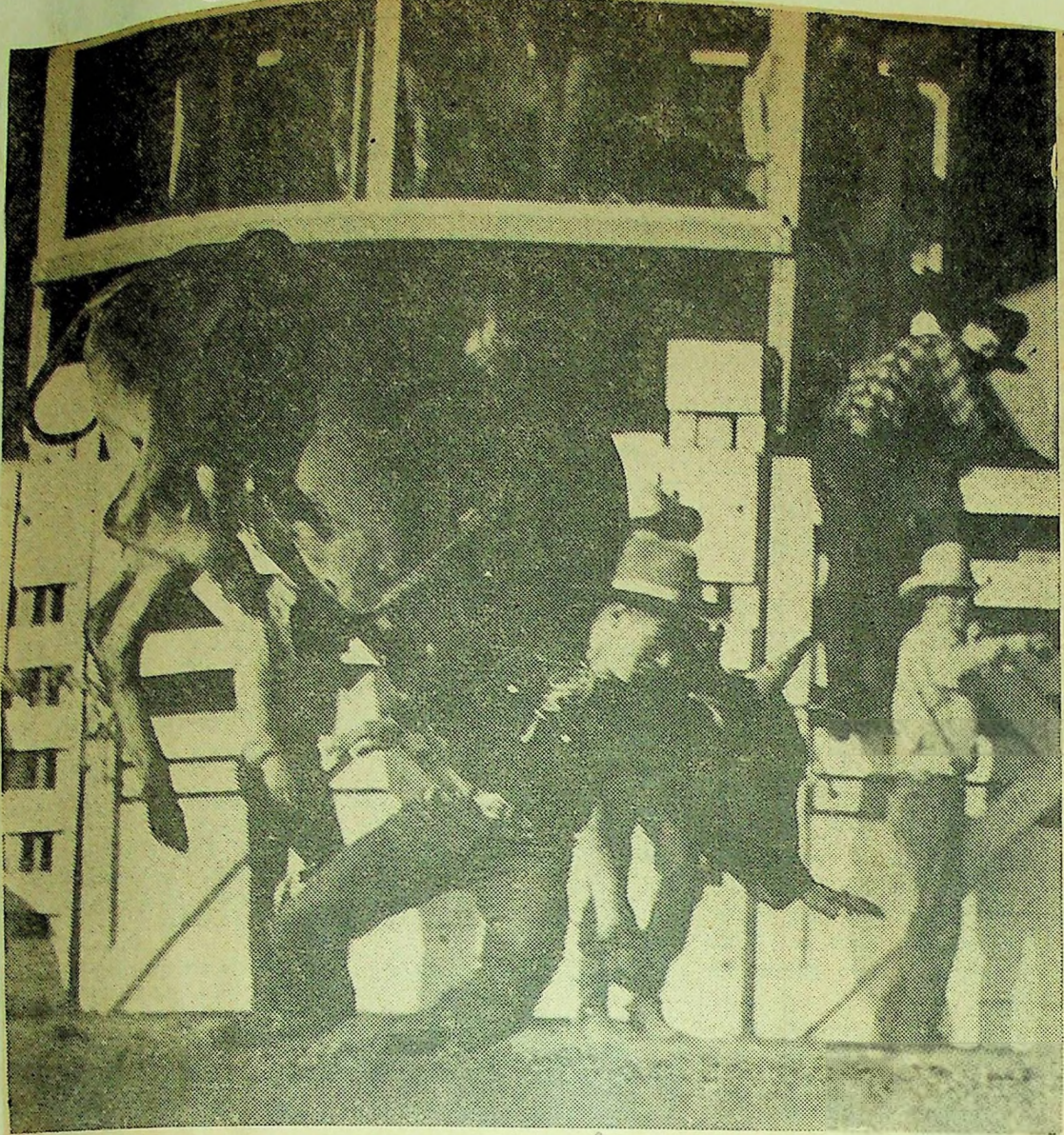
Order of march will be as follows: A police escort will conduct the parade; Virgil Bilers, member of the Spurs, a Junior posse organization, will be parade marshal, and follow the escort. He is scheduled to ride Dr. S. S. Selby's prize-winning Palomino, "Stampede."

A Boy Scout color guard will precede the first parade section. Route of march will be: Leaving the high school at Dayton, north to Kennewick ave.; east to Washington st.; south to First ave.; and west on First to Dayton.

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**WHOOPS! LOOKOUT THERE COWBOY!**—There'll be plenty of thrills, chills and spills at the Rodeo being sponsored by the Benton County Mounted Posse in connection with the Benton County Fair this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fair runs three days. The rodeo will be presented Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

## Top Talent And Stock For Rodeo

Talent competing in varied events and stock to be used in the Benton county rodeo to be held in conjunction with the Benton county fair this coming Saturday and Sunday will be the best to be found in any arena in the Pacific Northwest.

Stock to be used will be that from the famous Mack Barbour ranch in Oregon, which will include Brahma bulls and wild horses, and comes direct from Klamath Falls to Kennewick before going to Pendleton.

Pat Owens, arena director, said that top talent had been booked for the rodeo, which will get under way at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Like all big-time rodeos, the show will get under way with the grand entry march which will include the Queen's Court, guests and visiting dignitaries and officials.

Other events to follow include bareback riding, calf roping, saddle horse races, bronc riding, bulldogging, trick riding, fancy roping, trick roping, wild cow milking Brahma bull riding and calf scrambles.

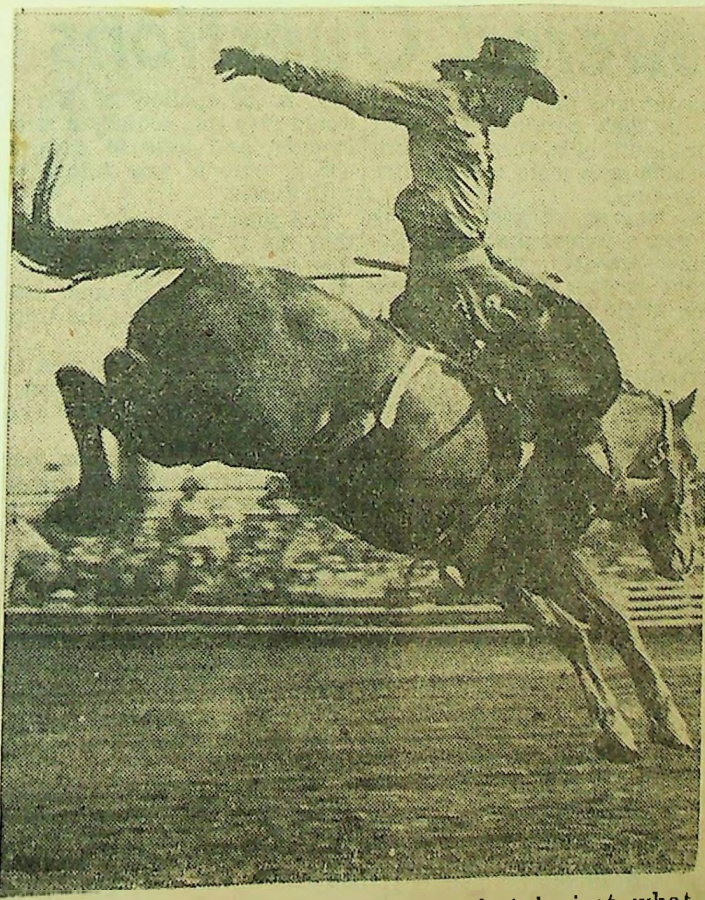
Another highlight on the program will be the posse relay, with organized riding groups competing for honors.

Advance sale tickets are now available in all of the Tri Cities.

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**MEMBERS OF THE BENTON County Mounted Posse** are sponsors of the rodeo to be held this Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Kennewick. One of the members of the posse is Art Stromme of Pasco, shown above.



**YIPEE! RIDE 'EM COWBOY!** And that is just what Nick Night is doing. This is just one of the many thrilling events to be seen at the Benton county rodeo this Saturday and Sunday.



# Gala Float Parade Saturday To Exceed Any Yet Held Here

One of the main attractions during the three-day Benton County Fair and Rodeo will be the gala float parade over downtown Kennewick streets Saturday morning.

Entries in the two-mile event will begin to assemble at 10 a. m. with the parade to get under way promptly at 11 o'clock.

Motorists were warned to get cars off the streets to be used by the parade by 10:45, otherwise police will tow the machine away.

The line of march will be: Starts at Washington and East Sixth, going north on Washington to Kennewick avenue, turn west on Kennewick avenue to Everett; turn south on Everett to First avenue; turn east on First to Auburn; turn south on Auburn to the city park, where it will disband.

Entrants in the parade are urged not to get out of the line until reaching the city park to prevent traffic congestion.

Parade Marshal will be Orin Lande.

## ASSEMBLING POINTS

Entries and those, in charge of divisions and where they are to assemble at 10 a. m. follow—:

Parade marshal, police escort, color guard and military, assemble on Washington st., between 6th and 7th aves., near the old Washington street school house. Walt Woehler in charge.

"100 per cent" cooperation in assisting to make the parade one of the greatest yet and that marching units from North Richland will be among those in the parade line.

Besides cowboys, soldiers, motor entries, etc., one of the highlights of the parade will be the Yakima Indians in full regalia, both marching and on horses.

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# Kiddies' Parade Friday

Another of the attractions for the Benton county fair and rodeo, slated for this weekend, will be the Kiddies' parade to be held Friday morning in downtown Kennewick.

The Kiddies' parade this year promises to surpass any held in previous years. Keen interest in the parade has been displayed by many youth organizations and the entry list has been growing daily.

There will be seven classifications of the Friday's children's parade, with three prizes for each group. These groups are most original costume, best character costume, youth units or two or more in a group, the outstanding doll and buggy unit, decorated tricycle and bicycles, pets of any kind including ponies, and a special award to the best dressed cowgirl, cowboy, and pony.

Pre-school children are to assemble on First and Dayton streets behind the Methodist church. Additional details are available from Mrs. Harold McCamish, Kennewick 2907.

# Official Program For Rodeo

AUGUST 19-20  
1 p.m.

Grand Entry—Introduction of Queen's Court, Guests and Officials.

1. Bareback Riding — purse \$300; Entry Fee \$20.

2. Calf Roping — Purse \$300; Entry Fee \$25.

3. Saddle Horse Race — Purse \$15, \$10, \$5; Entry Fee—None.

4. Bronc Riding — 1st Section — Purse \$300; Entry Fee \$20.

5. Calf Roping — Second Section.

6. Bronc Riding — Second Section.

7. Bulldogging — Purse \$300; Entry Fee \$20.

8. Trick Riding Exhibition.

9. Bulldogging — Second Section.

10. Trick and Fancy Roping.

11. Wild Cow Milking — Purse \$200; Entry Fee \$20.

12. Whip Act.

13. Brahma Bull Riding — Purse \$300; Entry Fee \$20.

14. Posse Relay — Organized Riding Groups — Trophy Awards; No Entry Fee.

15. Calf Scramble — Open only to Jr. Posse members, 4-H boys, Future Farmers of America. No entry fee; Calves given as prizes. Each contestant must furnish his own hackamore.



PASCO POLICE CHIEF A. J. MCKIBBEN is a member of the Benton County Mounted Posse and a good possman the chief is too. The posse is sponsoring the Benton county rodeo in Kennewick this Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

# Desert Drifters Popular

Loyal boosters for the Benton County rodeo and fair during weeks prior to the big three-day celebration have been the Desert Drifters.

The aggregation will continue to boost the double attraction until the fair and rodeo opens and will be heard during the celebration.

The Drifters are the youngest western band in the Northwest. The oldest is only 17, the youngest member, 12 years of age. The group met through participation in amateur contests. As they participated in more contests, and gradually added more members to the organization, their reputation grew with them. They reached the finals in an

audition for Ted Mack's amateur hour, and won musical competitions in the City area and Washington.

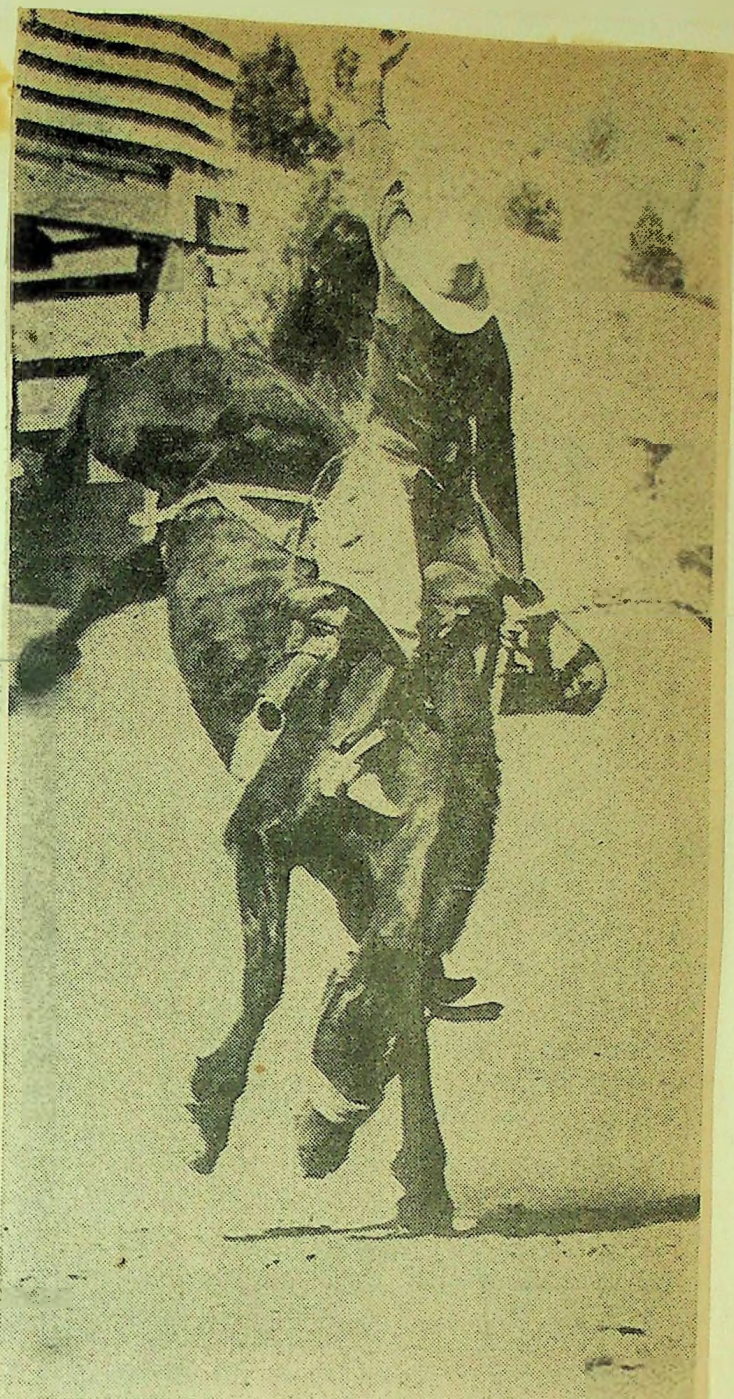
Armond Boatman, 12-year-old pianist, played as a guest on Jack Fina's orchestra in Kennewick appearance.

Members of this musical group are Boatman, Armond Beauchamp, 13; Kenneth Noland, Kennewick; Curley Bergeman, 14; Melvin Beauchamp, 16; and Walter Toppenish, 17.

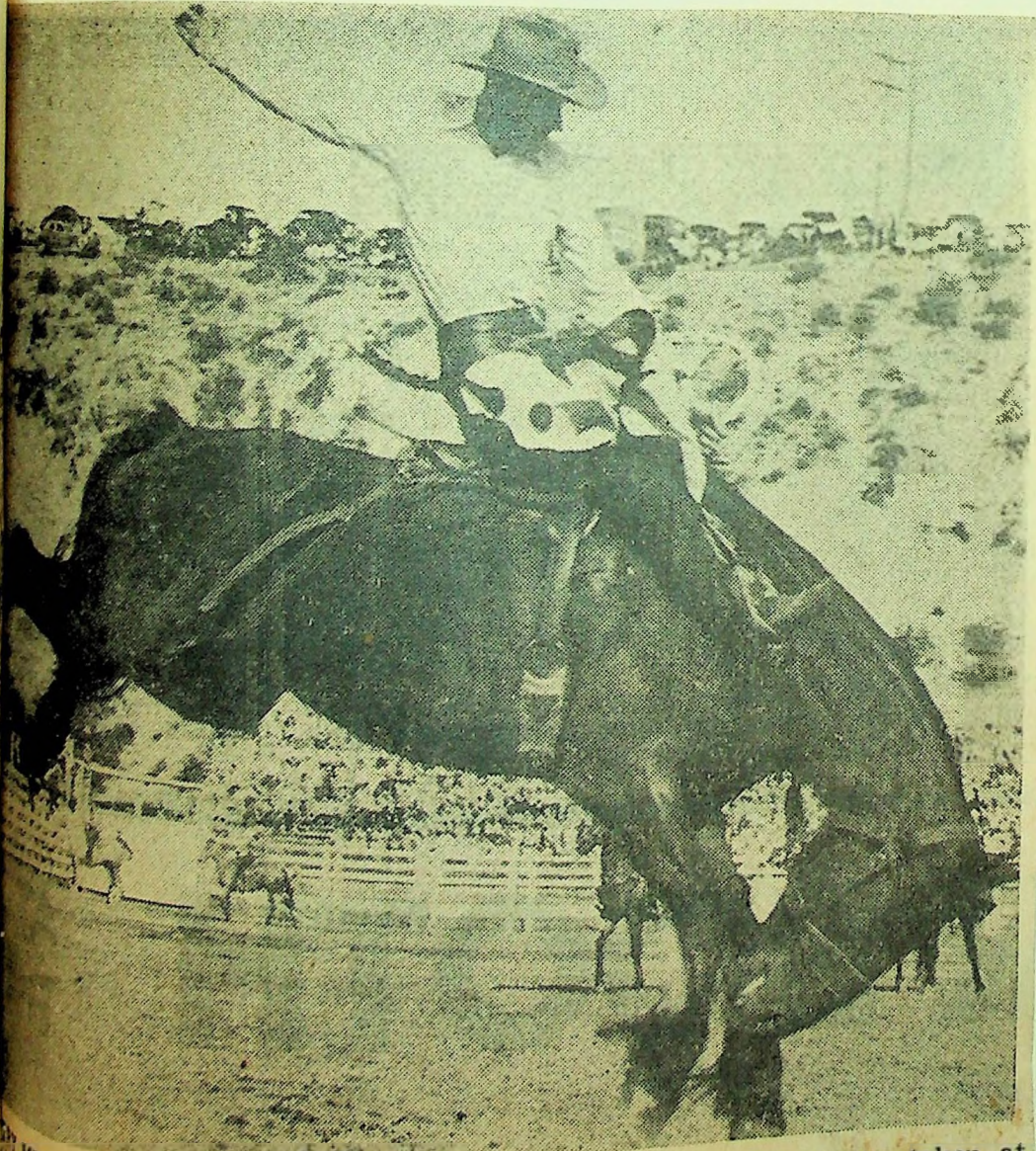




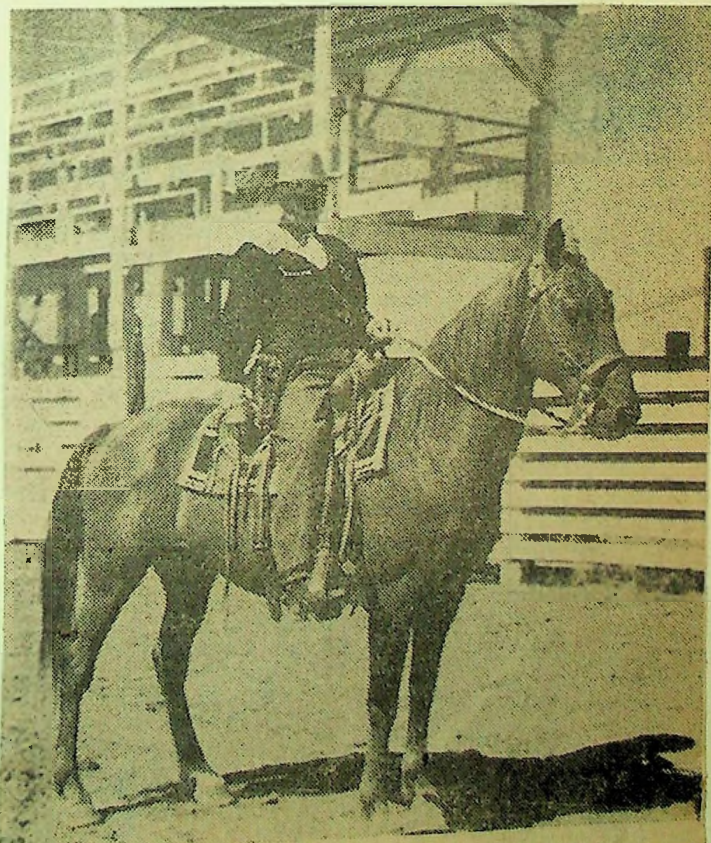
**TRICK RIDING** is just one of the many events to be seen at the Benton county rodeo this Saturday and Sunday afternoon. This fellow seems to know what he is doing. But, if you don't understand this trick riding business, our suggestion is that you just watch it from the grandstand.



**DON'T TRY THIS ON** an empty stomach, because you need all the energy and nerve you can muster. But to Gene Pruett, who is taming Colonel Dean, it appears to be just one of those things in the life of a cowboy.



**COLONEL DEAN** is the name of the horse Gene Pruett is riding. Picture was taken at the Kennewick rodeo grounds this Saturday and Sunday afternoon.



**THERE WILL BE WILD** horses and gentle horses at the Benton county rodeo Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Charlie Quillen, one of the rodeo officials, is seen on one of the gentler mounts.

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## Crowd Out For Kids' Parade

Kennewick's business section was filled with throngs of people this morning when the Kid-dies Parade officially opened the 1950 Benton County Fair and Rodeo season.

The long line of floats, horses, dogs, bicycles, all in charge of the children was by far the greatest parade of its type yet seen here. The colorful costumes see a happy pattern for the big three-day show, which gets under way today at the fair grounds.

Meanwhile, the press of people pouring into the grounds to take in the fair was reported by fair officials to far exceed any crowd yet listed. They added that the heavy flood of entries in all divisions was the best yet for any of the fairs here.

Judging of the agricultural, stock, home-making, art, and other exhibits started this morning and was to continue all day.

### INDIAN VILLAGE

One of the highlights of the fair this year was the tour through the Indian village. Many of the fair patrons after passing through the exhibit barns went to see the famous Yakima Indians.

Rodeo headquarters reported this morning that everything was ready for the big two days of rodeo which starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday and then again on Sunday. Stock for the rodeo has already arrived on the grounds and many of the cowboys who have entered are pouring into the city of Kennewick.

A new entry for the float parade tomorrow morning was announced today by E. C. Smith, in charge of arrangements.

Smith said that all undecorated entries, regardless of classification, will assemble on Beech street, facing north, and then fall in after the mounted groups in the parade.

### SOLDIERS TO MARCH

From North Richland came word that some 200 soldiers will participate in the gala parade.

In the line of march will be members of the 518th Battalion and 501st. Operations Detachment, units of the AA. Commanding the units will be Col. Pierre and his staff, comprised of Maj. Greening, Capt. Carson, Capt. Humbe and 1st Lt. Messer.

Arrangements for the army entry were completed by Capt. James E. Stanesbury, Jr.

Meantime, at rodeo headquarters, it was reported that three more cowboys had entered for Saturday and Sunday afternoon competition. They are Dick Burke, Jim Cree and Dick Williams, area has been appointed chute manager.

Advance sale of tickets for the rodeo were reported as being brisk and choice seats are rapidly disappearing. Rodeo officials urged that those who have not yet obtained tickets to do so at once to avoid disappointment.

## Posse Auxiliary Plans Luncheon

Mrs. Jack Switzer president and Mrs. Elmer Smith, secretary of the Benton County Posse Auxiliary are busy these days planning and preparing for events for the Benton County Fair and Rodeo days.

The hostess committee composed of Mrs. Cliff Mitchell, Mrs. Harold McCamish, Mrs. Eunice Parker Bell have made arrangements and plans for two luncheons. Between parade time and rodeo time on Saturday, the Auxiliary will be hostesses to the Pasco Water Follies Queen and Candidates, Richland Atomic Frontier Days Queen and Candidates, the Walla Walla Farmerettes, Yakima Indian Princesses, Miss Barbara Huntington trick rider. This luncheon will be held in the garden of Mrs. Alfred Buchanan, 23 W. 4th Ave.

On Sunday, honored guests will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Owens, 220 East 1st avenue and will go on from

there to the Tri-City Country club for luncheon. Among the guests will be the Pendleton Queen and court, and Miss Barbara Huntington.

# Big Parade Begins Rodeo Days

Kennewick is in a fiesta mood today as the Benton county fair goes into its second day, highlighted by a gigantic parade and the first performance of the 1950 Benton county rodeo.

Downtown streets will be lined with Franklin and Benton county folks, in town for the day to see everything from the gala street parade in the morning, the rodeo in the afternoon, and the carnival and fair exhibits in the evening.

E. C. Smith, parade chairman, said this morning's parade has been swelled by a host of new entries. Assembly at 10 a.m., and beginning of the parade march at 11 will start the long procession.

The parade will swing onto Kennewick ave. from Washington street. It will proceed up Kennewick ave. to Everett, then on Everett to First, down First to Auburn, and out to the city park.

Smith said awards for winning entries will be announced during the rodeo performance this afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Mac Barbour's stock is waiting and ready for the host of top flight cowhands expected to ride and rope this afternoon. The 45 buckers, 20 brahmas, 20 calves and 20 dogging steers will keep the cowhands busy today and tomorrow. Barbour's stock will go to the Pendleton roundup following the local show.

Judging will be at the fairgrounds, and contestants may pick up their checks tomorrow at the office, the Benton county agent's office announced yesterday.

Festivities began yesterday with the largest kiddies parade to be seen in Kennewick. A host

of brightly colored entries paraded through the business district, delighting a crowd which lined all the sidewalks.

### 500 in Parade

More than 500 youngsters participated. Awards of ribbons will be made this morning at rodeo headquarters, beginning at 9 o'clock. Cash awards will be distributed at the Fruitland school by Mrs. Harold McCamish.

### Kid's parade winners were:

Bicycles:—1. red devil (entrant disappeared before judges could get his name); 2. Marlene Neel; 3. Tri-city Baseball fan (also unidentified).

Little Trikes:—1. Kathleen Rogers; 2. Gayle Owens; 3. Penny Jones.

Doll Buggys:—1. Donna Visger; 2. Gloria Matheny; 3. Vickie Heatherington.

Pets:—1. Jerry Ronk; 2. Vickie Baze; 3. Karen Sallee.

Youth Units:—1. Charlene Statz; 2. Paula and Dee Drew; 3. Sherry Lundgren.

Most original costume:—1. Richard Bagley, who was attired as an octopus; 2. Peggy Jackson; 3. Kenneth Rogers.

Best character costume:—1. Jennie Sue Spaulding; 2. Johnnie Kinkaid; 3. Margaret Rivard.

Ponies:—1. "Stamper," ridden by Virgil Eilers; 2. "Chief," ridden by Sally Austin; 3. Mike Kahl's pony.

Best dressed cowgirl:—1. Bunny Kenner; 2. Mary Elen Ludwig; 3. Joan Austin.



# Rodeo Again Today At 1; Parade On Saturday Was Largest Yet Held

(Also Read Story Page 3)

Old Sol's oven-heat rays didn't phase Tri-City residents one bit Saturday.

In fact, it appeared that the rays spurred interest in the big colorful Benton county fair and rodeo float parade, as the largest crowd in the history of Kennewick turned out to jam-pack downtown streets to witness the spectacle.

After the parade, streets were jammed with automobiles and travel was at snail's pace for about half an hour as spectators either started for home to grab a snack before heading for the afternoon rodeo performance or steered their cars directly to the fairgrounds to be sure of getting good seats for the thrilling event.

Civilian police officers and army military police were on hand to handle the traffic and through their efforts banged fenders or more serious accidents were eliminated.

## IT WILL END TODAY

The big fair and rodeo will come to an end today.

The thrill-packed rodeo will get under way again this afternoon at 1 p.m., with the Yakima Indian Pageant 'Sacasawea' climaxing festivities at 8 p.m.

The fairgrounds on both Friday and Saturday were packed to capacity. Exhibits in the industrial, stock and farm buildings drew plenty of "ohs" and "ahs" of admiration from spectators.

Machinery and automotive exhibits likewise attracted throngs of interested spectators.

Fair exhibits will be open un-

til 10 p.m. today.

The midway attractions drew crowds afternoons and evenings and squeals of thrill-seekers on rides echoed above the din of barkers and squealers at side-shows and hoopla stands.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and cold drinks, with emphasis on the cold drinks, were dished out by the thousands by concessioners to hungry and thirsty Tri-Citians and visitors from near and far communities.

## LARGEST PARADE YET

Saturday's parade entries in number were the largest yet of any parade held in the area and the line of march required one full hour to pass the judges.

Spectators were enthusiastic over the entries.

Some 200 soldiers from North Richland, members of the 518th Battalion and the 501st Operations Detachment, units of the AAA, under the command of Col. Pierre and his staff proved popular with the crowd of spectators.

The soldiers, defenders of the Hanford project, brought applause, cheers and whistling as they passed by.

Moist eyes were seen in the crowd of spectators as the marching soldiers quickened the heart beat of many a veteran and parent.

Grand prize winner in the float parade was the Grandview High school band and drill team.

Other prize winners in the parade were:

**Commercial division** — 1st: Benton County PUD 2d: Pirouette Dance Studio; 3rd, Belair's Bakery.

**Organization division** — 1st: Prosser States Day, 2d: Kennewick Pre-school 3rd, Rainbow Girls.

**Best horsemanship** — 1st, Benton County Mounted Posse 2d, Benton City Wranglers.

**Best comic** — Driver training car.

# Record Crowd At Rodeo

A crowd of more than 5,000 spectators was on hand to see the Tri-Cities first day of riding and roping at the Kennewick rodeo Saturday.

Observers said it was the largest crowd to ever watch a rodeo event in the Tri-City area. And it wasn't displeased by what it saw.

Hard riding cowboys and trick riders gave spectators plenty of thrills during the hot afternoon. All the spectators were in the shade. The Rodeo association has placed a roof over its seats.

Time in the calf roping contest was especially fast with Eddie Akridge, Beaver, Okla., cowpoke who rode a horse before he could walk, doing his roping chores in the record time of 15.7 seconds.

However, one of the highlights of the afternoon was the fast trick riding of Billy Keene, who is also the rodeo clown, Francis Stiller of Lowden and Barbara Huntingtor of Eugene, Ore. They drew loud rounds of applause for their efforts.

All first round events were finished except in the cow milking contest, which Larry Frazier of Walla Walla is leading.

First round results are:

**Calf Roping** — 1. Eddie Akridge, Beaver Okla., 15.7; 2. Orran Fore, Walla Walla, 22.2; 3. Bob Nordtame, Helena, Mont., 22.8; 4. D. Bergiven, Walla Walla, 23.4.

**DOGGING** — 1. Gene Pruitt, Tieton; 2. Al Gerret, Cataldo, Ida., 9.6; 3. Tony Bendectis, Lewiston, 10.; 4. Francis Stiller, Lowden, 16.

**Saddle Bronc** — 1. Lee Pennell, Walla Walla, 295; 2. Gene Pruitt, Tieton, 292; 3 and 4, Eddie Akridge, Beaver, Okla., and John Tubbs, Spokane, both 285.

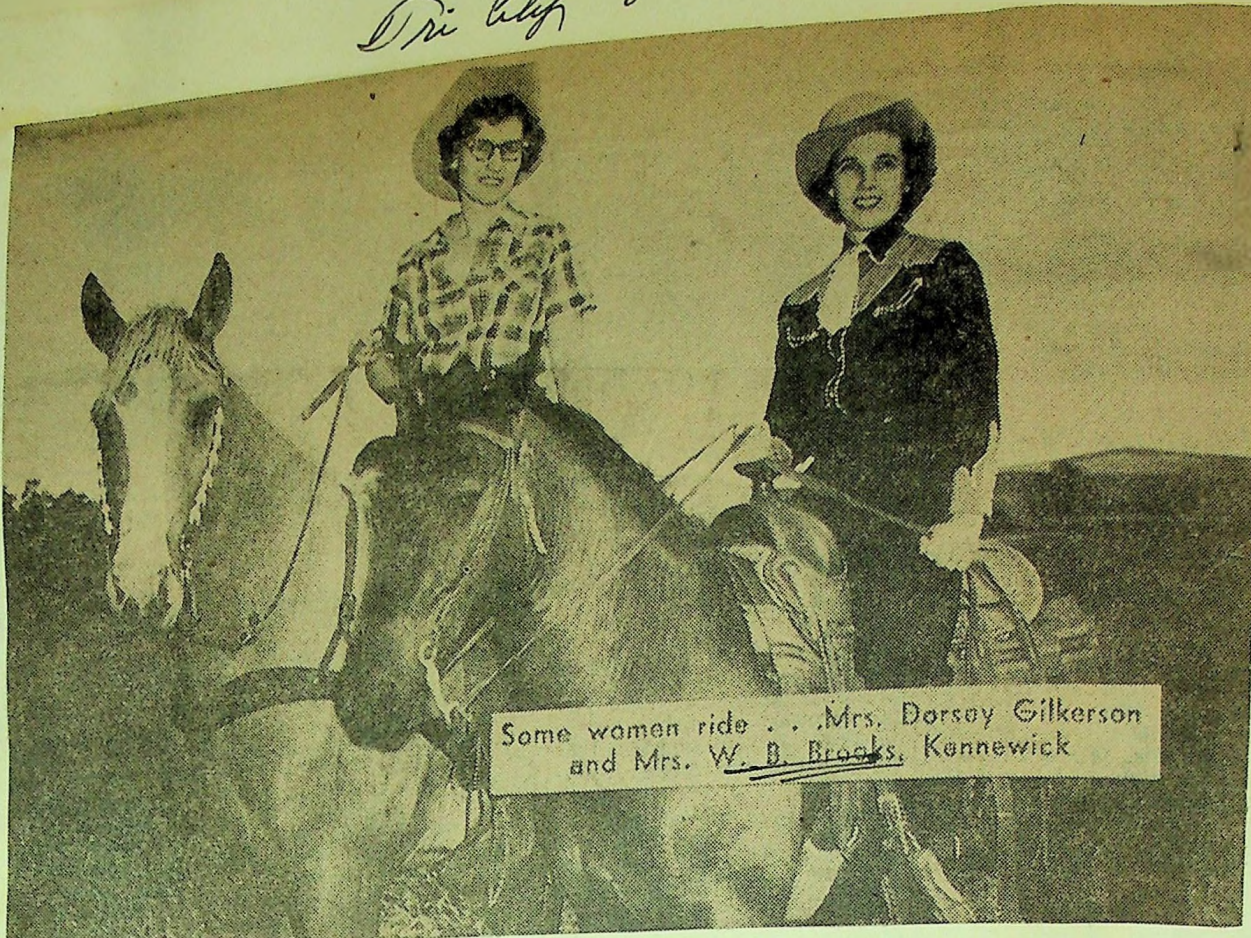
**Bull Riding** — 1. Dick Burk Pendleton, 296; Dave Elford, Wishram, Wash., 288; 3. Ed Saluski, Pendleton, 282; 4. Al Shonenberg, Butte, Mont., 282.

**Bareback Riding** — 1. Eddie Akridge, Beaver, Okla., 305; 2. Larry Wyatt, Ellensburg, 299; 3. Pete Crump, Helena, Mont., 289; 4. Deb Copenhauer, Creston Wash., 289.





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Some women ride . . . Mrs. Dorsey Gilkerson and Mrs. W. B. Brooks, Kennewick

## Benton County Rodeo and Fair Will Feature Pair of Parades

KENNEWICK — Benton County fair and rodeo dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Parades will be held both Friday and Saturday mornings.

The children's parade will be held Friday morning. It is to assemble at 10 o'clock at the high school. Parade starting time will be 10:30. The pre-school unit is to assemble at First avenue and Dayton street. There will be placards along the street indicating the different sections. Mrs. Lena McCam-

ish, chairman of the children's parade, may be contacted for additional details.

This parade will start from the high school and proceed down Dayton street to Kennewick avenue, down Kennewick avenue to Washington street and south on Washington street to First avenue and west on First avenue back to Dayton street and on back to the high school to disband. There will be seven classifications with three prizes in each. These will be: most

original costume; best character costume; outstanding doll and buggy unit; youth units of two or more in a group; decorated tricycles; decorated bicycles; pets of any kind, including ponies; and a special award for the best dressed cowgirl and cowboy. Age of participation in the children's parade is through 15 years.

The adults parade will be held Saturday morning. Assembly time is 10 o'clock and the parade is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. The adult parade will assemble on the

avenues east of Washington street from First avenue through Fifth and a chairman has been appointed to captain each group. E. C. Smith is general chairman. Smith states that a fine response has come from the neighboring towns in parade numbers.

Included in the parade will be units from the army at Richland, Richland floats, queens and their courts from adjoining cities, riding groups from neighboring cities as well as Kennewick, a large group of Indians, and youth fraternal and

commercial floats. Smith states that it looks like a whale of a parade. Assembly streets and section chairmen for the various units will be released within the next few days, Smith said. Invitation is open to all outside cities to take part and to enter floats advertising their own festivals and fairs. Special arrangements have been made to enter all visiting groups from neighboring cities.

## Farmerettes In Parades

Farmerettes of the Southeastern Washington fair travelled to two other area county fairs Saturday.

Carole Brown and Erma Kessler rode in the parade at the Benton county fair, Kennewick, while with the Southeastern Washington fair's sign truck at the Umatilla county fair at Hermiston were Laura Rothrock and Peggy Johnson.

Color guard for the farmerettes at the Benton county show were Milton Loney, colors, and Emil Yenny, Merle Brown, Clem Bergevin and Francis Munns carrying Southeastern Washington fair banners. The group at Kennewick participated in the grand entry parade at the Saturday afternoon rodeo and were guests at the show.

## Fair to Have Calf Scramble

KENNEWICK — Local donors have contributed calves for the rodeo event known as the "calf scramble" to be held at the 1950 Benton county rodeo August 19 and 20. Roscoe Richmond, Elmer Smith, Pat Owens, the Seattle First National bank at Pasco and the Kennewick National Bank of Commerce each have contributed calves for this event.

Junior posse, Future Farmers and 4-H club boys will compete. The calves will be let loose in the rodeo arena and the lucky boys who catch a calf will be given it. The only requirement for entry are that the boys must be bona fide members of their club and must furnish their own hackamores. The wish of the donors is that these calves will be used by the lucky winners in fair competition in the future.

A cast of 80 Yakima Indians will stage their brilliant pageant "Sacajawea" the evenings of August 18 to 20. This outdoor production will be presented by players robed in authentic, intricately beaded costumes, some of which are now priceless as they are generations old. One of the highlights of the pageant is the "shoot the moccasin" game, in which the Indians ride bareback, attired in loin cloths and shooting bows and arrows. "Sacajawea" was written by C. R. Whitlock, former superintendent of the Yakima Indian agency, especially for the Yakima tribe. It is a story of the Lewis and Clark expedition, pertinent to this area, and dramatizing the struggles between the Columbia River Indians and the plains Indians, and between the Indians and the white men. Threaded through the entire pageant is the romantic love story of Sacajawea, the Indian princess and her Indian lover, White Grass. The pageant is said to be spectacular under floodlights.

Rodeo headquarters is bustling with activity these days as advanced ticket sales get underway. The office is located at 118 Kennewick avenue and is open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. with Mrs. Lela Owens in charge.



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**MEMBERS OF THE QUEEN'S COURT OF THE PENDLETON ROUND UP** enjoyed luncheon recently with members of the Kennewick Queen's Court at the Tri-City Country club with Princess Nova Martell, Pasco, standing left; Queen Barbara Owens, Kennewick; Princess Marilyn Easley, Prosser and Princess Lorraine Powell, Richland. Seen seated are Princess Nancy Collins, Portland; Princess Francine Hisler, Heppner; Queen Kathryn Lazinka, Ukiah; Princess Betty Belle Lieuallen, Adams and Princess Shirley Werner, Freewater. (K. Dobbins photo).





**TWO QUEENS CHAT...** Queen Kathryn Lazinka, of the Pendleton Round Up is seen chatting with Queen Barbara Owens of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, on the balcony of the Tri-City Country Club. Queen Barbara and her Court who are guests of Kathryn and her Princesses in Pendleton this week-end are expected to return home Sunday. (K. Dobbins photo).



# Queens, Princesses From Tri-City Area To Be Fair Guests

Queens and Princesses from the three Tri-City area community events have been invited to participate in events during the Southeastern Washington Fair in Walla Walla, and to be among the honored guests during "Hiya Wawa" on Friday night.

Invitations were sent to representatives from the courts of the Richland Atomic Frontier Days, the Pasco Water Follies, and the Benton County Fair at Kennewick. The girls will ride in the grand entry Friday night with queens and princesses from other shows in Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon.

During "Hiya Wawa", annual "family night at the fair," the representatives will be introduced to the public and participate in the elaborate ceremonies featuring Governor Arthur B. Langlie crowning Fairest Farmerette Mary Anne Shaffer as "Queen of the Fair." A special section of the stage is being prepared for the representatives, and will be marked according to the show which they represent.

## GUEST OF CHAMBER

Just prior to the opening night's events, the girls will be guests of the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce and the Southeastern Washington Fair Association at a dinner at which Governor and Mrs. Langlie will be present.

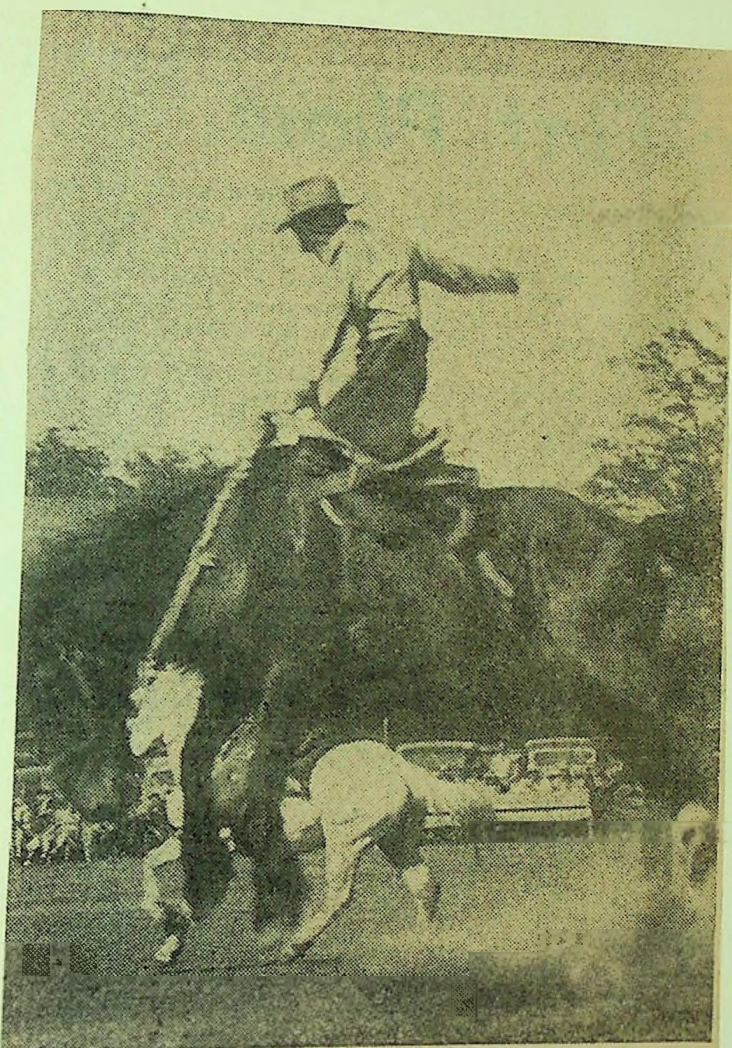
Many of the girls will remain the "Parade of Progress" at 10:30 a.m., Saturday morning, appearing either with riding groups from their home communities or in special convertible automobiles. They will be guests of the fair association for the afternoon races and Saturday night rodeo events. The fair will feature races during the afternoon and participate in noons and World's Championship Rodeo events at night on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Planning to attend from Richland are Queen June Marie Higgins and princesses Betty J. Priest, Rosella Steffans, Beverly J. Rickey, and Jean Marie Scott. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stanfield will be chaperones for the Richland group.

## TRI-CITY ROYALTY

Representing the Benton County Fair will be Queen Barbara Owens, and princesses Marylyn Easley, Lorraine Powell, and Nova Martell. Mrs. Thelma Switzer will accompany the girls.

Invited to participate as representatives of the Pasco Water Follies are Queen Eleanor Raynor, and the following princesses: Virginia Sherman, Carolyn Sturgis, Lee McGinnis, Betty Lane, Janice Martin, Jeannine Gruner, Donna Hurley and June Edgar, with Mrs. Shirley Demory as chaperone.



**BRONC RIDER BROWN** on "Pud In The Mud" didn't land in the mud when this photo was taken. Thrills like this and others await those who attend the Benton County Rodeo and Fair this weekend.



## Benton County Sheriff's Mounted Possee

Now that our Horse Show is over, plans are underway for our Benton County Fair and Rodeo to be held this fall, August 18, 19 and 20.

Even though the weather was very changeable the day of our Horse Show it favored us by not raining until the show was over. As the time grew close for the starting of the show, the day dawned with everything ready to go, including 2,000 covered seats, three concession stands, a new coat of white paint on the arena fence, and a new stock exhibit barn.

Over 1,500 attended the show and they were entertained by seven excellent and hard riding clubs. The Appleland Cowgirls drill team of Yakima, displayed their talent with an exhibition drill. Let me mention they did a wonderful job, and our organization is indeed very grateful to them and wish to extend our thanks and appreciation. Other clubs participating were: Toppenish Outlaws, Pioneer Possee of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, Grandview Riding Club, Benton City Wranglers, and our own two clubs, the Junior Posse and their Seniors. Thanks a million to all the guest clubs and individual exhibitors who entered their fine horses in the various events which helped make our show a success.

We were very happy to have the pleasure and honor in having Royalty from neighboring towns as our guests.

Riding with our Queen Barbara Owens of Kennewick and her princesses, Marilyn Easley of Prosser, Lorraine Powell of Richland and Nova Martell of Pasco, in the grand entrance were Miss Barbara Davis, queen elect of the Moxee Hop Festival August 12, Queen Connie Court-right and her princesses, Miss Maxine Stovall and Miss Susan Willard of the Toppenish Pow-Wow, July 2, 3 and 4; and Miss Pat O'Dell, a princess of the Ellensburg Rodeo in September.

The Junior Posse, under the supervision of Marvin Ross and Ralph Michie, won the Relay Race, thereby adding a trophy to their newly completed club house. This giving the Junior a lift, the Seniors will have to really work to catch up with them as far as riding ability is concerned. Present to be announced at the show was Glenn Allen, who was injured in the race at Walla Walla.

The "Spurettes" (The Junior Auxiliary) under the supervisors, Lucille Kissick and Frances Wagner did a bang-up job of selling novelties, ice cream, pop, etc., to enrich their treasury.

Just to mention a few of our members who were in there pitching to help make our show a success, we saw Alice Quillen and Pauline Richter of the Ladies Auxiliary at 6:00 a.m. stewing up breakfast of eggs, bacon and good hotcakes to the grounds committee, Harold McCamish, Dale Quillen, and George Kissick, who were there at the break of dawn with their workers, which meant to them the usual mad and last minute scramble getting the grounds in shape.

Looking over in the parking area were Bud Richter and Roy Butler, instructing their helpers of how the parking was to be done.

Listening to the sound car we heard Earl and Edith Magelson getting in a few last minute words of advertising.

Speaking of a person that was hard to find, was Harvey Simpson, who was in

On a lovely Christmas tree were corsages of cones, silver bells and ribbon, each bearing a number, for every one present. An exchange of gifts was made by finding the corresponding number on a gayly wrapped gift underneath the tree.

Fruit punch was served during the evening from a large crystal bowl on a lace covered table whose center decoration was in colorful Yule motif.

Late in the evening a dessert supper was enjoyed.

## Benton Rodeo Offices Opened

Benton County Rodeo offices have been established in the S. & J. automobile building at the corner of Benton and Kennewick avenues. The office will remain there until after the rodeo is completed on Aug. 21.

Earl Maggelson, spokesman for the Rodeo said that tickets and full information will be available at the office.

Maggelson added that stencils for the sides of automobiles may be obtained at the Graves Auto Service, 15 N. Benton street. There is no charge for having the stencils put on the car and the dye will not harm the finish and can be washed off, the spokesman concluded.

charge of the show, was here and yonder, but he sure did a fine job.

Glancing into the arena, assisting the Judge, Art Hannum of Tacoma, and Ringmaster Grant York of Milton, Ore., were Penny Gage, Jeannie and Jim Mokler. The announcer was Walter Holt, of Portland, Oregon, and his secretary was Orin Lande.

By the way, if you need any painting done, Beverly Mitchell is pretty handy with a paint brush.

—MARIE SMITH, Secretary.

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## Bud Richter Posse Captain

Approximately 70 persons attended the meeting of the Benton County Mounted Posse held on Tuesday evening in the Chinese Gardens, preceded by a banquet and followed by a party.

W. G. Switzer, Jim Mokler and Elmer Smith were in charge of the affair which was open to members and their ladies.

During the business meeting A. M. "Bud" Richter was elected captain for the forthcoming year, and Harvey Simpson was named first lieutenant; W. H. Seidle secretary-treasurer, Earl Ludwig was named as chairman of the membership committee and O. T. "Bud" Quillen as chairman of the transportation committee. Also serving on the executive board will be George Austin.

During the party a floor show especially arranged for and directed at Posse members and their guests was particularly enjoyed.

## Posse And Auxiliary Banquet

A banquet for members of Benton County Mounted Posse and auxiliary and guests, numbering seventy, was held at 6:30 Tuesday evening at the Chinese Gardens in Kennewick.

At the business meeting which followed, an election named Bud Richter to the office of Captain, Harry Simpson to that of 1st Lt. and W. H. Seidle as secretary-treasurer.

Earl Ludwig was named membership chairman, O. T. Quillen, transportation chairman and George Austin, executive board member.

An informal announcement of their engagement was acknowledged by Orin Lande and Miss Beryla Bafus.

Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

## Name Committee

The home of Mrs. Clifford Mitchell in Kennewick was the meeting place Wednesday evening for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Benton County Mounted Posse.

Business for the evening with Mrs. W. G. Switzer captain, presiding, included the appointment of Eunice Parker Bell, Mrs. Ted Wagner and Mrs. George Kissick to a nominating committee.

Late refreshments were served by Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Bud Richter.



*Aux. held a "coffee" for  
Capt. Switzer at Bess  
Mitchells in August*

## Auxiliary Enjoys Christmas Party

Christmas activities were enjoyed by the Women's auxiliary of the Benton County Mounted Posse on Thursday evening when Mrs. W. B. Brooks was hostess in her home on W. Kennewick Ave.

Her assistants in entertaining were Mrs. O. P. Miller, Mrs. Dana Zimmerman, Mrs. Gilson Martell and Mrs. Alfred Buchanan.

Canasta was the diversion with four tables in play. High prize went to Mrs. Wayne Thorne the traveling prizes were won by Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Charles Dimond, and door prize very appropriately a Christmas wreath, by Mrs. Elmer Smith.

On a lovely Christmas tree were corsages of cones, silver bells and ribbon, each bearing a number, for every one present. An exchange of gifts was made by finding the corresponding number on a gayly wrapped gift underneath the tree.

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### Mrs. McCamish Auxiliary Head

Mrs. Harold McCamish, Kennewick, was elected captain of the Benton County Mounted Posse auxiliary of the meeting held Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Eunice Parker Bell.

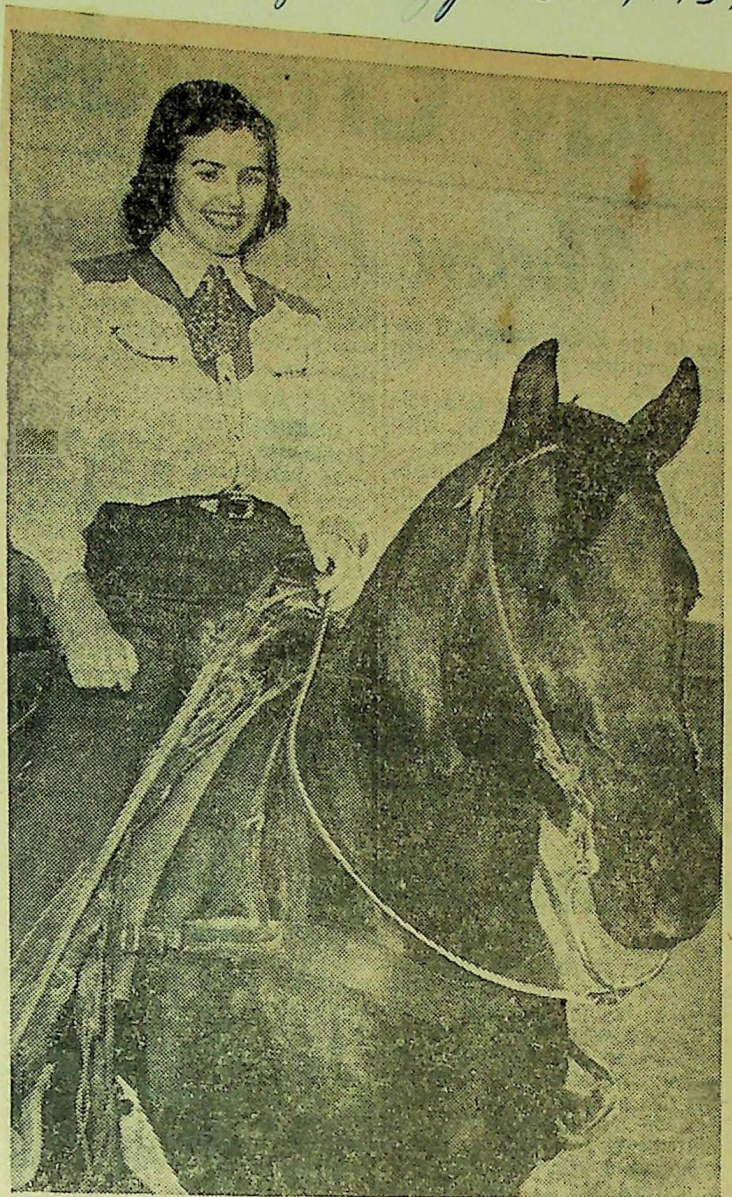
Other members elected to the official staff were Mrs. Neil Miller, who was elected to serve the auxiliary as its first lieutenant; Mrs. Gilson, Martel, second lieutenant and Mrs. Alfred Buchanan second lieutenant and Mrs. P. O. Miller, lieutenant in charge of transportation.

Mrs. Cy Miller was named as a member of the executive board.

Mrs. Jack Switzer, outgoing president, presided at the meeting and Mrs. Orin Lande was a guest.

The newly elected captain will make her committee appointments at the next meeting of the executive board.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Buchanan.



**QUEEN OF THE RODEO**, attractive Miss Carolyn Hall, skillful equestrienne of Richland, will reign over Benton County Rodeo activities during the summer. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hall, Carolyn is a student at Whitman College. (staff photo by Ralph Smith)

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Members of Benton County Mounted Posse Auxiliary will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Eunice Parker Bell at 810 West 5th Ave., Kennewick at 8 o'clock. Election of officers will be held.

*Carolyn Hall Seachris 8/22/58*



**RODEO QUEEN AND HER PRINCESSES** — Carolyn Hall, center, of Richland, was named yesterday as the 1951 queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo which will be held Aug. 24, 25, 26 at the Kennewick rodeo grounds. Serving Queen Carolyn this year are Princesses Margaret Kerr of Benton City, *right*, and Princess Wanda Arnold of Kennewick, *left*. *right*



## YAKIMA INDIANS TO GIVE PAGEANT

"Sacajawea" to Be Presented  
in Kennewick 3 Days

By CURTIS E. JACKSON

KENNEWICK, Wash., Aug. 14.—About 40 Yakima Indians plan to put on one of the biggest and best tribal performances when they stage the "Sacajawea" pageant at Kennewick August 18, 19 and 20. Horses and genuine tepees will be used in the outdoor play depicting the journey made by Lewis and Clark.

Managers of the pageant, Alex. Wesley and David Miller Sr., said that the play will highlight each evening of the Kennewick annual celebration. Centering on the life of the Shoshone Indian woman, Sacajawea, who led the Lewis and Clark expedition to the west coast, the pageant will bring out some of the long-gone history of the Pacific Northwest.

### Mrs. Bolin Director

The Yakima pageant of "Sacajawea" is under the direction of Mrs. Charley Bolin of Toppenish who has directed the Indians in several other plays. Don Umtuch, Yakima agency tribal interpreter, who is well up on the history and lore of Indians will be narrator of the pageant.

Featured in the title role will be Jeannette Wesley, cover girl for the current folder published by the Yakima Chamber of Commerce. The part of Sacajawea as a young girl will be taken by Phyllis Miller, and the third phase of the Shoshone Indian woman's life will be portrayed by Anita Sampson, one of the 1950 Indian pow-wow princesses.

Chuck Spedis, member of the Yakima tribes, will play Charbonneau, the notable Frenchman in the exploring party.

### Other Chief Roles

Other important roles to be taken by the tribal group members include Rudy Saluskin as narrator for the principals; Tommy Yallup as the plains Indian chief; Mrs. Alex. Wesley as the wife of the plains chief; Alex. Saluskin as Columbia chief, and Mrs. Jennie Wesley as the wife of the Columbia chief.

The cast also includes Bill Yallup as White Grass and David Miller Sr., as Red Cap. Both are Indian warriors in the pageant.

The play is worked up to include the music and dancing of the Indians that were met during the cross-country journey. Tribal members who will don their beautifully beaded costumes, war bonnets and other regalia for dances will be Jimmy Wesley, Little Chief Spedis, Leonard McJoe, Vivian Spedis, Arlene Wesley, Anita Sampson, Helen Miller, Phyllis Miller, Yvonne Musto, Mary Ann Seelatsee and Jeannette Wesley.

## Posse Relay Team . . .

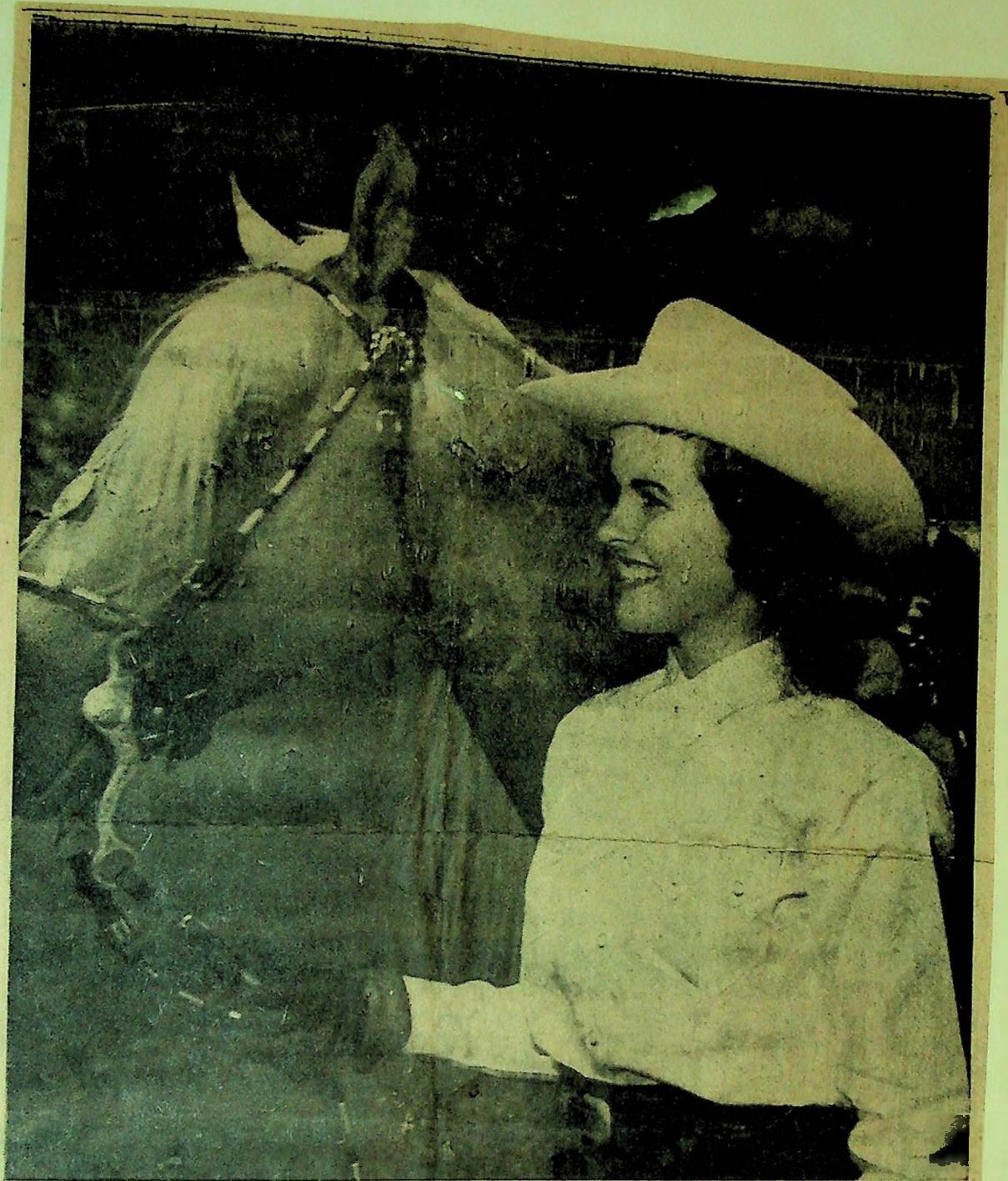


ROUNDUP ENTRY—This is the relay team of the Benton County Mounted Posse which competed in the invitational three-man relay race at the Pendleton Roundup. The team won a first in the first elimination runoff and a second in both the second elimination

and in the championship race, which was a neck-and-neck finish. Bottom row (left to right) Eddie Wilderson, Don Mock and Ward Larson. Standing, Glenn Miller, Wayne Smith and Neil Miller.

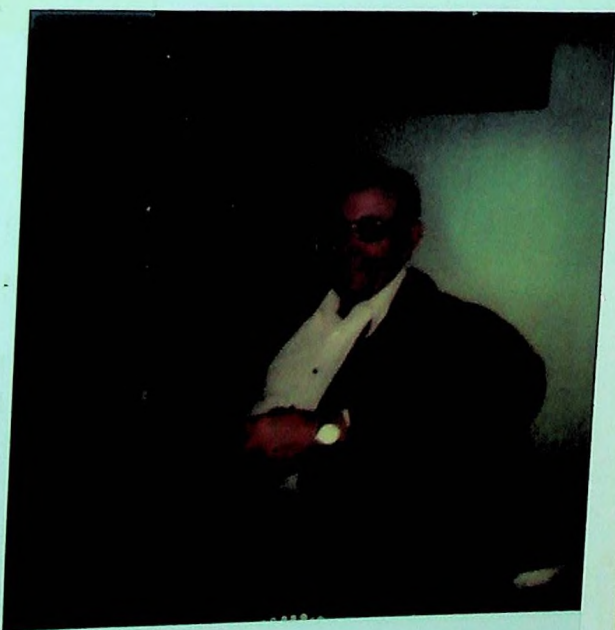






AWAITS HORSE SHOW—Pretty Carolyn Hall, Richland, is shown here admiring her horse as she anxiously awaits the opening of the annual Kennewick Horse Show. Carolyn will reign as Queen over that event in addition to her duties during the Benton County Rodeo and Fair. The horse show, featuring top horses from throughout the Inland Empire and Coast, will be held at Kennewick June 10. The show is being sponsored by the Benton County Mounted Posse and will be held at the Fairgrounds. (News Staff Photo-Engraving)

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## Queen, Princesses Are Selected for Kennewick Shows

KENNEWICK — Miss Carolyn Hall of Richland will reign over the Horse show June 10 and the Benton County Fair and Rodeo August 24, 25 and 26 at Kennewick. Her attendants are Miss Margaret Kerr of Benton City and Miss Wonda Arnold of Kennewick.

The queen is a student at Whitman college in Walla Walla.

*Halla Halla  
Union Bulletin  
April 4*

## Jamboree At Rodeo For Queen

THE BENTON County Mounted Posse and auxiliary entertained with a "Queen's Jamboree" at the Kennewick rodeo grounds Sunday. The affair opened with a potluck dinner at noon. Mrs. Lena McCamish, captain of the auxiliary, introduced queen Carolyn Hall and her attendants, princess Margaret Kerr and princess Wonda Arnold.

The afternoon events began with a horse race, won by Neil Miller, riding Ben Hur, time 26 seconds. The bareback relay was won by the Junior Posse, time 2 minutes 15 seconds. Gerald Ivy won the boot race, time 34 seconds. The pole bending was won by the Benton County Posse. The potato race was won by Troy Hamlin; musical chairs by Ward Larson; hat race, Larry Kissick; and saddling race by Troy Hamlin. Benny Ferrera gave an exhibition ride on a bareback bucking horse. The ladies musical chair race was won by princess Margaret Kerr; an exhibition relay race was put on by the Junior Posse; and an exhibition horse race by Neil Miller, riding Ben Hur.

JUDGES FOR the events were Henry Smith, Joe Ely and Ted Wagner. Winners awards were presented by Bud Richter, captain of the Benton County

## Jamboree At Fairgrounds Set Sunday

Plans for the "Queen's Jamboree" were announced yesterday by Marvin Ross of the Benton county mounted posse.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 8, at the fair and rodeo grounds, in Kennewick.

The opening feature will be a potluck dinner at noon on the grounds, open to members of the posse. The new queen of the Benton county rodeo and her princesses will be honored guests.

A program of contests, games and exhibitions in riding will start at 2 p. m. The public is "cordially invited to the program," said Ross.

It will be the first chance for most residents of the tri-cities to see the new queen, Miss Carolyn Hall of Richland, and her princesses, Miss Margaret Kerr of Benton City and Miss Wonda Arnold of Kennewick. They were selected at a contest Sunday, April 1, at the rodeo grounds sponsored by the auxiliary of the posse. The fair and rodeo dates this year are August 24, 25 and 26.

*Columbia Basin News  
April 5, '51*

## Kennewick Scene Of Sunday Rodeo

KENNEWICK—The Benton County Mounted posse and auxiliary entertained with a "queen's jamboree" at the Kennewick rodeo grounds Sunday. The affair began with a potluck dinner at noon. Mrs. Lena McCamish, captain of the auxiliary, introduced Queen Carolyn Hall and her princesses, the Misses Margaret Kerr and Wonda Arnold.

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## Queen's Jamboree Sunday At Kennewick Rodeo Arena

KENNEWICK — The Benton County Mounted Posse is holding a "queen's jamboree" at the Kennewick rodeo grounds Sunday. Beginning at 2 p.m. there will be horsemanship events by posse members, which will include such favorites as pole bending and musical chairs. Visitors will be welcome to watch the afternoon events.

*April 6, '51*

## Posse Auxiliary May Meeting

Hostess for the May meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Benton County Mounted Posse was Mrs. Elmer Smith Wednesday evening at her home on W. Kennewick Ave. Her assisting hostess was Mrs. Ted Wagner.

A welcome was given Mrs. Orin Lande whose name has been added to the membership roster. The evening's business included a report from Mrs. George Kissick and Mrs. Wayne the rodeo queen and her court.

Further plans were made to assist at the Horse Show to be Thorne serving on the committee for procuring uniforms for held June 10 at the Kennewick rodeo grounds. Mrs. S. S. Selby was appointed to chairman the scrap book committee. A coffee hour was enjoyed following the meeting.



*Plan To See--*

**Trial of Jack McCall**

for the **BOATING** of

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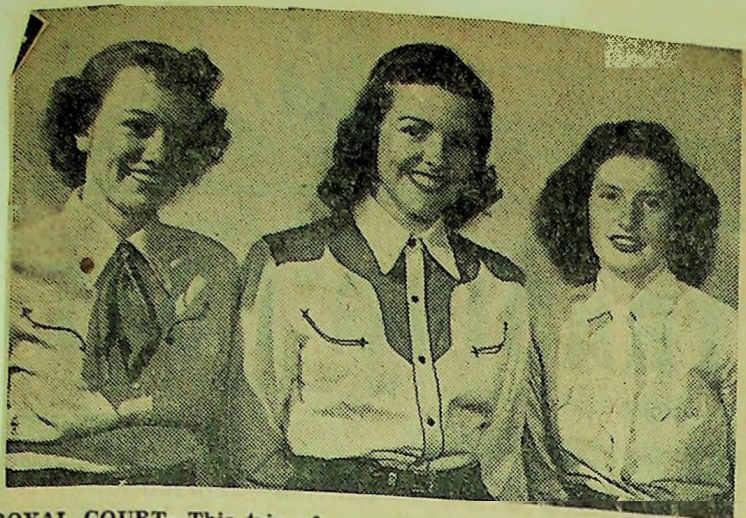
Old Town Hall

Deadwood, South Dakota

Every Night Except Sunday  
at 8:00 p.m.

"WILD BILL"





**ROYAL COURT**—This trio of youthful lovelies from Benton county will reign over the June 10 horse show and the Benton county fair and rodeo, August 24 to 26, both to be held at Kennewick. From the left they are: Wanda Arnold, Kennewick, princess; Queen Carolyn Hall, Richland, and Margaret Kerr, Benton City. Queen Carolyn currently is attending Whitman college. (U-B photo, Davison engraving).

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1951



**QUEEN OF THE RODEO**, attractive Miss Carolyn Hall, skillful equestrienne of Richland, will reign over Benton County Rodeo activities during the summer. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hall, Carolyn is a student at Whitman College. (staff photo by Ralph Smith)

## Horse Show On June 10

The Kennewick Horse Show committee said today that there will be two prizes at their June 10 show at the Rodeo grounds.

Top award will be a pony complete with bridle and saddle and the second award will be a portable sewing machine.

The committee also said that all service men, in uniform, will be admitted free to the show which starts at 2 p.m.

Local business houses made the awards possible.

*Iri-City Herald  
May 27, '51*



**RODEO QUEEN AND HER PRINCESSES** — Carolyn Hall, center, of Richland, was named yesterday as the 1951 queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo which will be held Aug. 24, 25, 26 at the Kennewick rodeo grounds. Serving Queen Carolyn this year are Princesses Margaret Kerr of Benton City, right, and Princess Wanda Arnold of Kennewick, left. *right*

*Iri City Herald, April 2, '51*





**MEMBERS OF THE** Benton County Posse and Auxiliary are seen as they enjoyed a potluck dinner at the Kennewick rodeo grounds Sunday afternoon at the "Queen's Jamboree." A program, including riding contest, was enjoyed by a large turnout. (Read story on page 7.) — Ralph Smith staff photo.

## IS SWEETHEART



This year's "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" at Whitman college in Walla Walla is Miss Carolyn Hall of Richland, Wash. She is a sophomore at the college and was chosen sweetheart at the recent sweetheart dance. Her sorority is Alpha Phi. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Hall of Richland.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1951

## Queen, Court To Sunnyside

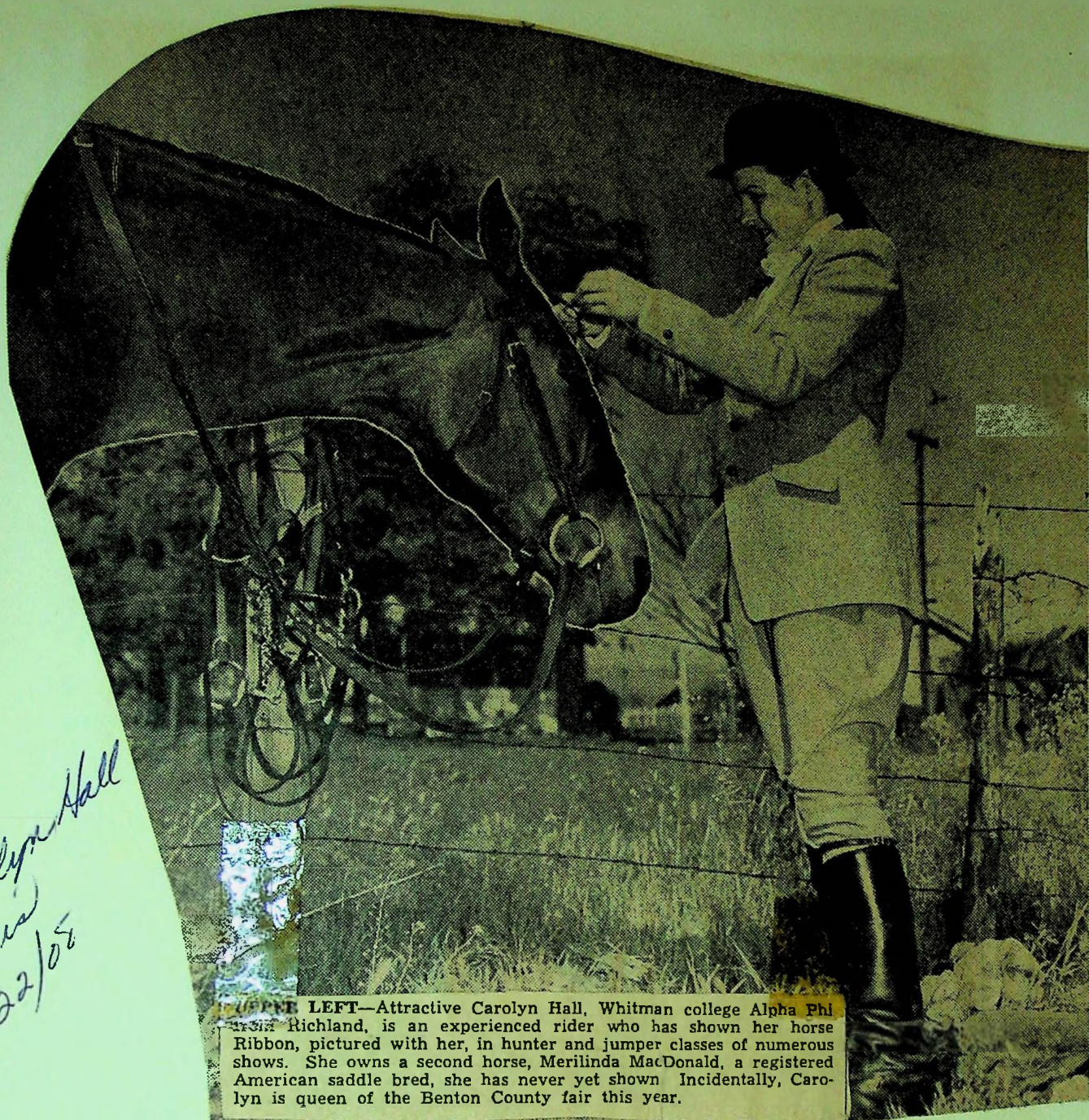
Queen Carolyn Hall and her attendants, princesses Margaret Kerr and Wanda Arnold, made their first official appearance Saturday at the Walla Walla race meet, where they rode in both the parade and the grand

entry. They were escorted by a group of members of the Benton County Mounted Posse. They appeared again Sunday at the Richland Horse show, riding in the grand entry.

Members of the Posse took part in the horse show events, with Ward Larson taking second in the stock horse class with Chippewa Dan. Ormand Gage won fourth in the jumping class. The posse team won second in the trailer race and also in the pole bending contest.

This coming Saturday the queen and her court and members of the Posse are attending the Sunnyside rodeo where they will take part in the parade at 4 p.m. The rodeo will be on both Saturday and Sunday.





*Carolyn Hall  
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**TOP LEFT**—Attractive Carolyn Hall, Whitman college Alpha Phi from Richland, is an experienced rider who has shown her horse Ribbon, pictured with her, in hunter and jumper classes of numerous shows. She owns a second horse, Merilinda MacDonald, a registered American saddle bred, she has never yet shown. Incidentally, Carolyn is queen of the Benton County fair this year.

*Halla Halla Union Bulletin, May 20, '51*



**ARTISTRY IN HORSEMANSHIP**—Here you see all the beauty of horse and rider blending into one as they hurdle the barrier. This, and many other similar outstanding horse events, will be part of the Kennewick Horse Show to be held at the rodeo grounds June 10.

*May 31, '51*

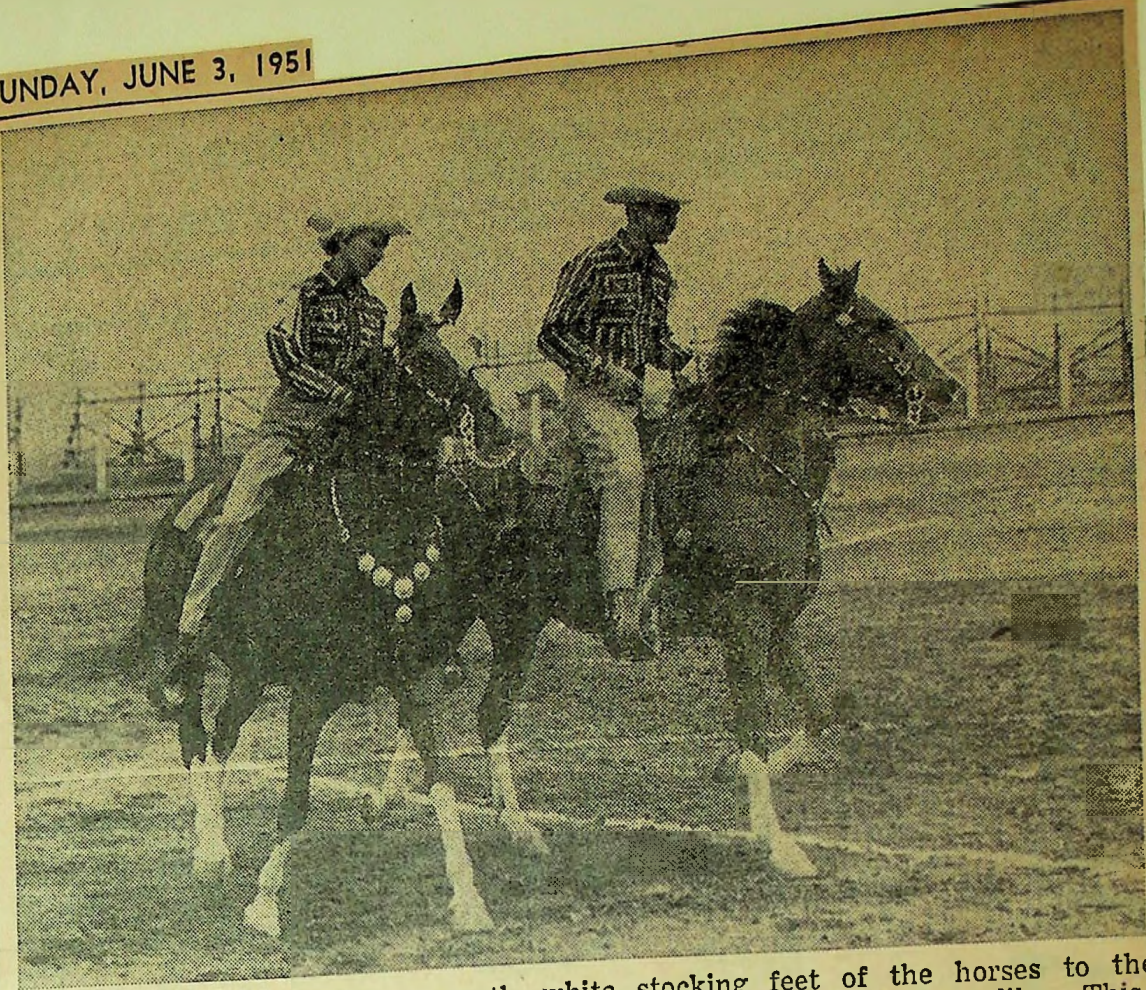


**Golden Citation**, 5-year-old palomino stallion, a winner in his class, with trainer, Ormand Gage. Owner is Lazy S ranch, Kennewick.

*Pullman, Wash., May 28, '51*



SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1951



**LOOK AND LOOK ALIKE** — From the white stocking feet of the horses to the white western hats of their riders these horses and their riders are look alike. This will be a typical scene in the Kennewick Horse Show at the rodeo grounds next Sunday.



**READY FOR FIVE-GAITED CLASS**—One of the great delights at any horse show is watching the five-gaited horses as they go through their performance. This is another of the many entries that will be seen at the Kennewick horse show at the rodeo grounds today, starting at 2 p.m. Another big event today is the Air Show this afternoon at the Pasco airport, sponsored by the Pasco Junior Chamber of Commerce. For complete details of both events, turn to page 16.

## Horse Show To Be June 10 At Kennewick

**KENNEWICK** — The second annual horse show, sponsored by the Benton County Mounted Posse, Inc., will take place at the Kennewick rodeo grounds Sunday June 10 opening at 2 p.m. James O. Emmons of Klamath Falls, will judge and Walter Holt of Portland will be announcer. All events will be judged subject to Washington state horsemanship rules, which will be posted and available the day of the show.

Events will be as follows: Tennessee walking class; matched pairs, western only; stock horse, western only; fine harness; junior horsemanship; palomino, under saddle; relay race, teams of 4 horses; hackney class; five-gaited; western pleasure horse; pole bending; roadster to bike; jumping horse; five-gaited (open); trailer race.

*Halla Halla  
June 4*





**1950 CHAMPION** —Pearl Judkins is driving "Harvest Kernel" a 1950 champion in the Fine Harness class. This is another of the many entries which will be seen in the Kennewick Horse Show at the rodeo grounds this coming Sunday.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1951

## Top-Flight Horses To Be Displayed At Kennewick Horse Show On Sunday

Many top-flight horses are among the early entries in Kennewick's annual horse show Sunday at 2 p.m. This show is officially approved by the Washington State Horsemen, Inc.

Among the many owners who

have already entered are A. W. Davis of Cove, Ore., who is bringing four of his gaited horses; Grant York of Freewater, Ore., showing Boots in the five-gaited events; Pat Peterson of Granger with his Palomina "Ke-

no Disturber"; J. C. Schiffner's "Pride Jr.", Prosser, is entered in the stock horse class.

Prochnow Stables of Baker, Oregon is bringing "Supreme's Lady," "Charming Amber"; "Sordells" and "Montana's Conowingo."

Beaverton, Ore. will be represented by Lyle Scraggs "White Angel" and "Gay, Miss"; Mrs. Wm. Bradley's "Kentucky Tuffles" and Dr. Paul Duncan's "Genius Stonewall".

Mildred Kreysler's "Les Amber" and Pearl Judkins' "Black-out Jo" will be here from Athol, Ida.

Renton will be represented by Austin Van Wyck's "Highland Highball" and "Stonewall's Golden Gift". James Oke of Yakima will show "Peteoke."

Cam-Roy Farm's "China Prince", Tennessee walker, and "Dr. Argil" are entries from Tigard, Ore.

Among Kennewick's early entries are the Lazy S Ranch's "Golden Citation", "Vic's Top", and "Roulette"; D. L. Mitchell's "Harris Golden Prince," Richland entrants include W. E. Johnson's "Naco," A. R. Johnson's "Str Galahad"; Carolyn Hall's "Ribbon"—all jumping horses.

Violet Johnson's Tennessee Walker "Sunlight".

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Swanson of Prosser were among the first to enter with "Zadan", their Western pleasure horse.

Many entries have been received for junior classes. Among the group competitors entered is the Benton City Wranglers.

Appleatchee riders drill team of Wenatchee will be the featured exhibition of the afternoon. This is a trained group of precision riders.

Local merchants have donated a pony with saddle and bridle and an electric portable sewing machine - prizes to be given to lucky ticket holders.

Post entries will be accepted until 11 a.m. at the Horse Show office at the rodeo grounds.



## List Heavy For Horse Show Here

The Benton County Mounted Posse announced to-day that entries for their annual horse show, to be held at the Fairgrounds, June 10, have been pouring in daily.

The Horse Show committee is proud to announce the entry of a champion five gaited mare from Kentucky. "Colonial Rhythm", in three appearances at the International Championship Horse Show in Seattle in 1949, took three blue ribbons. This mare is on the Blue Books National Roll of Honor and is one of the many fine horses that will compete in the show.

Kennewick vs Wenatchee will be represented in the Tennessee Walking Horse Class when Dr. C. K. Miller's "Merry's Wild Wind" will match strides with D. L. Mitchell's "Harris' Golden Prince". Both horses have reputedly sold for \$10,000 during

their careers and should provide an exciting event.

Some of the Western Classes such as the relay races, pole bending contests, and trailer races will provide amusing and exciting moments for the spectators.

No expense has been spared to provide the finest horse show ever presented in this Tri-City area. Show starts promptly at 2 p. m.

The following is a list of the events in their proper order: 1. Tennessee Walking Class; 2. Matched Pair (Western Only); 3. Stock Horse (to be shown with rope); 4. Fine Harness; 5. Junior Horsemanship; 6. Palomino (under saddle); 7. Relay races; 8. Hackney Pony Class; 9. Exhibition by Appleatchee Riders; 10. Five Gaited Owner and Amateur; 11. Western Pleasure Horse; 12. Pole Bending; 13. Rodaster to Bike; 14. Jumping

Horse; 15. Five Gaited (open); 1. Trailer Race.

All events will be judged according to Washington State Horsemen Rules.

*May 31, '51*

*June 5 '51*

## Events Announced For Kennewick Horse Show

The second annual horse show will take place at the Kennewick Rodeo grounds Sunday at 2 p.m. Judges will be James O. Emmons of Klamath Falls; Walter Holt of Portland will be announcer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1951



**ROYALTY TO COMPETE**—Queen Carolyn Hall of the Benton county Fair and Rodeo (center) will compete in the Kennewick Horse show Sunday. She will participate in the jumping class on her own horse, Ribbon." Princess Margaret Arnold (right) will compete in the pole bending contest with the Benton City Wranglers. The show begins at 2 p.m. at the Kennewick rodeo grounds. Miss Hall is from Richland and Miss Arnold from Kennewick. Shown with them is Princess Margaret Kerr of Benton City.

Events will be as follows: 1. Tennessee walking class, \$30 purse split \$15, \$10, 5, with ribbons for 4 places and a trophy.

2. Matched pairs, western only, same prizes as first event. 3. Stock horse, western only, same awards and entry fees in each event \$2. 4. Fine harness, purse \$45 split 3 ways, entry fee \$3.

5. Junior horsemanship, no entry fee, trophy and ribbons for 4 places; to be divided into 2 classes — over five and under 14, and over 14 and under 18; English or western. 6. Palomino, under saddle, purse \$30 split 3 ways with ribbons and trophy and \$2 entry fee. 7. Relay race, teams of 4 horses, \$30 purse split 3 ways, ribbons and trophy, entry \$1.50 per horse. 8. Hackney class, \$30 purse, with same awards and \$2 entry fee. 9. Exhibition.

10. Five gaited, owner and amateur, \$30 purse with same awards. 11. Western pleasure horse, (open) purse and entry the same. 12. Pole bending, teams of 4, purse \$30 split 3 ways, entry fee \$1.50 per horse. 13. Roadster to bike, drivers must wear racing colors, purse \$30, same split and \$2 entry fee. 14. Jumping horse (open) same purse, awards and entry.

15. Five gaited (open) purse \$45, entry fee \$3, split 3 ways with ribbons and trophy. 16. Trailer race, no entry fee, ribbons to 4 places and trophy.

All events will be judged subject to Washington State Horsemanship rules which will be posted and available the day of the show. The horse show is sponsored by the Benton County Mounted Posse.



# ANNUAL HORSE SHOW

## TODAY — 2 P.M.

### KENNEWICK FAIR GROUNDS

FREE RIDES FOR THE KIDDIES 1:00 to 2:00

1st Gate Prize:  
2 YEAR OLD SPOTTED PONY,  
SADDLE AND RIDING EQUIPMENT

2nd Gate Prize:  
PORTABLE SEWING MACHINE

Admission.....Adults \$1.25 incl. tax Children.....50c tax incl

Service Men In Uniform Admitted Free

Sponsored By Benton County Mounted Posse

*June 11, '51*

## Huge Crowd Present At Kennewick Horse Show

Approximately 2,000 people attended the Annual Kennewick Horse Show held Sunday afternoon at the rodeo grounds. The 17-event show was well represented by entries from Kennewick and Richland.

The show opened with a parade of the grounds. Harvey Simpson of Richland and Ward Larson acted as flag bearers. Bud Richter, captain of the Benton County Mounted Posse led the group followed by Queen Carolyn and her court.

Following were guest queens. They were the Toppinish Queen and her court, and the Queen of the Indian Village and the Indian Chief. Lena McCamish was captain of the auxiliary of the Benton County Mounted Posse.

Complete results were:  
**TENNESSEE WALKING** — "White Angel", Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Scrogg, Beaverton, Ore., "China Prince", Roy Farms, Tigard, Wash. "Beauty Boy", A. W. Davis, Cove, Ore. "Sunlight Camel", Violet Barrett, Richland.

**MATCHED PAIRS** — "Gayland Lad-Gayland Lassie", Ginger and Harriet Cowling, Spokane. "Golden Doll-Seven Dot", Margaret Schultz and Marie Erickson, Yakima. "High Quality—Mr. G", Harold and Mary Healy, Prosser. "Badget and Smoky", Gerald Ivy and Larry Beauchamp, Benton County Junior Posse.

**STOCK HORSE** — "Linar", Joe Kilgore, Prosser. "Starlight", Jim Drips, Yakima. "Pride Jr.", J. C. Schiffner, Prosser. "Red Dog Sal", Eli Patnode, Moxee.

**FINE HARNESS** — "Supreme Lady", Ferd Prochnow, Baker, Ore. "Kentucky Trifles", Mrs. W. M. Bradley, Beaverton, Ore. "Loyal Sensation", Lloyd, Wiehls, Yakima. "Rascal", Harry Simpson, Richland.

**JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP 6-14** — "Sugar", Danny McKenzie, Richland. "Lady", Tom Banchie, Richland. "Tigger", May Abel, Richland. "Comet", Sarah Lee Staggs, Milton-Freewater.

**JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP 14-18** — "April Dawn", Ed Thurston, (More on page 3, column 5.)

## Huge Crowd Present At Kennewick Horse Show

(Continued from page one)

Richland. "Seven Dot", Marie Erickson, Yakima. "Chalk", Jim Donnell, Richland. "Golden Dollar", Margaret Schultz, Yakima.

**PALOMINO** — "Les Amber", Mildred Kreyssler, Athol, Idaho. "Golden Flame", S. N. Chapman, Spokane. "Golden Citation", Lazy S Ranch, Kennewick. "Charming Amber", Ferd Prochnow, Baker.

**RELAY RACE** — Appleatchee Riders, Wenatchee. Granger Riding Club, Granger. Benton County Mounted Posse, Kennewick. Spring Creek Buckaroos, Toppenish.

**HACKNEY CLASS**, "Kings Courier", A. W. Davis, Cove, Ore. "Flaming Forest", A. W. Davis, Cove, Ore.

**EXHIBITION TRICK RIDING** — Appleatchee riders drill team.

**FIVE GAITED** — (Owner and Amateur) — "Rascal", Harvey Simpson, Richland. "Boots", Grant York, Freewater. "Oscar Pepper", Rhea Shipley, Spokane. "Stonewall's Golden Gift", Austin Van Wycks, Sr., Renton.

**BEST ALL-AROUND PLEASURE HORSE** — "Sally", Betty Hammermeister, Yakima. "Vic's Top", Lazy S Ranch, Kennewick. "Silver", Harry Forsyth, Prosser. "Gayland Lassie", Harriet Cowling, Spokane.

**POLE BENDING** — Appleatchee Riders, Granger Riding Club. Grandview Riding Club, Sunny-side Stampede.

**ROADSTER TO BIKE** — "Dr. Agile", Cam Roy Farms, Tigard. "Little Dan", J. P. Harless, Outlook. "Pete Oke", Mrs. James Oke, Yakima. "Edgecove Comet", A. W. Davis, Cove.

**JUMPERS—ENGLISH** — "Narciso", W. E. Johnson, Richland. "Sir Galahad", A. R. Johnson, Richland. "Ribbon", Carolyn

Hall, Richland. "Roulette" Lazy S. Ranch, Kennewick.

**FIVE GAITED OPEN** — "Tempo Miss", Dr. George Bracher, Spokane. "Lucky Al's Sensation", Altha Wiel, Yakima. "Oscar Pepper", Rea Shipley, Spokane. "Genius Stonewall", Dr. Paul Duncan, Beaverton, Ore.

**TRAILER RACE** — Appleatchee Riders, Granger Riding Club. Benton City Wranglers, Sunny-side Stampede.



## Kennewick's Horse Show Big Success; Fair Weather Helps

**KENNEWICK**—Fair weather helped to make a success of the second annual Horse Show, held at the rodeo grounds at Kennewick Sunday.

Judging of the events was as follows:

Tennessee walking—1—White Angel, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Scroggs of Beaverton; 2—China Prince, owned by Cam-Roy Farms, Tigard; 3—Beauty Boy, A. W. Davis, Cove; 4—Sunlight Camel, Violet Barrett, Richland.

### Spokane Fair Wins

Matched pairs—1—Gayland Lad and Gayland Lassie, owned by Ginger and Harriet Cowling, Spokane; Golden Doll and Seven Dot, Margaret Schultz and Marie Erickson, Yakima; 3—High Quality and Mr. "G", Harold and Mary Healy, Prosser; 4—Badget and Smoky, Gerald Ivy and Larry Beauchamp of the Benton County Junior Posse.

Stock horse—1—Linar, owned by Joe Kilgore, Prosser; 2—Starlight, Jim Drips, Yakima; 3—Pride Jr., J. C. Schiffner, Prosser; 4—Red Dog Sal, Eli Patnode, Moxee.

Fine harness—1—Supreme Lady, owned by Fred Prochnow, Baker; 2—Kentucky Trifles, Mrs. W. M. Bradley, Beaverton; 3—Loyal Sensation, Lloyd Wiehls, Yakima; 4—Rascal, Harvey Simpson, Richland.

Junior horsemanship—(6 to 14 class) 1—Sugar, owned by Danny McKenzie, Richland; 2—Lady, Tom Banchie, Richland; 3—Trigger, Mary Abel, Richland; 4—Comet, Sarah Lee Staggs, Milton-Freewater.

### Richland Junior First

Junior horsemanship—(14 to 18 class)—1—April Dawn, Ed Thurston, Richland; 2—Seven Dot, Marie Erickson, Yakima; 3—Chalk, Jim Donnell, Richland; 4—Golden Dollar, Margaret Schultz, Yakima.

Palomino—1—Les Amber, owned by Mildred Kreysler, Athol, Ida.; 2—Golden Flame, S. N. Chapman, Spokane; 3—Golden Citation, (shown by the queen) owned by the Lazy S Ranch, Kennewick; 4—Charming Amber, Ferd Prochnow, Baker.

Relay race—1—Applegate Riders, Wenatchee; 2—Granger Riding club, Granger; 3—Benton County Mounted Posse, Kennewick; 4—Spring Creek Buckaroos, Toppenish.

Hackney class—1—King's Courier, A. W. Davis, Cove; 2—Flaming Forest, A. W. Davis, Cove.

Exhibition trick riding was put on and a drill by the Applegate Riders' drill team.

Five gaited, owner and amateur—1—Rascal, Harvey Simpson, Richland; 2—Boots, Grant York, Free-water; 3—Oscar Pepper, Rhea Shipley, Spokane; 4—Stonewall's Golder Gift, Austin Van Wycks Sr., Renton.

Best all around pleasure horse—1—Sally, owned by Betty Hammermeister, Yakima; 2—Vics Top, Lazy S Ranch, Kennewick; 3—Silver, Harry Forsyth, Prosser; 4—Gayland Lassie, Harriet Cowling, Spokane.

Pole bending — 1—Applegate Riders; 2—Granger Riding club; 3—Grandview Riding club; 4—Sunnyside Stampede.

Roadster to bike—1—Dr. Agile, owned by Cam-Roy Farms, Tigard; 2—Little Dan, J. P. Harless, Outlook; 3—Pete Oke, Mrs. James Oke, Yakima; 4—Edgecove Comet, A. W. Davis, Cove.

### Queen's Horse Wins

Jumpers, English—1—Naco, owned by W. E. Johnson, Richland; 2—Sir Galahad, A. R. Johnson, Richland; 3—Ribbon, Queen Carolyn Hall, Richland; 4—Roulette, Lazy S Ranch, Kennewick.

Five gaited open—1—Tempo Miss, owned by Dr. George Bracher, Spokane; 2—Lloy-Al's Sensation, Altha Wiel, Yakima; 3—Oscar Pepper, Rhea Shipley, Spokane; 4—Genius Stonewall, Dr. Paul Duncan, Beaverton.

Trailer race—1—Applegate Riders; 2—Grange Riding club; 3—Benton City Wranglers; 4—Sunnyside Stampede.

Honorable mention on the Horse show roster also goes to Harvey Simpson and Mrs. Jack Switzer, chairmen for the Benton County Mounted Posse and auxiliary, respectively and Mrs. Lena McCamish, captain of the auxiliary.

## Auxiliary Meets Tuesday Evening

Mrs. Ormand Gage was hostess to the Woman's auxiliary of Benton County Mounted Posse Tuesday evening at her home, the Lazy S ranch, south of Kennewick. Her assisting hostess was Mrs. S. S. Selby.

In the absence of the captain, Mrs. O. P. Miller presided for the business session.

Accepted and welcomed as new members were Miss Lois Camish and Mrs. H. C. Knuth. Reports heard from committees serving at the recent horse show attested its success.

The next meeting will be held in the newly decorated ladies lounge at the Fairgrounds July 10.

*June 14, '51*





# Full-Fledged Cowgirl . . .



QUEEN ARLENE—Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo Queen Arlene Smith, sitting astride her mount, and dressed in traditional rodeo regalia, smiles a welcome to visitors

at the three-day event. Queen Arlene was crowned at the annual Coronation Ball, on Wednesday night, at the Pasco Armory.

## Turf Paradise • PHOENIX





# Kennewick - Toppenish Horse Ride Will Be No Jaunt For A 'Softie'

A 70-MILE horse ride from Kennewick to Toppenish is in store for 35 members of the Benton county mounted posse and auxiliary Sunday and the penalty for any "softie" who can't complete the jaunt is a dunk in the Yakima river.

These harsh terms have mem-

bers taking daily practice at the rodeo grounds east of Kennewick for the big event.

Spokesmen for the posse said the Kennewick delegation — complete with a chuck wagon — will leave Sunday morning and should arrive in Prosser by 5 p.m., following a lunch at Kiona.

AT PROSSER the posse will be guests of the Prosser Chamber of Commerce and Prosser Stampede organization for a feed in the city park.

Monday morning the posse continues on to Toppenish. They will lunch at Satus and expect to arrive in Toppenish at 5 p.m. — two hours before they make the grand entry at the Toppenish Pow Wow celebration.

There they will present letters of invitation to the mayor of Toppenish inviting him and his city to attend the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 24, 25, and 26.

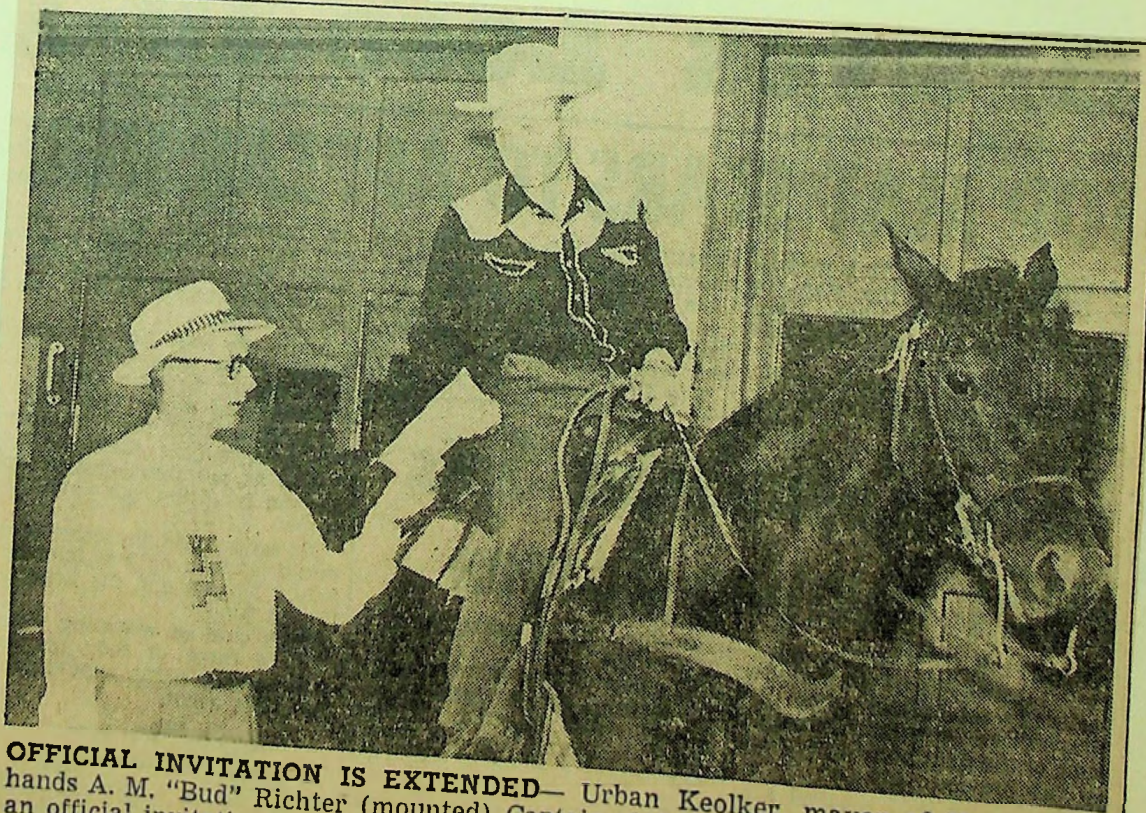
COMMITTEES IN charge on the trip are: Chuck Wagon, Eunice Parker Bell, Lois Camaish and Elta Leppla; Trail Boss, Dana Zimmerman; publicity, Dr. S. S. Selby and D. L. Mitchell; trucks and feed, Jack Switzer and Elmer Smith; Scouts, Courtney Baze, Ward Larson and Dale Quillen.

Those who have signed to

make the trip are Posse Captain, Bud Ritcher, William Seidle, Earl Ludwig, Earl and Edith Magulson, the Beauchamp brothers, John Gravenslund, Ward Larson, Dana Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Clyde DeHaven, Marvin Ross, Bill Seidle, Jr., Dr. S. S. Selby, Jack and Thelma Switzer, Larry Kissick, Wayne Smith, Wallace Bateman, George and Lucille Kissick, Charles Dimond, Pat Owens, Gerald Ivy, D. L. Mitchell, Jack Wilson, Roy Davis, Stanley Martin and Mr. Pitts.

*June 27<sup>th</sup> '51*

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1951



**OFFICIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED**— Urban Keolker, mayor of Kennewick, hands A. M. "Bud" Richter (mounted) Captain of the Benton County Mounted Posse an official invitation to the mayors of Prosser and Toppenish to attend the Benton County Rodeo and Fair in Kennewick on Aug. 24, 25 and 26. The Posse will leave Kennewick Sunday morning for an all day ride to Prosser and on Monday they will ride to Toppenish where they will appear in the grand entry of the Toppenish Pow-Wow.





**THE POSSE REACHES PROSSER** — The Benton County Sheriff's Posse, pretty tired and trail worn, is shown in the top photo as it arrived in Prosser last night after a jaunt from Kennewick. Today the posse rode to Toppenish to take part in the big Pow Wow celebration at that city. The posse slept, cowboy-style, last night at Prosser. In the bottom picture is Charlie Quillen, retired Kennewick farmer. Charlie is 79 years old and stood the trip like the veteran he is. "This is kid-stuff," he grins. — (Photo by Brick Royer, Prosser.)



July 29, 1951



Miss Carolyn Hall, Richland, Queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo with her princesses, left Miss Margaret Kerr, Benton City, and Miss Wanda Arnold, Kennewick.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1951

## Posse Auxiliary Members Plan Two Social Affairs

Mrs. Neil Miller, vice-captain, was in charge of the Monday evening meeting of members of the Benton County Mounted Posse Auxiliary, the planning meeting held at the Fairgrounds.

Plans were formulated for the Dress Up Dance which is sched-

uled for August 10 and which will officially open the period preceding the annual Benton County Fair and Rodeo when all Posse and Auxiliary members will don their western attire.

The date of the Queen's Ball, when the coronation ceremony will highlight the evening, was announced for August 17th.

Mrs. Miller heads the planning committee for both the social affairs and other committee members who will work with her in planning are Mrs. Eunice Parker Bell and Mrs. Jack Switzer.

Mrs. Bell, the official chaperone of the Queen and her Princesses, will be in special charge of plans for the Queen's coronation.

Mrs. A. M. Richter announced at the meeting that a number of members had not yet called for washable shirts and urged that the material be all given out soon.

## Lovelies To Leave Tonight

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and Rodeo and Darlene is a queen-candidate for "Miss Atomic Energy," who will be selected Aug. 10.

Highlight of their Seattle stay will be the Gold Cup trophy races on Lake Washington this Saturday. The girls will also appear before civic and fraternal groups and at all of the events connected with the 10-day Seafair celebration which will draw thousands of persons to Seattle.

Barbara, Darlene and Carolyn will be escorted to the plane tonight by R. F. Philip, president of the Tri-City Herald. There they will meet "Miss Walla Walla" who is also going to Seattle.

Seafair officials told The Herald that three other queens who will arrive in Seattle tonight are Miss Longview, Miss Bellingham, and the Wenatchee Apple Blossom queen.

The rest of the state's beauties will arrive in time for the celebration which starts tomorrow afternoon.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1951



QUEEN CAROLYN — (K. Dobbins photo)

## Benton County Interest Centers On Lovely Queen Carolyn

Interest of social minded Benton county residents as well as interest of County Fair and Rodeo enthusiasts will be centered this month on lovely Queen Carolyn, Queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Hall, 1417 Van Giesen, Richland, 20-year-old Carolyn, on her ten-year old horse, Ribbon, will rule over the days of the Fair.

Riding with Queen Carolyn and presiding with her at all court functions will be Princess Margaret Kerr, of Benton City and Princess Wanda Arnold, of Kennewick.

Queen Carolyn and Ribbon, are well known at horse shows and rodeos in Washington, Oregon and California where she has shown her mount often in the past five years.

Born August 12, 1931 in Portland, Queen Carolyn lived in Portland until September of 1948, when with her parents, she came to Richland to live. She graduated from Columbia high school in June 1949.

Since then she has attended Whitman College where she was vice-president of Alpha Phi and also was honored by being selected Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

This summer Queen Carolyn besides the privileged duties of being Queen of the Rodeo has a full time job as lifeguard at the Richland swimming pool. Guarding the safety of Richland youth at the pool, even to saving the lives of two small swimmers last month, is all tossed off in a day's work.

And Queen Carolyn quietly goes her way, disappearing occasionally for an hour or two with Ribbon in the hills.

Carolyn Hall Leech 8/22/58



## Siren Wails For Sirens Of Tri-Cities

THE TRI-CITIES' three queens, Barbara Wickham, Darlene Schultz and Carolyn Hall are in Seattle today as members of Miss Seattle's court — thanks to a Walla Walla prowler car officer and an airlines which held its flight 15 minutes.

With flight time just minutes away, the patrolman led the Tri-City delegation on a fast siren-filled trip through Walla Walla's business district to the gates of the airport. He got three of the sweetest smiles in Southeastern Washington for his services.

Unfortunately, the young officer was too bashful to proceed to the plane so that the queens could thank him personally.

BUT HIS EFFORTS weren't in vain. The United Air Lines flight was held so that baggage could be checked and the three queens posed happily for the photographer. All attempts to get the blushing pilot out of his cubby hole and pose with them failed, however.

The big DC-3 plane finally winged its way off the Walla Walla airport and towards Seattle at 7:18 p.m. — 18 minutes late.

The queens are participating in Seattle's gala Seafair celebration which opened today through the cooperation of Seafair officials and The Tri-City Herald.

AS MEMBERS of "Miss Seattle's" court they will attend all (More on page 3, column 1)

## Lovelies To Leave Tonight

THE THREE LOVELIES of the Tri-City area, Queens Barbara Wickham and Carolyn Hall and queen-candidate Darlene Schultz leave tonight for Seattle and the gala Seafair celebration.

Reservations for their airplane flight to the coastal city were made by The Tri-City Herald yesterday and Seattle dignitaries will be on hand to welcome them to the Queen City.

During their 10-day stay on the coast they will be members of Miss Seattle's court. A suite of rooms has been reserved for them in the Olympic hotel and they will represent Pasco, Kennewick and Richland during the celebration.

BARBARA WAS crowned "Miss Pasco" last Thursday night at the opening of the Pasco Water Follies. Carolyn is queen of the Benton County Fair (More on page 3, column 8)

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"HAVE A GOOD TIME!"—That's what Bob Philip, president of The Tri-City Herald is telling these three Tri-City lovelies who will represent Pasco, Kennewick and Richland at the gala Seafair celebration in Seattle. The girls are, left to right, Darlene Schultz, queen-candidate for Miss Atomic Energy; Barbara Wickham, Miss Pasco; and Carolyn Hall, queen of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo. The queens are guests of The Tri-City Herald and the Seattle Seafair for the big 10-day event during which they will represent their respective cities. They left Walla Walla last night by air after an eventful trip from the Tri-Cities.—(Photo by Tri-City Herald.)

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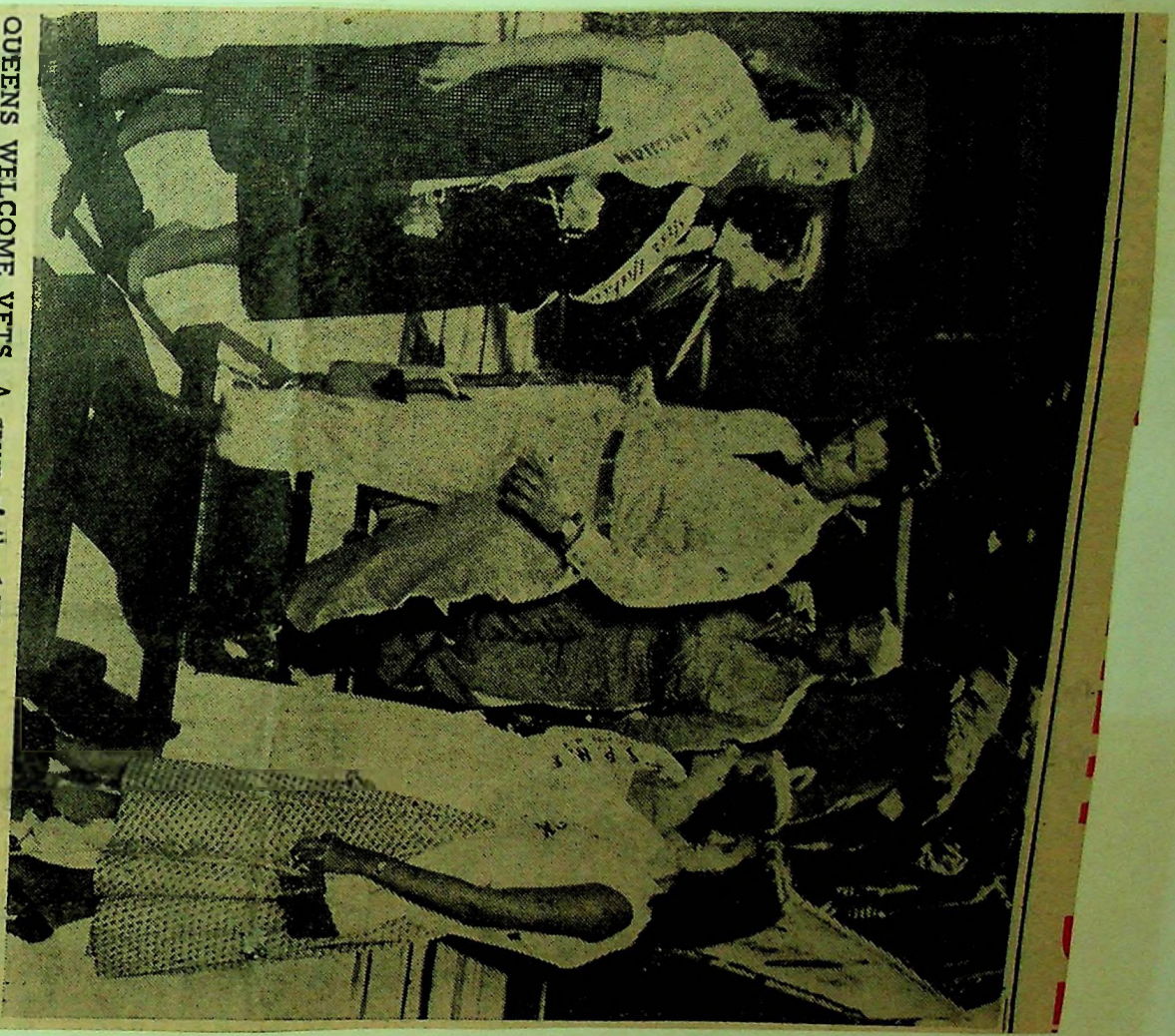


**NAVY HOSTS TO SEAFAIR ROYALTY**—The Seattle Seafair Royal Court paid an official visit to the Naval Receiving Station, Seattle prior to embarking at the Navy's Pier 91 for their cruise across Elliott Bay to make their grand entrance to Seattle at Pier 66. They were greeted by Captain F. A. Monroe USN, Commanding Officer of the Receiving Station, and 25 enlisted men who volunteered as es-

corts for the Queens and Princesses of the Royal Party. Shown left to right: Carolyn Hall, (Miss Kennewick), of Richland; Jack Sayer, Radioman Third Class, of Bay Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Fla.; Barbara Wickham, (Miss Pasco), from Pasco; Erskine Stinnett, Commissaryman Second Class, USN, of San Diego; and Darlene Schultz, (Miss Richland), of Richland.—(U. S. Navy photo).

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**QUEENS WELCOME VETS**—A group of the 1,553 army rotation troops, all veterans of Korean fighting, walk down gang plank in Seattle Tuesday, and are welcomed by four state beauty queens, who are competing for title of Miss Seafair, a civic celebration. From left to right, they are: Karen Hullquist, 17, Bellingham; Bernice Champoux, 20, Yakima; Carolyn Hall, 19, Kennewick, and Delle Calhoun, 18, Vancouver, B. C. —(AP-HERALD photo.)





## Posse Auxiliary Members Hear Reports At Meeting

Mrs. Harold McCamish, captain of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Benton county Mounted Posse, was in charge of the Monday evening meeting of the group with Mrs. A. M. Richter reporting on the work-bee of the preceding Sunday. She reported that Mrs. Ted Wagner, Mrs. C. C. Miller and Mrs. Elmer Smith served on the food committee and supervised the serving of lunch to the workers.

Readying for the annual county fair and rodeo which will be held Aug. 24-26, committees of Posse members painted the concession buildings and fences.

Mrs. Smith, reported on the meeting of Junior Posse Auxiliary members which was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Magelson. Mrs. Smith told that members of the Junior auxiliary gave \$50 of their funds to the Senior Posse to help defray the cost of the new lighting at the rodeo grounds.

Tuesday night, Mrs. Smith ac-

companied Arlene Smith, Marlene Kissick, Marlene Ross, Ronda Clute, Sandra Schuster, Jackie Owens, Sally Austin and Katherine Hanson, all members of the Junior auxiliary, who will usher during the rodeo evening programs, to the fairgrounds for rehearsal.

Food committee to take care of food arrangements for next Sunday's work-bee was named and will include Mrs. McCamish, Mrs. Neil Miller, Mrs. A. M. Richter and Mrs. O. P. Miller.

Another committee named Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. C. C. Miller and Mrs. Martin Abken, will be in charge of arrangements for the Buckaroo dance scheduled for Friday night at the Highlands club house.

## Rodeo Ball Friday Eve

The Benton county fair and rodeo announces the "Coronation Ball" and dress-up dance for Friday starting at 9 o'clock (standard time) at the Highlands club house. The Highland Improvement club has donated use of the hall for the affair.

Queen Carolyn Hall of Richland will officially take over the reign of the Benton county fair and rodeo at this time. She will be attended by Princesses Margaret Kerr, Benton City, and Wanda Arnold, Kennewick.

The Desert Drifters will provide the music for the ball.

Preceding the dance Kangaroo court will be in session in downtown Kennewick. Judge Ed Hopkins will dole out "the punishment to fit the crime."

Rodeo programs will go to press Friday. Merchants of the Tri-Cities interested in the program should contact D. L. Mitchell, Kennewick.

8/22/51  
Carolyn Hall Seachus & Ribbon



**OFFICIALLY CROWNED**— Pretty Carolyn Hall, Richland, was officially crowned Benton County Rodeo Queen of 1951 at ceremonies held in the presence of mayors and chambers of commerce officials of Kennewick, Richland, Pasco, Benton City and Prosser Friday night at the Highlands club house. Attending the queen during the coronation were Princesses Margaret Kerry of Benton City and Wanda Arnold of Kennewick. The Benton County Rodeo and Fair will be held in Kennewick Aug. 24, 25, 26.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1951



**MISS WANDA ARNOLD** (K. Dobblins photo)

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PRINCESS MARGARET (K. Dobbins photo)

## Member Of The Royal Court ... Princess Margaret Kerr

With the interest of all Benton county folk centering this month on the annual County Fair and Rodeo when Queen Carolyn and her Princesses will rule over all festivities, we find ourselves wanting to know more of these winsome girls of the Royal Court.

So, today, we will learn something of Princess Margaret Kerr, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kerr of Benton City.

Princess Margaret has one great ambition in life. She wants to own a cattle ranch and raise Quarter horses. She already has a good start toward that cattle ranch ... six head of registered Aberdeen-Angus.

Family tradition is showing in Princess Margaret's life. Her grandfather, Peter Kerr, her father and her two uncles, Malcolm and Jim were all pioneer sheepmen ... back in old Scotland where sheepmen were king of the moors.

So the blood of real men of the moors and the range runs in Princess Margaret's veins and much of her girlhood has been spent working with her father on their registered Jersey dairy farm near Benton City. She was a member of the 4-H club for seven years and is now assistant leader of the club in Benton City. She was a delegate to the State 4-H Camp in Pullman one year.

Princess Margaret was a member of the livestock judging team and won several ribbons on livestock. Her Jersey was

grand champion of all breeds at both the Yakima and Benton county fairs one year.

With all this, however, Princess Margaret can cook and sew ... and she can keep house. There must be a small out-cropping of her mother's good Scotch blood in Margaret, too.

Margaret's grandfather, Peter Kerr, came to America in 1904 and settled in the John Day country. Her father a young man, came from Scotland in 1912 and after serving with the United States Army, he went back to Scotland where he and Margaret's mother were married. They returned to America and settled in Yakima in 1927, where Margaret was born June 22, 1930.

Margaret, with her mother and her brother, Pete, went to Scotland to visit when she was seven years old, and when she returned home her father had purchased two Shetland ponies for the children. From that early age on, Princess Margaret has spent most of her leisure time in the saddle.

When she was in high school, she bought the part American Saddle mare which she has now.

After graduating from Benton City high school, Princess Margaret attended Central Washington College of Education at Ellensburg for one year, where music was her major. While at Ellensburg Princess Margaret spent her week-ends riding the range with her uncle who is cattle foreman for the High Valley Ranches.

She is president of the Benton City Wranglers, local riding club, and is also a member of the pole bending team. She is a member of the Washington State Horsemen.

All of this we will remember when we see Princess Margaret, with Queen Carolyn and Princess Wanda, ride at the County Fair.



ORIN LANDE

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## Benton Rodeo Will Be Best To Be Held Yet

ORIN LANDE, who knows his horses, is the manager this year of the Benton county rodeo, which will be held in conjunction with the Benton county fair, Aug. 24, 25, 26.

Lande was captain of the mounted posse in 1949 when the first rodeo was held and was elected to the Benton county fair board last year.

Born and raised in the Kennewick area, Lande has been interested in rodeos all his life. He participated in many an event until he entered the service in 1942 and was with Uncle Sam's forces until February of 1946, when he was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant.

SINCE RETURNING from the army, his activities have been confined to the managerial side of rodeos.

Lande is a dealer in livestock when he is not engaged in rodeo activity.

"It is our aim this year," said Lande, "to give rodeo fans and spectators one of the best shows ever presented. Lights have been installed to provide evening performances.

"Prize money has been doubled to attract top-flight contestants and outstanding rodeo stock has been contracted for this year's event.

"The cost of tickets has been greatly reduced in order to make this the outstanding entertainment value of the year."

And, there is no doubt but what this year's rodeo in Kennewick will be outstanding.

*Aug 12, '51*



## New Flood Lights Are Now Installed In Arena

Installation of flood lights for the Benton county rodeo arena in Kennewick was started Saturday by volunteer workers of the P.U.D., led by Bob Cruzen, construction superintendent.

The crew started about 6 a.m. and "knocked off" about 6:30 p.m. A lunch was served at noon by the Benton county Mounted Posse auxiliary. Mrs. Ted Wagner was food chairman. She was assisted by Mrs. Lela Owens and Mrs. Elmer Smith.

PUD workers who helped with the installation, which will be completed this week, included Stanley Gordon, Harold Perkins and Norman McCaw. Another volunteer was Don Sorrels, Home Appliance Co.

George Royer, Benton county blade operator, spent the day leveling the track and parking area.

## Friday To Be Kids' Day At Fair, Rodeo

Friday will be Kid's Day for the opening of the three-day Benton County fair and rodeo. A whole day of entertainment and fun is planned for the kids.

All boys and girls under 12 years of age, accompanied by their parents, will be admitted free to the general admission section for Friday evening's rodeo, show time starting at 7:30 p.m.

The day's festivities will start at 10:30 in the morning with the Kids' parade in downtown Kennewick. Activity will transfer to the Rodeo grounds where parade winners will receive their prizes at 2 in front of the grandstand.

Beginning at 2:30, the Richland Ramblers riding club will show exhibition drills and games on horseback. This riding group is composed of boys and girls under 18 years of age.



**TRY THIS SOME MORNING** before breakfast! It's a great way to start the day and guaranteed to take off those extra pounds you might be worrying about. But, seriously, it is serious business, this business of trick riding. Gillie Talbot, former Walla Wallan, but now a resident of Kennewick, has been doing trick riding for

some time. She's only 24 years of age, but she is right up there with the best of them. She'll be seen this weekend thrilling the crowds at the Benton county rodeo, which will be held in conjunction with the fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the coming week.





**HELPED MAKE RODEO NIGHT SHOW.**—These men from the Benton County PUD donated their own time so that a lighting system could be installed at the Kennewick rodeo grounds for the night shows this year. Standing from left to right are Stan Gordon, Art Engstrom, Lloyd Henry, R. C. McCullough, Hal Perkins, Bud Pankonin, George Haller and Wes Perkins. Seated from left to right are Bob Cruzen, John Richard, Charles Orthmann, Archie Pierce, Bud Hanlon and George Pellissier.



**THEY WATCHED AND WAITED.**—This group of charming women, wives of the Benton County PUD workmen, came to the rodeo grounds to give their moral support while their husbands installed a lighting system on their own time. Standing from left to right are Mrs. J. E. Pankonin, Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Mrs. C. F. Orthmann, Mrs. W. W. Engstrom, Mrs. E. L. Hanlon and Mrs. Archie Pierce. Seated from left to right are Mrs. C. L. Henry, Mrs. H. R. Perkins, Mrs. R. C. McCullough, Mrs. R. A. Cruzen, Mrs. George A. Haller and Mrs. G. S. Gordon.

*Aug 22, '51*



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1951

# IT'S FAIR AND RODEO TIME AGAIN IN KENNEWICK

## Richland Ramblers Will Perform At Grounds In Big Friday Show!

The Richland Ramblers will perform at the rodeo ground beginning at 2:30 on Friday.

The Ramblers have about a 15 minute drill. They will put on three competitive games with the Benton County Junior Posse.

The balloon race will be a game where the posse and Ramblers line up in a circle, and the last man with a whole balloon who has not stepped outside the circle is the winner. It is a game to punch the balloon on the other man's arm, or rather tied to the other man's arm.

In the sack race, the participants line up at one end of the field and race to the other end, and put a sack on their legs, and lead their horses back. If a player falls, he is out of the game.

In the boot race, the players have their boots on one end, and race down, put their boots on and race back. Winner of each event gets a cash prize. The Ramblers are putting on a free show. No charge for kids or adults.

The Richland Ramblers Junior Riding club was organized during September of 1949 under the sponsorship of Rod Mullineaux. The aim and initial purpose being to formulate a riding bending team which would participate in the Sunny-Grand Horse Show.

October of 1949 marked an important milestone when the Richland Riders club became the new sponsor of the Ramblers. The membership has since increased to 20 active members in the age group between 13 and 18.

Other activities of the club have included night rides which are bi-weekly, picnics, pot-luck dinners and very recently a most successful cowboy breakfast attended by more than 20 people, as well as a playday for junior participants only.

Officers are - President, Bill Randolph; vice-president, Verle Goodwin; secretary, Gwen Ganse; and treasurer, Sue Struck.



CAREFUL THERE LITTLE LADY!—A spill could be bad! But, Frances Stiller, trick rider, won't spill—but she'll thrill the thousands attending the Benton county rodeo this weekend while doing her head stands.





**YIPEE, RIDE 'IM COWBOY!**—There soon will be thrills and spills in Kennewick when the big rodeo gets under way at the Benton county fair grounds. The rodeo will be held in conjunction with the Benton county fair, set for Aug. 24, 25 and 26. In the saddle is Gene Pruett on Try Me.

## Posse Ladies Hold Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Benton County Mounted Posse met Monday at the rodeo grounds. Captain Lena McCam-

ish presided. Thelma Switzer, chairman of rodeo affairs, reported on the work-bee held Sunday. She reported on the work done in the concession stand and the work done in the grandstand with the help of the Spurettes and Junior posse.

Alice Quillen reported for the ways-and-means committee. She reported that a breakfast would be served Sunday. All you can eat for \$1. Eunice Parker Bell reported on activities of Queen Carolyn Hall and her court, Margaret Kerr and Wanda Arnold.

## Posse's Loose!

Wear your high-heeled boots, cowboy hat, Western shirt for the last week of festivities preceding the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 24, 25 and 26. The Posse's on the loose! There will be stunts, entertainment, fun galore at the Kangaroo court tonight, starting at 7 p.m. in downtown Kennewick. Come on out — join in the fun.

*Aug 22, '51*



# FAIR AND RODEO STILL ON, EXPECT BIG CROWD TODAY

By JIM SMITH

THOUSANDS of shirt-sleeved spectators packed downtown Kennewick Saturday afternoon to witness the float parade of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo.

They sat on curbstones, leaned against buildings, or rode high on their father's shoulders as the long parade moved before them. They saw dozens of beautiful floats, hundreds of people on horseback, and scores of interesting and novel contraptions on wheels.

Capturing the crowd's fancy early in the parade were the Boy Scouts of Troop 79, who splashed about in a canvas-built swimming pool to emphasize the drive for a new swimming pool.

Entrants in the parade came from all over the Southeastern Washington area with the Behnton City Wranglers, the Richland Ramblers and the Walla Walla Wagon Wheelers guiding their mounts over the parade route. Prosser entered the festival with a calliope piping out the news of the town's Labor Day States Day. Merchants of the Y and Enterprise were also entered.

ALSO IN THE parade was Queen Carolyn Hall, who with her two charming companions rode horseback immediately after the colors broke the way down the street behind the protection of the Kennewick police.

Like the men of Camp Hanford, the Tri-Cities own military establishment, the girls treated the crowd to two charming appearances.

On their second appearance the men in uniform smartly maneuvered in front of the reviewing stand and were roundly applauded.

BEAUTIFUL floats entered by the Elks, Eagles, Moose and Kiwanis clubs led the many entries which entered the parade after many hours of hard work by the organizations.

Also earning the plaudits of the throng which rubbed elbows on either side of the street from the corner at Washington St. to the Methodist church was the

Kennewick high school band with their pretty majorettes. Led by Dean Rowbotham the band also made the trip around twice.

Also catching the crowd's eye was the jack-in-the-box entry of the Pre-School P.T.A.

But the loudest applause of all went to Jim Blakely, who at 99 years of age, saddled up with the Walla Walla Wagon Wheelers to join the parade.

After moving for 45 minutes, the parade finally galloped to a halt but the festive spirit of the fair and rodeo marched on.

*Aug 26, '51*

## Benton County Fair, Rodeo Attendance Reported Heavy

BENTON COUNTY Fair and Rodeo officials were jubilant over their three-day show which ended Sunday night. They said it was one of the most heavily attended shows in the recent history of the fair and rodeo.

There was an estimated 1,200 entries in the various fair exhibits alone.

Saturday night, rodeo officials said, was the brightest from the boxoffice viewpoint. However, Friday and Sunday nights were also well attended, they added.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S crowd started pouring into the fair and rodeo grounds as early as 6 p.m. and a half-hour later the traffic arteries leading to the grounds were jammed bumper-to-bumper.

Officials were already map-

ping plans for next year's big event. This morning the fair grounds were still busy as officials worked hard to tabulate all the entries. They said the temporary roof over the new con-

crete block building would be completely replaced with a permanent one very soon.

The complete rodeo results were:

Saddle bronc riding — 1. Gene Pruett, 2. Bill Hancock, 3. Billy Shawl, 4. Frank Duce.

Wild cow milking — 1. Smoky Kyser, 2. Patty Jensen, 3. Rudy Doucett, 4. Art Fulkerson.

Calf roping — 1. Pat Parker, 2. Charlie Wocatsie, 3. Art Merritt, 4. Smoky Kyser.

Bull dogging — 1. Rudy Doucett, 2. Bill Hancock, 3. (tie) Tom Henderson and Francis Stiller.

Bareback riding — 1. Billy Shawl, 2. Bun Anderson, 3. Bill Herrera, 4. Bob Pickeral.

Brahma bull riding — 1. Bob Pickeral, 2. Billy Shawl, 3. Al Garrett, 4. Enos Sam.

*Aug 27, '51*



our valuables in MODERN — An experienced staff is waiting to serve you in  
are conveniently air-conditioned comfort of our modern new building.



MEET MILES WILSON

Miles, who is vice president and cashier, came to us from South Dakota. A newcomer, he's most anxious to meet you and get acquainted.



MEET LES BABCOCK

Les, a long-time resident of the Tri-Cities, is well-known to many of you. He's president of the bank's board of directors.



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GRAND OPENING HOURS:

Monday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We'll be open for business starting at 10 a.m. Monday and will observe legal banking hours thereafter. We're also holding Open House Monday evening. Come in and look over the Tri-Cities' newest bank,

**NATIONAL FIRST**



**FIRST CUSTOMER** — The first deposit book at Kennewick's new Kennewick First National Bank was issued shortly after 10 o'clock this morning to Mrs. C. E. Campbell, 2409 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, who had been waiting in front of the

new building on Vista Way since 6:30 a.m. Mrs. George Kissick, bank teller, is shown issuing the book as Mrs. Campbell's children Drenda and Lloyd watch the history-making transaction (Steve Severson Photo)

*Kennewick First National Bank  
July 2, 1956*

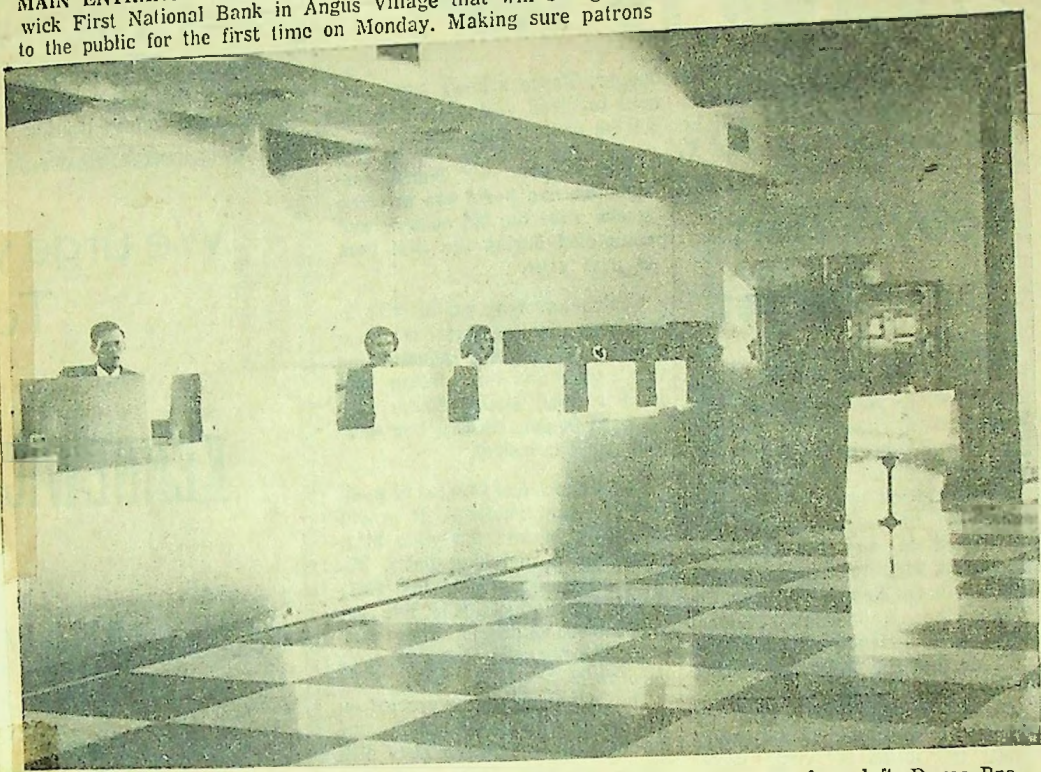
*Steve Severson*





**MAIN ENTRANCE** — These are the main doors of the Kennewick First National Bank in Angus Village that will swing open to the public for the first time on Monday. Making sure patrons

will have no trouble finding the institution, directors had the large sign erected above the bank.



**READY FOR BUSINESS** — This is the scene that will be seen on the inside of the Kennewick First National Bank. The bank, located in Angus Village, will have its grand opening on

Monday. Shown above are, from left, Devoe Brasel, assistant cashier; Miss Elizabeth Bean, secretary; and Mrs. June Farnkoff and Mrs. Esther Johnson, tellers.

## New Bank To Open For Business Monday

Kennewick First National Bank, an independently owned bank, will open its doors for business for the first time on Monday.

Located on Vista Way in Angus Village, the new institution will be open Monday during the regular banking hours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and then again in the evening from 6 to 9 p.m. On Tuesday, the hours will be 10 to 3.

To all persons opening check accounts will be given a book of personalized checks and a personalized check book.

In keeping with the new firm's trade item, directors could only choose one thing for prizes — cash. Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 are being offered in the bank's "money quiz." This "examination on high finance" is really not too tough to take, consisting of guessing the amount of money on display in a glass container.

The Kennewick First National originated from the efforts of a completely local group who saw

the need for another banking institution to serve the expanding Tri-City area. The organizers feel the bank is centrally located to serve the entire Tri-City area, and also the fast-growing lower Columbia Basin.

Directors of the bank are Les Babcock president; Glen Sherman, vice president; Miles S. Wilson, vice president and cashier; Frank Dunham, Fred Huber, Harvey (Pat) Owens and Elmer Smith.

Named as bank personnel have been Devoe Brasel, assistant cashier; Mrs. June Farnkoff and Mrs. Lucille Kissick, tellers; Mrs. Esther Johnson, bookkeeper, and Miss Elizabeth Bean, secretary.

The 60x100-foot brick building was designed by Robert H. Goss, with refrigerated air conditioning and ample free parking. Complete banking facilities will be offered, including 300 safety deposit boxes for public rental. Another feature will be the drive-in window, claimed to be as modern as will be found anywhere.

An inter-com system will provide two-way communication between the teller and the customer in the automobile.



FRED HUBER



ELMER SMITH



GLEN SHERMAN



HARVEY (PAT) OWENS



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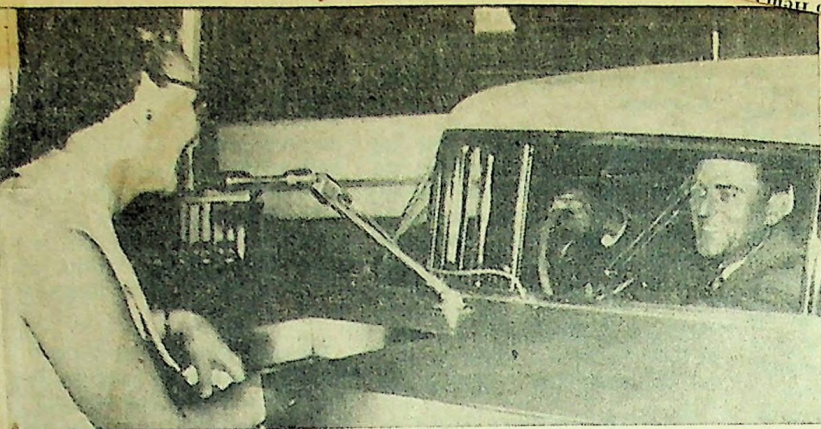


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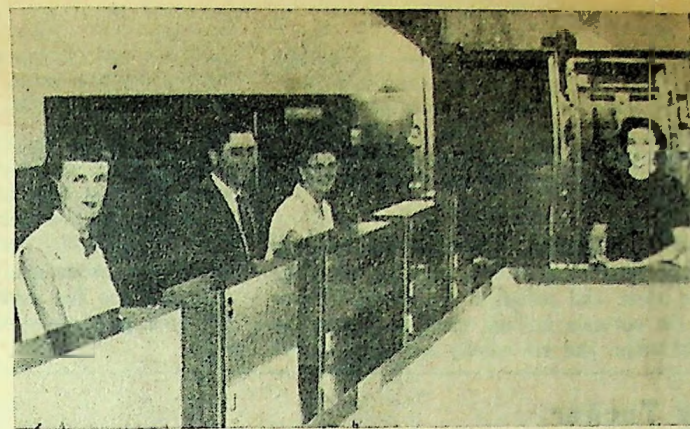


**DRIVE-IN SERVICE** — All your banking can be done without ever leaving your automobile at Kennewick 1st National's modern drive-in window.



Photos by Steve Severson

**VAULT** — Safeguard your valuables in safety-deposit boxes that are conveniently located at street level.



**MODERN** — An experienced staff is waiting to serve you in the air-conditioned comfort of our modern new building.

# GRAND OPENING

## MON.—TUES., JULY 2-3

### MONEY QUIZ

How's your knowledge of "high finance?" Money is our business. During our Grand Opening we'd like to give you some.

- 1st prize ..... \$100
- 2nd prize ..... \$ 50
- 3rd prize ..... \$ 25

Come in and answer our easy "test" question.

### CENTRALLY LOCATED

We're right in the middle of the thriving Tri-City area. The bank can be easily reached from anywhere in the Tri-City trading zone. Always plenty of free parking right next to the bank.

### PERSONALIZED CHECKS

We'd like to invite you to open a checking account at Kennewick 1st National. When you open your account, we have a free book of personalized checks in a personalized folder for you.

### PERSONALIZED SERVICE

We're "home folks." We're a locally-owned, locally-financed and locally-managed.\* We're able to evaluate your individual problem in relation to local conditions.



#### MEET MILES WILSON

Miles, who is vice president and cashier, came to us from South Dakota. A newcomer, he's most anxious to meet you and get acquainted.



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See **KENNEWICK**  **1st NATIONAL FIRST**



# Longtime chaperone helped give the fair a royal treatment

By GALE METCALF  
Special to the Herald

**F**orty years ago, Marie Smith saddled up her beloved chestnut quarter horse "Peggy" and rode off with the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo royalty for the first time.

As chaperone for the fair and rodeo royalty, she appeared with them in parades and at rodeos in other Pacific Northwest communities.

Such circumstances weren't new to Smith. Since 1949, she had been driving her car over remote two-lane highways, ferrying Benton County Fair and Rodeo court members to their next destination. Her husband, Elmer, followed behind hauling their horses.

But 1954 had a different twist.

It was the first ever Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo.

When the Benton-Franklin County Fair officially opens today at the fairgrounds in Kennewick, it will mark the 41st consecutive bicounty fair. The rodeo begins Thursday, and both fair and rodeo continue through Saturday.

Expanded and thriving, the event continues at the same site off 10th Avenue and Oak Street where visionaries like Smith, her late husband and many others first decided in 1949 would be ideal for a fair and a rodeo grounds.

"It was just dust and sagebrush," recalled Smith, 78, a lifelong Kennewick resident. "There were a lot of people who took part and made it grow."

The Benton County Fair and Rodeo evolved into a Benton-Franklin operation five years later when officials decided two counties were better than one.

The first bicounty royalty in 1954 reflected the cross-the-river representation.

Mary Jean Mullineaux of West Richland was the first bicounty fair and rodeo queen. Her princesses were Teddy Anderson of Pasco, Marlene Ross and

JoAnne Austin of Kennewick, and Sandra Wade of Prosser.

Smith said the Benton County Mounted Posse was organized in 1948 to promote riding and to serve as a social organization. By 1949 when the first officers were sworn in, they were looking beyond socializing and toward building a better community.

"Their first major adventure was taking over the underwriting of the rodeo," Smith said.

There was no financial foundation to make it possible, she said. Just a lot of volunteers from town and surrounding farms determined to make something of "plain sand, sagebrush and debris."

Smith recalls. "Our first royalty was chosen out here with nothing but a road to try out on."

Farmers brought tractors, men and women toiled against the hard scabble earth and donations poured in.

By August 1949, six months after getting started on the barren tract of land, a rodeo grandstand was nearly complete, with bleachers capable of seating 7,500. Bucking chutes and horse stalls were built.

Benton County Mounted Posse members formed the foundation for the volunteer effort.

The first Benton County Fair Parade was held Aug. 20, 1949, in downtown Kennewick, and the fair was held Aug. 19-21.

In the early 1950s, under mounted posse leaders like Orin Lande, Elmer Smith, Bud Richter, Earl Ludwig, Clyde DeHaven and Marv Ross, improvements included new fences, horse barns, topsoil for the arena and lights for night rodeos, said Smith, who was a founding member of the mounted posse auxiliary in 1949.

J. Carroll Pratt, chairman of the fair board in 1954, predicted Franklin County joining Benton County would produce a "bigger and more varied display of livestock, farm crops, fancy work, canning and cooking specimens than ever before."

Ludwig, Lande and Pat Owens, a



Herald/Virginia Sliman

Marie Smith chaperoned for the first Benton-Franklin County Fair rodeo.

Horse Heaven Hills rancher, were named to ramrod the first Benton-Franklin County Rodeo. The 1949 Benton Fair offered purses totalling \$1,500. The first bicounty fair in 1954 offered \$8,000. This year's version anticipates \$40,000 in purses.

The first bicounty fair and rodeo parade Aug. 28, 1954, drew 15,000, and the Inter-City Bus Co. offered rides to the fair on the half-hour.

Marie Smith, who rode horses until about six years ago and whose son Tracy and daughter Virginia Long also live in Kennewick, hasn't missed a fair since 1949. And she won't miss this one.

"It makes you feel good to see that fair and rodeo and the grounds now when you know these old-timers worked so hard to begin it," she said.











August, 1950

## Benton County Sheriff's Mounted Posse

The Posse and Auxiliary have had a very busy month since our Horse Show June 11.

On June 18 we were very happy to see so many of our members at the Sunny-Grand Stampede grounds participating in the Grandview Riding Club Horse Show. We were represented at the Horse Show by our queen, Barbara Owens, and her princesses Lorraine Powell of Richland, Marilyn Easley of Prosser and Nova Martell of Pasco who will preside at the Benton County Rodeo and Fair to be held August 18, 19 and 20 in Kennewick, Washington.

One of our Junior Posse members, Larry Kissick, riding Benhur, won first place in the Stock Horse Race. In the men's relay we placed second and we placed fourth in the pole bending.

Sunday, June 24, forty riders went up and over the hills, canyons, wheat fields, summer fallow and pasture land to the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thorne. It was a very beautiful and pleasant ride. After riding for three hours before breakfast and having a wonderful time, the smell of bacon and hotcakes frying and coffee brewing over a campfire was welcomed by everyone. Surprising what huge appetites people get when away from home and out in the wide open spaces. Except for Harvey Simpson's saddle getting loose and turning on a side hill landing him in a bunch of sagebrush and Russian thistles and a few weary horses and riders after the round trip of 30 miles, we had an enjoyable day with no serious mishaps.

Our regular meeting was held June 28. The Posse met at the fairgrounds and the Auxiliary at the home of Marie Smith. After the close of the meeting the men joined the auxiliary for a birthday party.

Since this next month will mean that we will be up to our ears in preparations for our Rodeo and Fair, the members decided they had better have a little fun and relaxation before the work gets too pressing. With that thought in mind we met July 12 at the Moose hall. A short business meeting was held followed by a social evening of dancing with everyone letting their hair down and having fun until the wee hours of the morning. Of course, there was plenty of food and refreshments to help in making the evening more enjoyable and interesting.

The Spurettes (Junior Auxiliary) and the Junior Posse have been having regular meetings with a lot of activities in mind. A week ago they entertained their Seniors with competitive racing and a few exhibition rides put on by Larry Kissick. Following the entertainment, a weiner roast was enjoyed by all. These junior members will take an active part in the show this month such as the selling of programs, operating concessions and ushering.

That's all for this time. Hope to see you at our show.

—MARIE SMITH, Secretary

May, 1950

## Benton County Sheriff's Mounted Posse

Our regular meeting was held March 7, 1950, with a very good attendance. Business transacted pertained to rodeo stock to be used at our August Show. Mention was made of the possibility for a saddle raffle.

Ground chairman Harold McCamish continues to be busy toward the completion of our quarter mile race track. Seeding of grass for beautification of the grounds is under way.

Drill Captain Orin Lande requested that all members interested in participating in the drill be present at the Posse grounds, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. We plan to have our team ready for a performance at our Horse Show June 11.

Members present from the Richland Rider's Club were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trapnell. Such visitors are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Despite chilly weather and horses full of vim and vigor following a winter's rest, the captain was pleased to have a team of 16 out for a good practice, March 12.

After a full afternoon of drill and attempts to ride some horses having a touch of "bronc fever," we attended the regular meeting and banquet of the Washington State Horsemen, Zone I at the Desert Inn Cafe in Richland. The Richland Rider's Club acted as hosts.

Before the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Simpson were splendid hosts to Jack and Thelma Switzer, Earl and Edith Magelson and Elmer and Marie Smith. Ormand and Penny Gage and Steve and Zee Selby of Kennewick joined them at the banquet.

A rodeo board meeting was held at W. H. Seidle's office, March 14, 7:30 p.m. Plans for the Horse Show were drawn up. The contract for 110 head of rodeo stock was signed over to Mack Barbour of Klamath Falls, Oregon, for the rodeo August 19 and 20.

The posse grounds Sunday, March 19, was an active place. Why? The Junior Posse was out to "out-do" their seniors as far as genuine work was concerned in the general cleaning of the office building preparatory to a meeting place for this year which is fully planned with activities and riding.

Meanwhile, in the arena the Drill Captain was instructing his team and the Ground's Committee was planning a work bee April 2.

Sunday, March 26, our Royal Court was chosen at the Posse grounds by three unbiased judges. Points for determining the selection were based on horsemanship, appearance, and personality. Barbara Owens of Kennewick was chosen Queen with Marilyn Easley of Prosser, Lorraine Powell of Richland and Nova Martell of Pasco her princesses.

A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by the Auxiliary Executive Board at the home of Mrs. L. Frank Green in Prosser. Mrs. Harold Heady and Mrs. Don Swanson assisted Mrs. Green as hostesses.

Business purposes were the appointment of a committee to buy uniforms for our Royal Court and a committee for Food Concession booths at our shows. Edith Magelson, publicity chairman, reported the Court's first appearance sched-

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uled at the Richland Horse Show, May 7.

At the regular meeting, April 17, special committees reported on detailed plans for our June Horse Show. Deputy Sheriff Bill Foraker requested posse members to turn out on their mounts Saturday to assist in the search for a safe containing \$2500 stolen from the Tri-City County Club. Fifteen members responded with no luck to report.

—MARIE SMITH, Secretary.

July, 1950

## Appleland Cowgirls

The latest show we attended was put on by the Benton County Mounted Sheriff's Posse at Kennewick. The show was really well organized. There were plenty of stalls, a call car to announce classes, a lot of swell posse members to help get people and horses organized, and everything else to make the show a huge success. The show started on time with a grand entry, led by the queen and her princesses, and then all the usual events followed. Our pole bending team won the second place ribbon and purse. We were asked to put on our drill as a special exhibition event. This went off quite smoothly despite slippery footing and two missing members.

Julie Erickson on Minnie Mercer received the first place trophy, ribbon and purse in the Amateur-Owner, five gaited class. Our drill master, Al Erickson, also took two firsts with Minnie, Open Five Gaited and Fine Harness.

Mike and Sunny Paradise received second place ribbons in the pair class and Patty Paradise and Julie Erickson won third. Barbara Mackey placed fourth in horsemanship.

One of the most exciting classes was the men's relay race. We weren't quite sure if it was a saddle bronc contest or a relay. Toward the end of the show it started to storm, but despite the cloud burst we had a wonderful time. Our hats are off to you (and we don't mean from the wind) The Benton County Mounted Sheriff's Posse.

Since the girls are always looking for better horses, we have made changes. Juanita Maultsby recently purchased a mare, Copper Charm, from Al Erickson. Al's daughter Julie was a little peeved by the sale, as she had visions of herself on Copper Charm. Copper is a dark mahogany color with a flaxen mane and tail. She is seven-eighths thoroughbred with lots of action.

Juanita's drill partner, Mary Twohy, also has a new three-year-old gelding, which she says is "the horse." His sire is a registered quarter horse and his dam a registered thoroughbred. Dan, formerly owned and trained by Jim Dripps, is a good stock and pole bending horse.

The next show we will attend will be at Sunny-Grand June 18, put on by the Grandview Riding Club.

—PAT O'DELL



# Western Queen, Cowgal Court . . .



**SITTING PRETTY**—Queen Arlene Smith (center), and her court (left to right) Sylvia Blair, Judy Meier, Barbara Stone and Marlene Kissick are perched on a chute gate at the Ben-

ton County rodeo grounds awaiting the first event of the 1956 rodeo. The grand entry, which kicks off the show, starts at 8 p.m. tonight, tomorrow and Sunday.

*Marlene Kissick Wool*





## New Home Is Incentive For Surprise Gathering

Mrs. Lela Owens and her son Bill were pleasantly surprised in their spacious new home in Horseheaven with a housewarming and potluck dinner arranged by a group of friends. A Seth Thomas wall clock was the collective gift from the group.

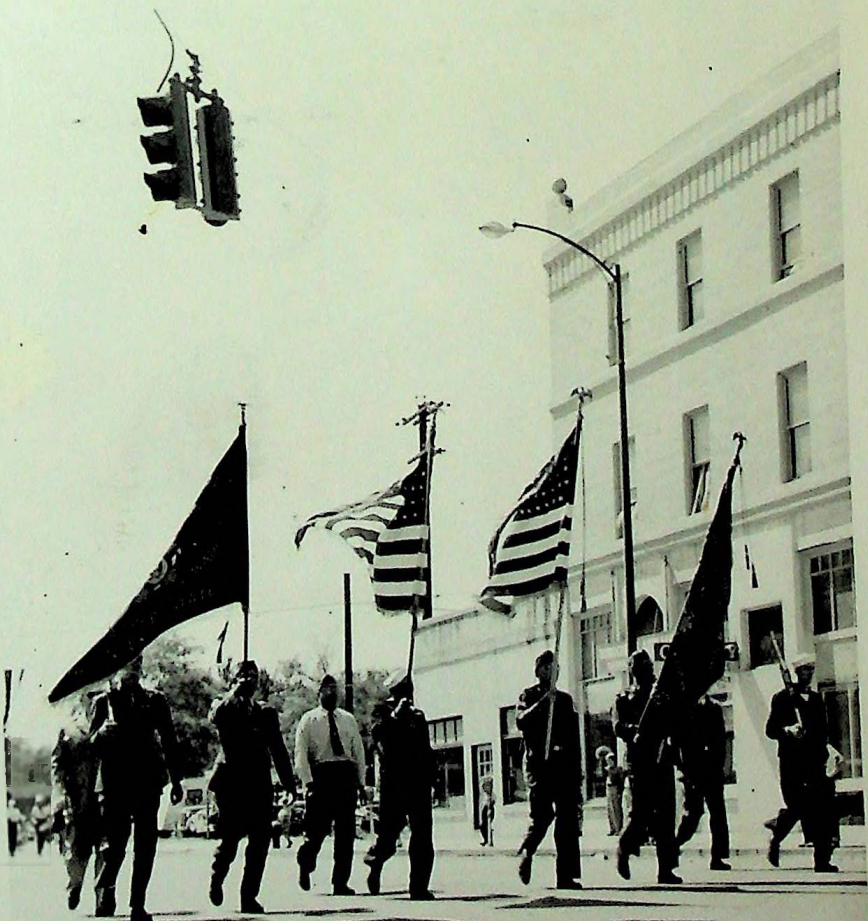
Joining in the Sunday affair were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Grambling, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winkerson and

family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Clodfelter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owens, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gramling, Mr. and Mrs. Cordy Baddley, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Eddy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kissick, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Quillen, Mr. and Mrs. Gilson Martell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lande, Mrs. Merrill Simmelin, Mrs. Marjorie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kissick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nicolson, all of Kennewick.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Martin Adkin of Irrigon, Ore., and Mr. and Jack Campbell of Pasco.





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Queen Barbara Owens of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, to be held at the Fairgrounds in Kennewick, August 18, 19 and 20. She is mounted on her horse, Jewel. He is 4 years old and she trained and broke him herself.









