

May 19-30, 1998 Pioneer Queen and Grand Marshal

Queen Connie Tellefson

Connie Tellefson of Milton-Freewater will reign as Queen for 1998. One set of great-grandparents crossed the plains in 1864 and settled in the Fruitvale area. Another great-grandmother migrated west in 1859 and homesteaded land in the middle of what is now College Place.

Connie, whose maiden name was Smiley, attended school at Fruitvale and graduated from McLoughlin Union High School. She attended Oregon State College (now OSU). Through the years she has supplemented that education with further study at Eastern Oregon State College (now Eastern Oregon University), the University of Oregon, Blue Mountain Community College, Walla Walla Community College and OSU.

She worked in numerous offices in the area and as an instructor at both WWCC and BMCC.

Connie married Kemble Tellefson September 3, 1939, in Walla Walla. They have two children including Kemble, Jr., and Dena Von Derahie.

But through the years Connie has become well known through her involvement with various garden clubs in the area and state. She is an accredited flower show school instructor and a master judge of flower shows.

Parents: Charley Elmer Smiley and Sylvia Mae Hodgen Smiley

Grandparents: Jacob S. Hodgen and Ella Maw Sickler Hodgen came to this area in 1859. George Washington Smiley and Nellie epp Smiley came to this area in 1900.

Great-Grandparents: John HOdgen and Rachel Hodgen came to this area in 1864. Madison J. Sickler and Mary Cook Sickler came to this area in 1859.

Grand Marshal Randolph Dorrان

Randolph Dorrان was chosen to serve as the 1998 Grand Marshal. His paternal grandfather homesteaded in the Juniper area near Helix in 1883, while his maternal grandparents homesteaded on Reed and Hawley Mountain in 1887.

The land homesteaded by Dorrان's family has been owned and farmed by the family since the original homestead in 1883. The land is now farmed by Dorrان's grandson, Matt Wood.

Dorrان attended a country grade school near the house where he lived. That building was later moved to his Juniper ranch and it became his home. He graduated from Helix High School at the age of 16 and from Oregon State University seven years later, taking several terms off to return to work.

He married Marge Hargett in 1941. They had three children including James, who was killed in a plane crash, Janet Wood, and Judy Bracher.

These days the Dorrانs spend their summers on top of Reed and Hawley Mountain, a short distance north of the quarter section where his mother was born and raised.

Several years ago, they moved to the city of Helix, which has become their permanent home.

The land homesteaded by Doran's mother's family remains in that family's possession as well.

Parents: William J. Dorran and Helen Narkaus Dorran

Grandparents: James P. Dorran and Linnie Dodge Doran came to this area in 1883. Peter Narkaus and Lisa Narkuas came to this area in 1887.