

'Queen's Festival' Proved Triumphant Kickoff For Grubstake Days May 19-21

★ ★ ★ PARADE ENTRIES

All communities, clubs, individuals, and organizations expecting to participate in the 11th Annual Grubstake Days parade on Saturday, May 19, should forward entries immediately to the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce.

POLIO CLINIC

An added feature to this year's Grubstake Days will be the Polio Clinic conducted and sponsored by the Yucca Valley Women's Club.

The clinic will be from 10 until 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at Hospital Headquarters in the Plaza east of the midway.

Dr. Ann Zachry will be the presiding doctor.

Polio shots will be \$1 with proceeds going to the Hospital Fund.

SPRING FESTIVAL

The Morongo Unified School District will present its annual Spring Festival on Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Hayes Auditorium.

This year's program will include instrumental music by the Junior High and High School Bands, and vocal numbers by the Junior High and High School Choruses.

In addition to the musical offerings, there will be displays of art, arts and crafts, and industrial arts projects by junior high and high school students.

The public is invited to attend this activity. There is no admission charge.

One of the largest crowds ever to jam-pack the Yucca Valley Community Service Club last Friday witnessed a headline show topped by gallant radio and television star, Art Baker. The evening was tremendous from Johnny Arch's singing of "Lazy Yucca Valley Moon" to the crowning of the 1961 Grubstake Queen and "Miss Yucca Valley." The festival-tuned crowd cheered in the aisles.

Highlight of the gala evening, of course, was the crowning of the popular choice beauty, Margie Ewing, as the May 19, 20 and 21 Grubstake Queen and for the year-long illustrious title, "Miss Yucca Valley."

In popular vote, close on the heels of the glistening slippered queen, and who will serve as Princesses to "Miss Yucca Val-

Rally Planned For Leaguers

It's baseball time again and Little Leaguers are getting in the swing of things.

There will be a Rally for all players, parents, families and friends May 13, 7:30 p.m. in the Yucca Valley School multi-purpose room.

Plans for the rally were announced at the Tri-Valley Little League Board of Director's meeting April 23, according to President Isidor Vannozi.

New Officers

Vannozi revealed he and his family are leaving the Valley because of business reasons. Vice President Bill Lacc will take over the leadership of the League and George Rauch was named vice

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ley" were Katie Duarte — who came within four votes of the queen out of the 1332 total cast, Margie Saxin, Cheryl Hammett, and Donna Katzorke.

All Princesses and the Queen will be fitted with a suitable western wardrobe for the many functions ahead for the year, not only for Grubstake Days, but for appearances in other community celebrations.

Surprise package of the evening was the introduction of celebrities that live in or near Yucca Valley.

Harry Oliver, famed publisher and humorist of the Desert Scrapbook, "only sheet you can read in a strong wind;" Zipp Moore, star of western films and rodeos; the Armitages, Merle and Isabelle, author, past editor of Look, entertainers and personalities with a "believe it or not" background; and the Hi-Desert's own lovable personality, "Cactus Kate," the first Queen of Yucca Valley back in 1948.

June LeMert Paxton, loyal booster for all things good in desert living, also took her bow at the colorful gathering.

Thanks To All

"There are so many to thank that if I were to try some would be left out," Cora Potts, entertainment and arrangement chairman said Tuesday. "All of you that helped, all of you that came, and all of the wonderful talent — and especially Art Baker, thank you so very, very much for making the Queen's Festival the grand success it was."

Art Baker, busy on his latest motion picture with Elvis Presley, rushed to the queen village from Hollywood for his appearance and then back again to the

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HI-DESERT STAR

YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



QUEEN AND PRINCESSES—Climax of the Queen's Festival playing to a packed house last Friday in the Community Service Club was selecting the 1961 Grubstake Queen and Princesses. Those selected, from left, are Princesses Katie Duarte, Margie Saxin, Queen Marginia Ewing, Cheryl Hammett, and Donna Katrorke. (Jerry Moore Photo).



CELEBRITIES—Illustrious moment at the Queen's Festival was when the 1960 Grubstake Queen Judy Brown (left) presented flowers to her successor, Marginia Ewing. Art Baker, genial master of ceremonies for the occasion, adds his congratulations. (Jerry Moore Photo).

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cameras and sound stage.

With the Queen's Festival a hilarious warmup for the Mardi Gras street dance and midway on Apache Trail in the heart of the queen village for the grand opening of Grubstake Days, Friday, May 19 — just 15 days away, the fun barometer and crowd forecaster indicates Grubstake Days 1961 will be a banner bonanza for all.