

Gubler chosen 'My Fair Lady'

SANTA CLARA — Longtime resident Nellie McArthur Gubler, 78, has been chosen as "My Fair Lady" of the Washington County Fair to be held July 31, Aug. 1-2.



Nellie McArthur Gubler

Gubler will be honored, with grand marshals Reed Wittwer of Santa Clara and Roosevelt Gubler of Ivins, during the July 31 ribbon-cutting ceremony in Hurricane at 6:30 p.m., said spokesman Jeanine Holt.

Gubler was born May 8, 1908, at the home of her maternal grandparents, the Thomas P. Cottams in St. George.

She attended Woodward School and graduated from Dixie High School and Dixie College, then taught school one year in Virgin before mar-

rying Emil Gubler in the St. George LDS Temple on June 12, 1929. They moved to Santa Clara where she was active in several church positions.

Gubler and her husband have also been active in civic affairs.

The couple was awarded the honorary associate in arts degree from Dixie College on June 1, 1974. In addition, she received the Outstanding Senior Woman Award from the St. George Chamber of Commerce and was named Literary Arts "Orchid Lady" in April 1984.

She has participated in the Folk Life Festival in Springdale for eight years, wrote the history of Santa Clara for the book *Under the Dixie Sun*, as well as the History of the Santa Clara Relief Society for the Relief Society Memories book and helped compile the Santa Clara cemetery record.

She and her husband also helped to start the Rocky Mountain Company, now located on Industrial Road in St. George.

Gubler was also a news correspondent for Santa Clara during the World War II years and wrote "Dutchman's Digest" for the Santa Clara Ward for several years.

She was on the Old Folks Committee for many years in Santa Clara and was the first registered member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Santa Clara.

In addition, she was on the town centennial committee in 1961 and the person in charge of Santa Clara's celebration in 1976 when the United States celebrated its 200-year anniversary.

She also served on the Dixie College Alumni Committee when Dr. Richard Jennings was president.

Her philosophy has been "Anything worth doing at all is worth doing well."

She and her husband have 12 children, 66 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.