

Cardston Alberta Stake
Gold & Green Ball

Friday, April 10, 1987

Featuring Shayne Tolman
& the "Cousins"

8 p.m. - 12 Midnight



All adults and
Mutual age youth
invited!

No Admission Fee
— Civic Centre —

Floor Shows
Dancing
Live band
Refreshments

NO QUEEN

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TELL 'EM YOU SAW IT IN THE CHRONICLE, THEY'LL APPRECIATE IT

Gold and Green Ball revitalized

By Louise Karl

Remnants of the elegance and festivity of the old Gold and Green Balls will be brought back to life this weekend as the Cardston Alberta Stake Centre is hosting a Centennial Gold and Green Ball, Friday, April 10 at the Civic Centre, the first since the original events were discontinued in the mid 1960s.

Sue Anderson, chairperson for Friday's event, said the Ball will be a "nice way to honor the youth and a way to get them involved in the Centennial."

The ball, for youth 12 years and older and adults, will be from 8 p.m. to midnight and will feature a live band, Shayne Tolman and the 'Cousins.'

Anderson said the highlight of the

evening will be floor shows from each of the wards demonstrating a different type of dance step such as the square dance, Virginia reel, cha cha, jive and polka, as well as a native dance performed by representatives from the Blood Band.

The major difference from the original Gold and Green Balls is that a queen will not be selected among the young ladies in attendance. However, Anderson added that Myrtle Card will be preparing a display to honor the queens chosen in the years when the ball was a regular event. "I think the entire evening is going to be really spectacular."

The Gold and Green Balls originated between 1922 and 1926 with the Young Women's Mutual Improve-

ment Association (YWMIA). Up to 1,000 people were known to attend the Stake events, where all the queens from each of the wards were honored. Donna Steed, who has fond memories of the grand events, said the balls were not popularity contests, as the only prerequisite for the competitors was participation in the YWMIA.

The process of choosing the queens from each of the wards was sometimes done by voting, while other times they were determined by such methods as the lucky number on the corsage they wore.

Previous Gold and Green queens have included Rose Nelson, Woolford; Joyce Thomas, Glenwood; Iris Jackson, Hill Spring; Genevieve Butler, Cardston 1st Ward; Meandra Gregson, Cardston 2nd Ward; Arline Godfrey, Cardston 3rd Ward; Helen Holland, Cardston 4th Ward; Marcene Broadhead, Beazer; Verda Pilling, Leavitt; Shirley Oviatt, Hartley; and Arlene Wilde, Mountain View.

The Centennial Gold and Green Ball will be followed by a similar event put on by the Cardston West Stake called the Centennial Dance Festival, Saturday, April 11.