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RODEO WEEK

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This is the week for Douglas County's 10th annual rodeo. Sponsored by the Sheriff's Posse this colorful event has grown in interest and prestige year by year. It now ranks near the top of the many such shows held throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Some of our newer residents may not be acquainted with the history of the rodeo, and the achievements for which the Posse deserves credit and gratitude, so a review is in order.

The Sheriff's Posse was formed during World War II as a unit of civilian defense. Members were horsemen, furnishing their own mounts, uniforms, weapons, trailers and cars. The unit was formed for purposes of mounted patrol, search and rescue, courier service, and other such duties. Members held frequent drill sessions, studying civilian defense problems, learning to work together and training their mounts in formations and in tolerance of crowds.

The Posse performed many important services during the war period. It stood in immediate readiness for any emergency.

Organization Preserved

Following the war members were unanimous in their desire to continue their organization. They found much pleasure in their association. Joining with the Reedsport detachment, they participated in several programs in conjunction with the community fair for western Douglas County.

Douglas County had gone 25 years without a county fair. There was widespread interest in reviving the fair, but the county had no facilities.

The Sheriff's Posse conceived the idea for an annual rodeo, with proceeds to be used in developing facilities suitable for general recreation and show purposes.

Money was furnished by the county for purchase of the site in Umpqua Park. An annual levy for fair purposes also was voted. The Posse assumed the job of raising money for improvements.

Members built fences and stands with their own hands and with donated materials. Proceeds from the first rodeo went into additional improvements. Possemen dug down into their own pockets to buy materials. Some loaned large sums of money. Through donations and loans of money, and contributions of materials and labor, the huge grandstand was built. Later it was roofed.

Rodeo proceeds went into the construction of pavilions, barns, corrals, chutes, and other fixtures. The racetrack was added. Through determined effort the Posse has spearheaded the project resulting in one of the finest fairgrounds to be found anywhere.

Rodeo Great Attraction

The Posse has received nothing in the way of profit from its annual show. All proceeds have gone to the fair board for further improvement to grounds and facilities. Members still continue to furnish their own mounts, transportation, uniforms and equipment. Their services in arranging the show and participating in it are donated.

The show itself has become outstanding and draws visitors from many distant points, in addition to large local crowds. Some of the best known professional performers participate in the Douglas County show, giving rodeo enthusiasts an opportunity to become acquainted with many of the Pacific Coast's chief money winners.

The Sheriff's Posse has performed an outstanding service for the county. It sponsors a show in which the admission charge is consistently low for the quality of entertainment provided. As an organization it compares most favorably with any riding group in the state.

This year's show, given a break in the weather, promises to be the best ever held.

Hal Boyle

By RICHARD R. KASISCHKE

For HAL BOYLE

MOSCOW (AP)—See a gal that strikes your fancy? Well, don't go wastin' time acourtin' and asking her consent. Just gallop out and carry her off.

If you need help, because she isn't alone, just whistle up a pack of your buddies.

That's the way the hill-billies of the Soviet Union down thar in the Caucasus Mountains have been doin' it for generations.

But the Communist press in Moscow says it's got to stop — the gal should be courted right and given a chance to say yes or no.

Now take the case of Tamara, reports Komsomol Pravda, which often criticizes what it calls primitive practices and conditions in the United States. Tamara was a teacher in the mountain village of Malka, in the Kabardinski autonomous republic. And a fine lookin' school marm she was, too.

So fine looking, in fact, one of three "brave and bold" brothers of the village (and her family) who called her a "wild" girl. So he called a family council at which it was decided his was a wise choice.

When Tamara took a walk along a mountain path with her sister, the brothers — with two pals — rode out in a coach and carried her off.

All this information came to Komsomol Pravda from Tamara's sister, who was left on the trail. Indignantly she wrote the paper, which provided the local prosecutor's office until he sent a representative to find what was up.

According to this investigator, says Komsomol Pravda, Tamara's reply to his inquiries was: "Well, after I was kidnapped I agreed to marry him." The prosecutor decided to take her at her word.

But here's what really happened, the paper quotes the un-kidnaped sister: "After Tamara was kidnapped she became afraid for the future and agreed to marry him."

The paper cites the case of two other recently kidnapped brides,

and says "The girls in the mountain areas live in constant fear of being kidnapped. And once they are thus forced to marry the man their life is ruined."

Of the brothers who kidnapped Tamara, it says they committed "a heinous deed typical of the feudal mode of life of pre-revolutionary Kabardinski."

"Why is the work of the public prosecutor's office not so organized as to defend the honor of Kabardinski and its women? Why does it not punish those who violate the law — who kidnap people? And why does it not protect those who need protection?"

But the most unkind blow of all is delivered by that sister left on the path. She writes: "If my sister Tamara agreed to marry that man, I was sure to everybody that she is unworthy of the principles of a Komsomol member. She victimizes herself for the sake of her feudal survival."

Poor Tamara.

UNDER SECRETARY

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower named Charles E. Saltzman, New York investment banker, to be under secretary of state in charge of administration and personnel Tuesday.

Saltzman will replace Donald B. Lourie, who resigned, in a job that will last by law only until next Dec. 31.

Stumped

