

Top Performers Slated For 12th Annual Rodeo

Festivities Get Under Way Friday Evening

Nearly 10 days before show time, cowboys began arriving in Roseburg.

They will compete in the RCA-approved Douglas County Rodeo (see other story) and are part of a brilliant array of rodeo time events.

Friday night pretty Queen Carolyn Jackson and her two princesses—Judy Strode and Carolyn Whitson—will be honored at the kickoff event. They'll be guests of honor at the Queen's Ball at the Community Building. Saturday night, they'll guest another event in the same locale—the Wrangler's Ball.

Along with dances, the rodeo days include the parade in downtown Roseburg at 10 a.m., fun for all ages at Frontier Town in the Community Building Friday and Saturday evenings, and a big cowboy breakfast Sunday from 7 to 11 a.m.

Frontier Town will open at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, an hour before dance time. Like all rodeo events, it is public.

The 12th annual event is sponsored by the Douglas County Rodeo Assn. It will be held at the county fairgrounds, located east of relocated Highway 99, southwest of Roseburg.

Tickets (general admission, box seats and reserve) may be purchased at the grounds or before starting time at Rodeo Information Headquarters ticket booth, 507 SE Jackson St., Roseburg.

The rodeo is made possible through the efforts of many men and women. Technically, it is sponsored by the Douglas County Rodeo Assn. That association is composed of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, Roseburg Lions Club and the Douglas County Mounted Sheriff's posse. They are ably assisted by their auxiliary counterparts.



HER MAJESTY—Queen Carolyn Jackson of Winchester will rule over festivities of the 1956 Douglas County Rodeo. Her mount is Beelebomb, a part Tennessee walking horse and colt of Doughboy. The chestnut gelding will carry Queen Carolyn through many rodeo festivities. He probably won't be present Sunday morning to help Queen Carolyn serve the cowboy breakfast, which she hopes to do. (Dick Gilman).

Rodeo Parade Saturday To Be Broadcast; Grants Pass Cavemen To March

The 1956 Douglas County Rodeo parade Saturday, geared to the theme of "Frontier Times," promises to be unique in rodeo history.

It will be broadcast over radio station KRXL to those unable to come to downtown Roseburg and view the colorful spectacle. Rodeo lover Del McKay will describe the entries, during the 40-minute radio cast.

Crowds lining the streets for the event which kicks off at 10 a.m. from the Triangle on Jackson Street won't miss a feature. Chairman Wayne Oftendahl of the Junior Chamber of Commerce says four loudspeakers will be placed along the parade route. They'll be manned by parade experts who'll tell spectators what is passing by.

A raft of rodeo dignitaries will parade in the downtown streets.

Following closely behind parade grand marshalls Mayor Ernest M. Barker Jr. and rodeo association President Robert Tripodi will be the Douglas court and royalty from other cities.

Queen Sharon Curl of the Pendleton Roundup will ride her horse in the parade as will court royalty from the Emerald Empire Round-

up in Eugene and from other rodeos in the county.

Reedsport will send its Fourth of July Festival Court to participate, and the Grants Pass Cavemen will be on hand to exhibit brawn.

Many bands are expected to join in the fun. It will be the first rodeo parade for Roseburg High School band members to make more colorful with their snappy grey and orange uniforms.

A host of commercial and non-commercial floats have been entered, Oftendahl said. He expects a total of 250 entries.

Entry deadline in the parade has been extended to Thursday. Fee for a commercial unit is \$10. Non-commercial units are admitted free.

PARADE ROUTE

The parade forms at the Jackson Street Triangle at 9:15 a.m. and starts up Jackson Street to Lane Street. It travels west on Lane Street to Rose Street. It goes north on Rose Street to Central Junior High School, where it will disband.

Oftendahl pointed out that it is a revised route and is not the same as last year's.

Champions To Pit Skills For \$7,500

World Champions, top contenders, a host of winners from last year's Roseburg rodeo converge for the Douglas County Rodeo Saturday and Sunday.

Matching skills for a slice of the \$4,000 purse are three titleholders, Vern Castro, the reigning team roping champion from Livermore, Calif.; Bill Linderman, five-time Wash., and Ross Dollarhide, top steer wrestler in 1953 from Lakeview. Entry fees should raise the prize money to \$7,500.

Also slated to compete according to local information, are world champs of the cowboy, Kinmond Eddy Akridge of Beaver, Okla., and Dean Oliver of Boise, Idaho. Akridge tames impossible steeds bareback and Oliver is considered a top calf roper.

Castro took his first championship last season with 6,227 points, and is currently in seventh place in the national team roping standings. He can expect stiff competition from Bob G. Jones, Madera, Calif., runner-up in the team roping championship standings last season, and E. V. Doney, Sonoma, Calif., who wound up in ninth place for 1955.

Triple Threat Man

By copying the all around cowboy, saddle bronc and steer wrestling titles in 1953, Bill Linderman became the first man in the sports history to win a triple crown. All around cowboy in 1953 and top saddle bronc rider in 1945, Linderman, ranking 10th among saddle bronc riders, will compete in bareback, saddle bronc and steer wrestling at Roseburg.

Ross Dollarhide, the Number 1 bulldogger in 1953, who won the team roping here last season, was injured at Amarillo, Tex., in January but has shared the purse at other rodeos since his return to competition.

Jackie Wright, Dayville, is slated to compete in bareback and saddle bronc riding. Wright launched a winning streak in February that has carried him to second place in the saddle bronc standings, sixth in bareback and fifth in the race for the 1956 all around cowboy crown.

Also betting their skills against their entry fees on the saddled outlays will be Tuffy Federer, Chynoweth, who, who took top money in that event here last season, as well as getting the pace in bull riding, George Menkenmaier, Burns, who placed second in saddle bronc riding here last season and is currently third among the nation's bronc riders, and Don Lee, who placed fourth in the race for the 1956 all around cowboy crown.

The queen wrestling contests will be sparked by Sherman Sullins, San Diego, Calif., who took top honors twisting steers at Roseburg last season; Gene Miller, Portland, who placed fourth in the event here last year, and Tater Decker, tenth ranking bulldogger from Clayton, Okla., who will also compete in the roping events and in bareback riding.

Big Boag Coming

Big Boag, Portland, kept out of competition most of 1955 by injuries, will be after a share of the purse up in bareback, bull riding, calf roping and steer wrestling. He has placed at ten rodeos so far this season.

Other winners from last year who will be back for return bouts include Glenn Hone, Ogden, Utah, who won the bareback and placed third in the saddle bronc event; Bill Kunkle, Portland, who had a big day, placing fourth on the saddle broncs, second on the barebacks and third in steer wrestling; and Rich Vredenberg, who placed fourth in calf roping.

Under the point award system of the Rodeo Cowboys' Assn., Inc., a cowboy gets one point for every dollar won at an RCA-approved rodeo during the season. At the year's end the cowboys with the highest number of points are the champions.

CRUPPER

Riding tricks performed from the hips of a trick riding horse. There are numerous variations of the crupper tricks.



TOP WORLD COWBOY IN ACTION—Ross Dollarhide, Lakeview, makes ready here to win more points in steer wrestling. He was best in the nation in the event in 1953. Dollarhide will be present Saturday and Sunday at the 12th annual Douglas County Rodeo to build his points toward the 1956 title. He won the team roping event in Roseburg last season. (DeVere Helrich).

Cover Story

Two veteran rodeo performers provided action for the News-Review's 1956 rodeo edition. They are Manual Enos and "Warpaint" Enos, from Livermore, Calif., is a Rodeo Cowboys' Assn. member and known to thousands of fans. "Warpaint" is a Christiansen Bros. bucking horse who tries to outwit cowboys at all top rodeos, including the Pendleton Roundup. This picture was shot by Klammath Falls rodeo photographer DeVere Helrich. Cover design was the work of Lloyd Stutsman and engraver Harry Huckler.

How Do You Say It?

About this same time every year, folks get into the same old discussion. How do you pronounce rodeo? Is it ROH-dee-o or ro-DAY-o?

Chances are nobody's going to settle the argument for good and all this year, either. But here are the points, pro and con.

Originally, of course, rodeo was a Spanish word meaning "roundup." Rodeo has its roots deep in the western cattle industry which in turn began years and years ago in Mexico with cattle brought to the new world by the Spanish conquistadores. But all that was a long time ago, and today the cowboy contests we call rodeos are as thoroughly American as apple pie and the Mississippi River.

So some folks insist it should be pronounced American style: RHO-dee-o.

But the other side shoots back, "It's a Spanish word: ro-DAY-o."

How do rodeo folks say it? RHO-dee-o.

Other Rodeos Set This Year In Douglas County

Three other rodeos are scheduled in Douglas County this year. All are of the amateur variety.

The next rodeo coming up in the county is the annual Yoncalla Saddle Club Rodeo July 3 and 4. The event was marred last year by an accident in which Donnie Pyeatt was injured when a horse rolled on him.

Later in the month, the second annual Happy Valley Rodeo is on tap. It will take place July 28 and 29.

The final scheduled rodeo of the year in the county is the Myrtle Creek Rodeo over Labor Day, Sept. 2 and 3.

Rodeo Parade Prizes Total \$230 In Cash

Features of the 1956 Douglas County Rodeo parade, to be held downtown in Roseburg at 10 a.m. Saturday, are revealed in a letter sent to various civic groups.

Wayne E. Oftendahl, parade chairman for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, said \$230 in cash prizes and at least three trophies will be presented to winning entries in the parade.

Clats will be entered in two divisions, commercial and non-commercial. The first prize will be \$75 in each category, with second prizes to be \$30 and third prizes \$10.

In addition, trophies will be presented for the best marching unit, the best mounted group and the best comedy entry.

Oftendahl said a \$10 entry fee will be required from each of the commercial entries. Non-commercial floats will be assessment-free.

The parade is to form north of the triangle on Jackson Street at 9:30 a.m. the day of the parade.

Prize Money

The \$4,000 purse at the Douglas Rodeo is distributed as follows: Bareback riding — \$800; saddle bronc riding — \$800; calf roping — \$600; bull dogging (steer wrestling) — \$600; team roping — \$600; and bull riding — \$600.

from entry fees which boosts prize money to \$7,500.

17 Bucking Horses To Give Riders Thrills

Seventeen bucking horses have been secured for the Douglas County Rodeo. They are furnished by Christiansen Bros. of Eugene.

The bucking broncos have impressive names: Warpaint, Blue Dog, Red River, Rattley Bang, Happy Landing, Sky Ball, Try Me, Bill Bailey, Adam, Rocky Hill, Snafu, Short Stop, Black Boss, Satan's Sister, Mighty Mouse, R o d Devil and Redmond.

All of the horses will buck at the Pendleton Roundup slated later this year.

FREE PROGRAMS

Carrying out its theme of "Its Bigger and better than ever before," the rodeo association directors will provide 2,500 free programs at each rodeo performance. The illustrated programs will give rodeogoes a complete program rundown.

The bull rope is a loose rope, usually owned by the bull rider. It is fastened on the bull in such a manner that it falls off at the end of the ride. There can be no knots or hitches in the rope and the rope must have a bell attached that hangs under the bull's belly. The contestant may cling only to this bull rope and must not touch any part of the bull or himself with his free hand.

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