

West Fir Logger Is New Timber Days Champ

Big John Miller of Roseburg was the star of the show at this year's annual Douglas County Timber Days in Sutherlin over the weekend, but he had to give up his title to a talented challenger.

The new champion is Mervin Lentz of Westfir. Lentz topped Miller in the latter's two favorite events, hand chopping and hand bucking. With the title went a new crown, billed by the Timber Days management as the West Coast Loggers Championship.

Lentz took a back seat to Miller's antics, which included a mass dunking of other contestants Sunday afternoon, but he whittled through logs like butter with his hand saw and axe.

Youngster Shines

Another top performer took the laurels away from his more experienced elders in the axe-throwing contest. He was Hershell Hedrick of Grass Valley, Calif. He won the event both days to cart away first prize of \$100.

And as usual, the hundreds of eyes in the crowded stands were wide at the climbing talents of Danny Sailor of British Columbia. He proved again why he is the world champion high climber. He romped up the 100-foot spar pole and down again in slightly over 40 seconds to capture first both days.

A couple of climbers were faster going up, but no one could match his technique and speed in swooping back down. Sailor also pleased the crowds with his antics atop the pole in an exhibition. He did calisthenics, the "twist" and stood on his head 100 feet up. The visitor from Australia, Bill Johnston, added his exhibition talents by whacking through a standing log, and Jack Culver and his son, Jackie, 8, showed off their skills in log rolling. One old pro later urged young Jackie to make the log rolling look more difficult.

"You'll have people in the stands thinking they can do it, if you make it look so easy," he said. The weekend-long show went off smoothly, but one added attraction Saturday afternoon almost became a mishap. Some skydivers put on a show over the rodeo grounds, but one of the divers lost his helmet. It plummeted down and struck the ground near the end of the grandstand before some of the viewers in the area were aware it was sailing toward them.

Championships in the different events were determined by scores for both days. This was the first time the championships were not

determined by Sunday's scores only.

Results were as follows:

Speed Climbing: Won by Danny Sailor of British Columbia with times of 46.4 seconds the first day and 43.4 the second (total 1:29.8); (2) Paul Easter of Springfield; (3) Bill Cobb of Grants Pass; (4) Duane Dillinger of Castle Rock, Wash.

Axe Throwing: Won by Hershell Hedrick of Grass Valley, Calif., with 13 points the first day and 12

the second; (2) Alan Woodrow of Courtney, British Columbia; (3) Frank Wiltout of Grass Valley; (4) Martin Hedrick of Grass Valley.

Hand Bucking: Mervin Lentz of Westfir with times of 57.1 seconds first day and 1:00.2 the second (total 1:57.3); (2) John Miller of Roseburg; (3) Alan Woodrow; (4) Martin Hedrick.

Hand Chopping: Won by Mervin Lentz with times of 27.1 seconds and 20 seconds (total 47 seconds);

(2) Bill Johnston of West Wyalong, New South Wales, Australia; (3) Miller; (4) M. Hedrick. (14-inch alder log used).

Power Saw Bucking: Won by Ray Silvey of Crescent City, Calif., with times of 34.8 and 37.1 seconds (total 1:11.9); (2) M. Hedrick; (3) Joe Martin of Roseburg; (4) Alvin Russell of Cottage Grove.

Log Rolling: Won by John Wickheim of Seattle, Wash.; (2) Jim Herron of Gardiner; (3) Blair Ack-er of Portland and Aberdeen,

Wash.; (4) Virginia Hansen of Tou-le, Wash.

Jousting: Won by Jim Herron of Gardiner.

Bull O' The Woods: Won by Alvin Russell of Cottage Grove.

Truck Rodeo: Won by Judge T. Gary in 1:18.9 minutes backing a six-wheel diesel log truck with trailer through a figure-8 pattern; (2) Elmer Russell; (3) Kirby Williams; (4) Bill Riley, all of Sutherlin. Truck furnished by Don Cur-ry of Sutherlin.



QUEEN MARTA LU Thomas of Oakland and her court were the happy principals on one float in the Douglas County Timber Days grand parade. (News-Review photo).



REWARD COLLECTED — Mrs. Ann Thompson, representing Beta Eta Sorority of Sutherlin, left, is shown accepting the sweepstakes trophy for her sorority's float, in background. Making the presentation is 1961 Timber Days Queen Donna Fugate. (News-Review photo).

Brown, Nixon Appear Heading For Photo Finish In Election

By JAMES C. ANDERSON

United Press International

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI)—Richard M. Nixon and Edmund G. Brown appear to be heading for a photo finish in their race for governor of California.

Recent public opinion polls and predictions by some of the state's top political writers point to an exceedingly close election on Nov. 6.

The latest sampling of voter opinion (the California Poll) gives the 57-year-old Democratic governor a 47 per cent to 44 per cent edge. Last April, a similar sampling showed Brown on top 45-42. But both men face problems as they prepare to launch their final

campaign assault on Labor Day.

'Uphill for Nixon'

Jack S. McDowell, political editor of the San Francisco News-Call Bulletin, summed it up this way:

"This is a real horse race. Nixon has and always has had an uphill fight because of the preponderance of registered Democrats. He still has the job of getting the conservative Republicans behind him and at the same time wooing the Democratic vote. But on the other side of the coin," McDowell added, "the June primary results show almost 19 per cent of the Democrats voted against Brown. To me, this is a point worth considering."

James Bassett, political analyst for the Los Angeles Times, rates the Brown-Nixon contest a tossup. "The polls haven't altered our view that the autumn runoff will be breathlessly close," Bassett said.

GOP Primary Turnout

He noted that one poll showed about one out of every three voters felt Brown had done a "poor job" as governor.

Herbert L. Phillips, political editor of the McClatchy newspapers, (Sacramento, Fresno, Modesto), joined in the prediction of a close race. But he said he felt the Democratic edge in registration (56.6 per cent to 40.1 per cent) gave Brown an advantage.

"The primary results showed a substantially larger Republican turnout," Phillips said. "Yet, the total Democratic vote in all of

the seven statewide contests was more than the Republican vote in every case."

A recent United Press International poll of all members of the state legislature split strictly along party lines on the question of who would be the November winner.

Party Line Predictions

But when asked to predict the margin of victory in a state with more than 7 million voters, most of the legislators who picked Brown said he would win by 200,000 to 500,000 votes. Those favoring Nixon estimated his margin of victory would be from only 50,000 votes to a high of 250,000.

On Labor Day, both will launch a seven-day-a-week campaign schedule which by November will have seen the two men cover all of the 58 counties in the search for votes.

They are scheduled for only two face-to-face meetings in the fall. One will be a televised debate some time in mid-October. They also will appear on the same platform before the UPI National Editors & Publishers Conference in San Francisco on Oct. 1.

Beta Eta Sorority Float Tops Parade

Beta Eta sorority of Sutherlin captured the sweepstakes prize in the grand parade at Douglas County Timber Days in Sutherlin Saturday.

The sorority's paper-flower be-decked float, complete with hand-made trees, was winner in the civic division and was then awarded the sweepstakes trophy.

Second place in the Civic Division went to West Sutherlin Elementary PTA; and third went to the Sutherlin Garden Club.

Winners in the other two divisions were Sutherlin Methodist Church in the Church Division and Pacific Power & Light Co. in the Commercial Division.

All won handsome trophies. In the Church Division, second and third prize winners who claimed cash prizes were Assembly of God and Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, both of Sutherlin.

In the commercial division, second and third went to Firestone Tire Store and Harry Held Ford agency.

With weather staying fair, crowds thronged to both the parades and the logging events. Correspondent Mrs. Jerry DeMuth said the two-day show was considered one of the most successful in history.

Hospital News

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Admitted

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Surgery: Mrs. James Lanning, Sutherlin; Cynthia Trueman, Camas Valley; Edna Jennie, Winston.

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