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51st Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

Full Program Set Each Afternoon Of Livestock Show

The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show afternoon program each day will be run on a "tight schedule" starting at 1:30 p.m. "so that patrons will not become restless and tired," according to Ralph Taylor, second vice president of the show.

Youngsters will be showing and judging their livestock the first two days of the three-day show, and the annual auction will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Taylor said the show in the arena will start at 1:30 p.m. each day and be concluded by 5 p.m.

La Grande FFA Members Will Enter Livestock

Twenty-nine La Grande high school students, all Future Farmers of America members, will exhibit livestock at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union this weekend. A total of 152 animals will be on display.

In the beef division for fat steers, four boys will each exhibit and sell one fat steer. They are Ed McLaughlin, Dick Turley, Auldin Prescott, and Bob Gattie, who will exhibit four other head.

Other beef exhibitors include Bob Becker, five head; Prescott for head; Steve Waite, one heifer, and Gary Decker, one cow. Becker exhibited the Grand Champion FFA Fat steer last year at the stock show.

Exhibiting fat lambs will be Tom Bowman, Tom Kinzer, Mike Campbell, Larry Courtright and Gary Waldrop. Others exhibiting in the sheep division will be Mike Gooderham and Bill McArthur.

In the swine division Dale Case and Jerry Case will exhibit fat hogs. In addition Tom Bowman will exhibit four head, Walter Cox, one sow; Bruce Rynearson, two; Waite, one, and Mark Counsel, two.

Chapter members exhibiting in the Dairy division will be Keith Chandler, Duane Woolum, Tom MacGregor, Dale Case, Don Miller, Alan Chandler, Charles Anderson, and David Oswald, all of whom will show one cow; Rynearson, two; Lawrence Smutz 11, and Irwin Smutz, 15.

Three FFA members will represent the La Grande chapter in the judging contest: Larry Campbell, Bruce Rynearson, and Mike Campbell.

City Merchants To Close Stores Friday Afternoon

La Grande retailers have approved their traditional closing at noon Friday, June 5, for the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show.

The Retailer Merchant's Association is also urging businessmen and La Grande residents to wear western or Centennial clothes from Wednesday through Saturday this week in honor of the stock show.

ON TO OREGON



QUEEN ELLA MAE TO RULE LIVESTOCK SHOW

Ella Mae Denton, Union, (second from left), was crowned queen of the 1959 Eastern Oregon Livestock Show at coronation ceremonies May 23. Members of her court

are (left) Janice Lorenzen, La Grande, Jordyce Tameris, Elgin and Rosemary Zaugg, Union. The quartet will be on hand at Livestock Show activities in Union this week-

Showmen, Cowboys Girded For Action In Livestock Show

Thousands of visitors, entertainers, livestock showmen and rodeo performers will invade Union this week to watch and participate in the 51st annual Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Thursday through Saturday.

Hundreds of 4-H club and Future Farmers of America club members are putting final touches on the grooming of their animals for showing and judging in various divisions. The annual auction of the stock, a big feature in the annual show, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday.

Stock show officials reported that in the 4-H department an exceptionally heavy entry log is being built up and that entries by 4-H horse clubs is shaping up as one of the heaviest in a number of years of the show.

There will be the big annual parade at 1 p.m. Thursday. Reggie Gipson of Union is handling parade entries.

Festivities for the show have already started in this community which takes on the air of a fair at this time of each year. Community leaders are busy making last-minute preparations and concession stands and carnival rides and features opened for a week-long stand Monday night.

Livestock show officials have stated that "fine music" will be provided for the square dancing at S. E. Miller School Saturday night and regular dancing at the high school Friday and Saturday nights.

In addition to regular rodeo events, featured during the rodeo will be clowns, a bullfighter and other entertainers from El Centro, Calif. Another feature this year will be a driving exhibition, using six-horse teams from this area.

Harley Tucker, the well-known rodeo contractor from Joseph, will be handling the five-event rodeo again this year. Another popular feature of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show will be six thoroughbred races every afternoon. As in past years, pari-mutuel betting will be licensed by the Oregon Racing Commission.

Bob Chambers, known by followers of rodeos, will be show announcer again this year. This will be his second appearance as announcer for the livestock show. All in all, the officials report, that this, the starting of the second half of a century for the show will be the best ever for "The Biggest 'Little' show in the West."

JUDGE—An official at a rodeo, usually a cowboy, who scores the riding events and flags roping events. In roping events he signals the completion of the tie to the timekeepers and passes on the legality and firmness of the tie before the roper's time can be recorded. In the steer wrestling event, he determines if and when the steer has been properly thrown and signals the timekeepers. In the rodeo events he scores both the animal and the contestant.

Queen Bernice Wilde reigned in 1941. Ben Jory's rodeo outfit was hired for the show. This year an automatic gate starter was used.

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Records Illustrate Early History Of Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

How modern has the present day Eastern Oregon Livestock show become, say, to those 25 years ago? A glance through the pages of time—and livestock show documents—will give the reader a brief insight into Union happenings 25 years ago.

The date is early in June, 1924, and a crowd is pouring into Union in Model-T's and by horseback and buggy.

First event on the program, we note, as the dust subsides from the tremendous inflow of traffic, is a classification contest for milk goats and poultry. Also, according to scuttlebutt picked around the steer pens, we hear that J. D. Dobbins gave a registered ram to a youth who showed the three best fat lambs.

Highlight of the show this year is a pageant entitled, "Friends of Mankind." Dr. Phy of Hot Lake was the promoter of the pageant. Josephine Dillon of Portland was hired to write and direct the gigantic pageant which included most of the population of Union in the cast. For months the town people gathered to practice in their respective parts.

Women from the village and surrounding rural areas gathered in the Home Economics room in the high school and prepared costumes for the drama. The show was mainly a panorama of music, dancing and drama.

Showplace for the drama was the Eastern Oregon Livestock

show grounds. A back drop of trees taken from the surrounding mountains made the pageant a very realistic show. The actors were vigorously applauded and it was generally agreed that the pageant was an extremely successful endeavor.

The pageant committee included Dr. W. T. Phy, James Hutch, L. A. Wright, F. M. Stugill, M. S. Levy, F. McKennon, Roy Conklin, C. L. Cadwell, Dr. Erwin, G. W. Benson, Mrs. George Baird, Mrs. S. E. Miller, Mrs. H. McClay, Mrs. F. B. Conner, Mrs. Bill Vogel, and Mrs. Walter Cook.

At the 1925 show many cash prizes were given to club members. Officers for the show that year were George W. Benson, president, Dr. Phy, vice-president; Tony Smith, secretary; Fred N. Fox, treasurer; W. H. Vogel, manager.

In 1926 a total of 718 animals valued at one-half million dollars, were exhibited. At the show there were 30 classes for horses, 46 for beef cattle, 42 for dairy cattle, two for goats and 57 for horses.

The 20th anniversary of the show was celebrated in 1928. The name of the show officially became the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Association in that year. Papers authorizing the association were signed by S. E. Miller, president, Tony Smith, secretary, and Fred Fox, treasurer.

In 1929 state aid was given to the association for premium money.

Each year the show receives approximately that amount for premiums for the show. Albert Hunter, area resident, purchased a stallion in Missouri and took a second place in the show. He bought another in the East and took a first in the Union show and later won many prizes throughout the Northwest with the horse.

The Eastern Oregon Livestock show was the first in the state to establish special classes for 4-H and FFA boys and girls. In 1930 there were so many exhibits that it was reclassified and a Junior Livestock show was established.

Officers in 1931 were Herbert Chandler of Baker, president; G. I. Hess of Union, vice president; Tony Smith, secretary and Fred Fox, treasurer. Chandler, well-known Hereford dealer at Baker, was president for the next 13 years. During his reign in office the association adopted the slogan, "Prosperity Follows in the Trail of the Golden Hoof."

In 1933 the show was held late in the summer on August 24, 25 and 26. However, in 1934 it was set back to June. Jean Baum was queen of the show that year.

Jitney dances were started in 1935 under the direction of G. I. Hess. The idea was to have 10 cent dances rather than a straight admission price. The floor was roped off into two sections as the orchestra played the first half of the dance. Then the orchestra

Rotary To Serve Open Breakfast

Breakfast "Chuck-Wagon" style will be served Friday and Saturday mornings at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, in Union, according to Merle Becket, chairman of the Rotary club rural urban committee of La Grande.

Hot cakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee will be served in true chuck wagon style. Open fires and music of the open range will lend an atmosphere of the real west.

The breakfast will start each morning at 7 a.m. and will be served until 10:30 a.m. Members will start each morning at 7 a.m. and will be served until 10:30 a.m.

Members of the committees working out details include F. S. Emery and Alex McKenzie in the cooking committee; Ned Jones, procurement; Bob Haufler, publicity; Powell Graham and Ross Hearing, table service; Bob Howard, purchasing; Bob Carey and Dean Brice, cashiers.



TO SHOW—Eastern Oregon Livestock Show visitors will see a top Hereford calf in "Yogi", one year old, 950 pound calf raised by Jim Thompson, 11. Thompson is a member of a Union 4-H club. (Observer Photo)



JERSEY CALF—Dale Marshall, 10, stands with his Jersey calf which he'll take to the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show at Union this weekend. (Observer Photo)



HOG EXHIBIT—Alfred Marshall, 11, representing the Island City Variety 4-H club, will show his Hampshire sow with litter of seven pigs at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show which starts Thursday. (Observer Photo)

Range Camp In Blue Mts.

The 1959 Youth Range Camp, sponsored each year by the Pacific Northwest section of the American Society of Range Management, will be held August 3 to 8, according to Barry N. Freeman, extension range management specialist at Oregon State College.

Freeman, chairman of the society's youth range camp committee, said the camp will be held in Logan Valley, high in the Blue Mountains in Grant county. All Eastern Oregon counties, and Coos, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties are eligible to send four boys each to the camp.

Boys chosen to attend the camp should be 14 to 18 years old, and selected through plant identification, essays contests on range or out-of-door subjects, or on the basis of leadership, citizenship, and love of the outdoors, Freeman added.

Scholarships covering camp costs of each boy will be provided by local organizations and individuals in each county. A local youth range camp committee is now being set up in each county to help arrange scholarships and select boys.

The camp is a learning experience, society officers emphasized, where boys learn to make wise use of range and ranch resources, and to handle themselves in out-of-doors situations. Range and soil judging, plant identification, conservation, and ranch organization and management are among topics covered in outdoor classroom sessions. Photography, camping, woodsmanship, and sportsmanship will also be taught.

Beef To Be Prize At Livestock Show

A sidelight event of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show will be the awarding of a beef during the show Saturday by the Union County Livestock Association and Beef, Inc.

First prize will be half-beef, second will be a hind quarter and third will be a front quarter.

Beef, Inc. has been conducting a finance campaign the past several months with the money to be used for a beef exhibit at the Oregon Centennial Show and Trade Fair in Portland this June.