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TREK ON TO BIG CORRAL

Greatest Parade Of Old West is Saturday's Promise

25 Floats, Visiting
Delegations to Add
Much Color to Line

Twenty to 25 floats, a long cavalcade of horses, cowgirls, cowboys—Rodeo stock, performers and equipment—4-H club stock, pets, loads of logs, everything from the sublime to the ridiculous, will go to make the greatest Parade of the Old West, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, ever presented at Rodeo.

Representing the beginnings of the Old West and all periods of transition to the modern west of today, the colorful galaxy of entries will provide the greatest of thrills for all who witness it, avows J. Logie Richardson, parade chairman.

In the role of parade director, Harlan McCurdy will put the entries in place. Nine o'clock is set as the deadline for all to report on Church, Baltimore and Water streets, west of Gale, and the big show will wend its way up Main street beginning promptly at 10 o'clock.

Reflection of the neighborliness for which the Old West was noted will be given in parade entries from Arlington, Echo, Pendleton, Condon, Long Creek and John Day. Heppner's state championship band will hold prominent place, along with Pendleton's fine Sons of the Legion drum and bugle corps, of which Larry Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Moore, former residents, is drum major. The world-famous Vivian Lewis' all-girls' dance band, recently returned from a long engagement in the Hawaiian islands, will also provide enticing tunes.

Queen Cecelia and royal court of Rodeo will be seen on some of the county's prize horseflesh, and Queen Barbara Fitzpatrick of Pendleton's famous show will head the visiting Pendletonians.

Surprise entries there will be a plenty, promises Richardson, and just a tip on one is the appearance of two world champion child calf throwers who will give exhibitions along the line of march.

A total of \$500 in cash prizes will be awarded in the various classes of entries. One entry inadvertently omitted from the prize list before issued is a \$10 prize for the best church float.

Mrs. Ada M. Ayers Was County Pioneer

Funeral services were held from Holman and Lutz chapel in Portland Monday for Mrs. Ada M. Ayers, who died at her home in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Ayers was a pioneer in Morrow county. She owned and operated the Parkers Mill hotel in the days when stage coaches stopped there on their run from Heppner to Canyon City and other interior points. With her husband, Alfred Ayers, she resided in Heppner for many years before retiring to the home in Portland. Mr. Ayers survives.

MILL TO START

Heppner Lumber mill expects to resume operations this week end after a three-week shut-down due to a boiler breakdown. Repairs arrived from the east the first of the week. A spur railroad track for loading is being rushed into place at the mill which is cutting Bridal Veil Lumber and Box company logs.

RODEO FLASHES!

Headquarters at Willow and Main street corner, Heppner hotel building.

Registration books close at 10 o'clock each evening for next day's show.

Tickets available at headquarters each morning, \$1 each day for adults, 50 cents for children, Friday and Saturday. All school children free today. Seats reserved for Saturday only at \$1.25.

Stores closed during show each day. Deliveries for three days at 9 a. m. and 12 noon.

Housing headquarters at Hotel Heppner desk. Town canvassed yesterday for all available rooms and listed at housing headquarters.

Dollar dance tonight at pavilion, jitney dances tomorrow and Saturday, with Vivian Lewis' all-girls' dance band officiating. Full program of special numbers each evening.

Interesting 4-H Work Displayed at Fair

Arrangements for the annual Morrow county fair are almost complete as this paper goes to press today (Wednesday), with room provided for more than two hundred head of livestock.

4-H club members from all sections of the county will have their livestock in the barns and stalls by midnight tonight and ready to start the fair by 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Arrangements are being made this year for seats and shade at the judging arena and shavings have already been scattered to keep down the dust. Friday will, no doubt, be of most interest to the greatest number, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent, as that is the day when all of the livestock classes will be judged.

Arrangements have been made with Roy Robinson to exhibit his purebred Herefords again this year and the Irrigon 4-H Dairy club is bringing 15 head of dairy cattle for the first time this year.

The 4-H home economic girls work will be exhibited in the kitchen in the dance pavilion and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, promises some exhibits of real interest in that phase of the work.

Pageant to Open Corral Show

White man's first arrival in Morrow county's bunchgrass clad hills will be reenacted as the opening feature each day of Rodeo. Martin B. Clark, Christian minister, is in charge of the feature.

Over the north hill horizon in wonderful view of grandstand spectators will come the cavalcade of ox-drawn covered wagons, Indians, scouts, and ladies in attire of the period with musical effects supplied by Heppner's state championship school band.

Attendants at Rodeo last year remember the beautiful effect of the buglers and Indians in the same setting. This year's pageant will be more elaborate and will impress more than ever the winning of the west, and the frontier days from which the spirit of Rodeo is gained.

FILLS PULPIT

Jackson Gilliam, Whitman student who expects to enter the ministry, substituted for Rev. R. C. Young in the Methodist church pulpit Sunday morning.

About one-fourth of more than 85 million bushels of wheat put under government loan by 77,000 farmers during the first year of the wheat loan program was stored successfully on the farm. Oregon farm storage is on the increase.

ALL HAIL! QUEEN CECILIA



Mystery Queen of 1939 Rodeo is Miss Cecilia Healy of Pine City whose identity was made known last Saturday evening at the large ball in her honor. She was named from a group of former queens' attendants, members of pioneer families, who were previously announced as eligible for the highest honor Rodeo can confer upon any lass. Interest reached a white heat at Saturday's ball when the midnight hour arrived and she was crowned with the queenly sombrero by Henry Aiken, Rodeo president, and handed a gorgeous bouquet of pink gladiolas.

Another in the list of comely Irish colleens who have ruled o'er Rodeo, Queen Cecilia, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Healy. Reared to young womanhood on the ranch

of her parents she is accustomed to ways of the range and the useful life of a girl on the farm. An expert rider, she is equally adept at the culinary art as evidenced by her presiding over the cookstove thru the six weeks' harvest season recently completed on the farm.

Last year it was Princess Cecilia at the court of Queen Maxine McCurdy, and the charming Irish lass then little dreamed that she would be the next to rule.

In her home community Queen Cecilia's winsome smile and bright blue eyes encourage interest in 4-H club work, in which she is a leader. But in the three days of Rodeo this week end they will emanate from the black-trimmed, white costume of Rodeo's ruler, as all celebrants join in obeisance. "All hail to Queen Cecilia, ruler of Rodeodom."

Queen Marjorie, First Rodeo Ruler, Was Also Youngest

When Heppner's Rodeo was presented for the first time 18 years ago, the directors, including President C. W. McNamer and Vice-President L. V. Gentry, picked petite Miss Marjorie Clark to rule as queen, the youngest ruler of all time. Not yet in her teens, little Miss Clark wore long brown curls and was a charming ruler.

In the years that have elapsed Miss Clark was graduated from Heppner high school and University of Oregon, was joined in wedlock, and now through the fall, winter and spring school months teaches kindergarten in famous Riverview Memorial church, New York, while her husband, Gordon Ridings, noted former University of Oregon athlete, is assistant coach at Columbia university.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridings are spending their summer vacation on the west coast, and as is their usual custom, will be in the stands, among the most ardent Rodeo fans to be found anywhere.

GIVEN SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wells, newlyweds, were honored with a shower at Neighbors of Woodcraft meeting Monday evening.

Woolen Exhibit Is Rodeo Feature

Rodeo visitors should not miss the woolen goods exhibit at the lobby of Heppner branch, First National Bank of Portland, sponsored by Morrow County Wool Growers auxiliary.

Much effort has been expended in assembling one of the finest exhibits of its kind ever presented locally. Cash prizes are being awarded for winning entries in the various classes.

SCHOOL OPENS 5TH

School in Heppner as well as over the county generally will open September 5. Preparations for the opening locally are well under way with recent completion of floor sanding to enhance the general plant condition. Supt. A. H. Blankenship, who has been taking special work during the summer at Columbia university, New York, is expected to arrive momentarily.

TO BE RODEO GUESTS

H. E. Leash and son Kenneth and Leonard Kraft were expected to arrive yesterday evening and to be Rodeo guests of Logie Richardson. The visitors are officials of Bridal Veil Lumber and Box company that contemplates establishment of a remanufacturing plant here.

Smoky Rangeland To Awaken With Show's Opening

Buckers, Bangtails,
Brahmas, Tophands
All Tense to Go

Presaging early arrival of Indian summer, smoke clouds hover o'er the rangeland as all hands trek toward Heppner's big corral for opening of the 18th Rodeo this afternoon. Daily performances today, tomorrow and Saturday will start at 1:30.

What is believed to be the world's largest corral was recently made possible through assistance of CCC boys directed by Jim Kistner. Set in the natural amphitheater amid Heppner's browning hills, it was surrounded yesterday by wild mustangs, hot blooded bangtails, longhorns, calves and Brahmas, besides as promising a gang of tophands and jockeys as ever put foot into a corral, all tense for the opening gun.

Wild Dillinger, Brown Bomber and Sir Echo were there, outlaw mustangs topping the Warren-Dewey bucking string. Return this year will be made to snubbing and saddling in the arena—a thrilling part of the bucking show. Bucking this year, too, will be a daily event for \$25, \$15 and \$10 money. There will be no three-day semi-finals and finals as in years past, so the last day's show will have the same snap and ginger as the preceding days.

"Snap and ginger will be the keynote throughout of this year's show," promises Harlan McCurdy, arena director.

With carnival tunes already emanating from the Browning Amusement company mid-way where merry-go-round and ferris wheel center attraction for the kiddies, and city and citizenry in gala togs for the holidays, Heppner is set to awaken just as Sleepy, the big Brahma bull, will awaken when the first cowpoke attempts to ride him.

Sleepy was so named because when at rest he appears to take no interest in life whatever. But as soon as a rider goes up he awakens into a raging, snorting volcano that so far has erupted defeat for every would-be conquerer. He features the Brahma steer riding exhibitions coming this year as a new event. Teachers in the extreme, the Brahmas are most respected of show animals by riders who, as soon as they hit the ground remain perfectly still lest their erstwhile mounts attack them.

As the starter's gun sends the ponies' tails straight out into the breeze, red hot heats are in order. Four strings of horses, all with relay and pony express mounts, were ready yesterday to assure this. Some fast new ponies are brought by Jack Deming of Nebraska, while the R. L. Baze, Swaggart, and Joel Byrnes strings assure plenty of competition. Rumors of independent horses, too, are heard with threat that Frank Turner's hot-blooded mare will make all the others look to their laurels.

Among the jockeys are experienced riders, Jack Deming on his own horses, Cliff Weaver on the Byrnes string, Wayne Baze riding for his dad and Gerald Swaggart for the Swaggart stables. Among flat riders who will make the others get in and dig are Harry Burstretti and Ernie Harman, riding here for the first time.

Number one entry in the lists is Tony Vey, former Rodeo arena director. Continued on Page Four