

## Grand Parade Charming Feature Of 18th Rodeo

Willows Grange  
Takes Sweepstakes;  
Many Participate

It was a grand parade, folks!

And this is not simply the editor's opinion. Portlanders who witnessed it avowed thrill as great as received by Rose Festival or Round-Up parades. Not in the same class, to be sure. But a grand showing considering population differences.

Rodeo's Saturday morning feature was more than an all-Morrow county event. That was guessed when Chance Wilson rode into view at the head of the line, bearing Old Glory. His place was earned through many years of judging at Rodeo, and by bringing each year to the local yards from Grant county more cattle than any rangehand in the district.

By the time the thousand people participating with the many varied entries had passed in review, the stands had seen the queens of Rodeo, Round-Up and Grant County's fair, high officials of each show, the snappy 28-piece Pendleton Sons of the American Legion drum and bugle corps, Heppner's championship school band, as beautiful an array of floats as ever appeared in Heppner, more beautiful horses than most people believed still existed, pride of the district's 4-H club livestock, pets and comedy entries that lent interest and variety for a new high in annals of Rodeo parades.

Heppner's youthful bandsters, fifty in number, led by William McCaleb as drum major, with charming, white-satin-clad majorettes Jeanette Blakely, Jean Hayes and Norma Prock snappily wielding batons in his wake, came second in line.

Queen Cecelia, arm (injured on eve of Rodeo) in sling, rode regally, little daunted by the fracture, with comely Princesses Kathryn Thompson, Dorothy Brady, Constane Instone and Dorothy Howell riding in square formation behind.

Then came Rodeo's president, Henry Aiken, with Director Lee Beckner by his side, and Rodeo judges, Clay Porter, Finis Kirkpatrick and Edwin Hughes as escort.

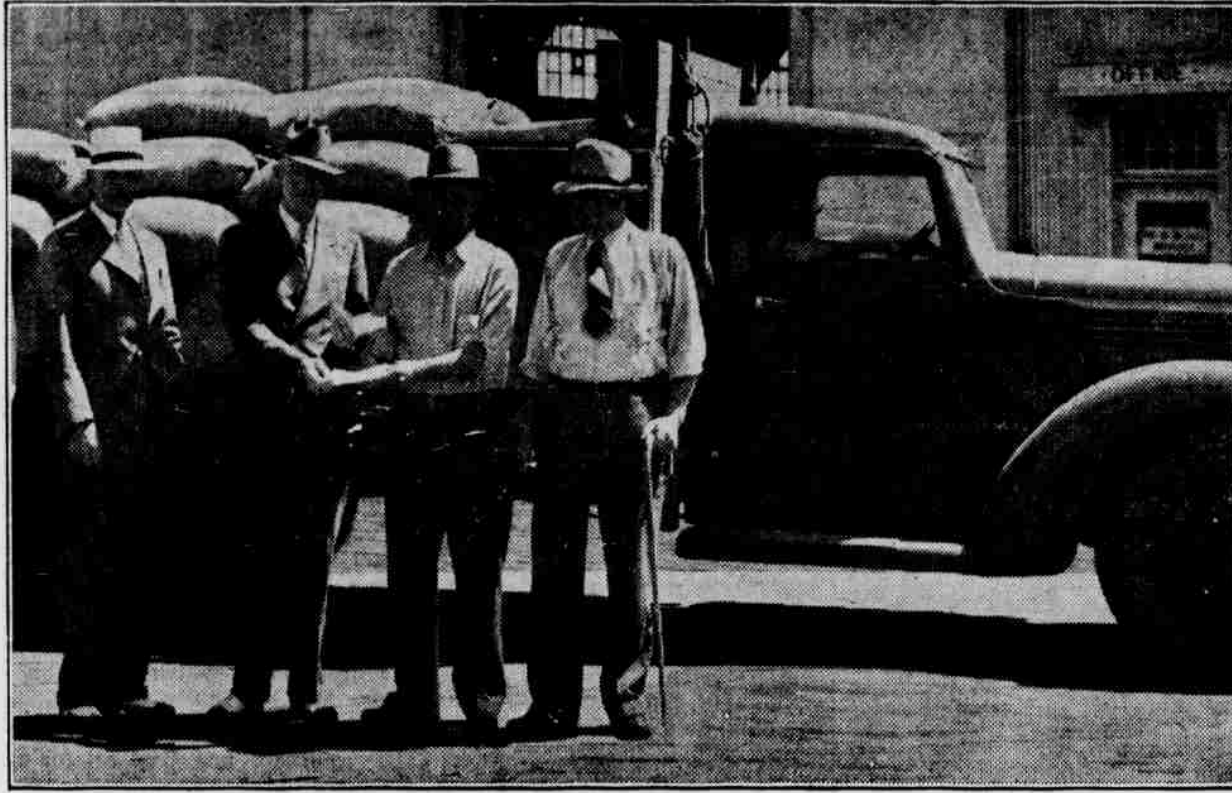
Winter sports on Mt. Hood, the old mountain standing forth in gleaming white wool, led the next group of float entries. "Wool for Warmth" was the slogan inscribed in this charming entry of Morrow County Wool Growers auxiliary, winner of second place among organization floats. A double bicycle with boy and girl riders, canopied with red and white streamers, was presented by Degree of Honor. In contrast, came the "Kidney Smasher," an antiquated jalopy covered with exuberant youths—just an expression of unrepressed emotions.

Lexington Oil Co-op presented its big oil truck with a merry-go-round pony mounted high above the cab and ridden by a small lad in cowboy attire, and Wattenburger Apiaries made flowerful display of their honey industry at Pine City.

With Larry Moore, former Heppner boy, as drum major, and four high-stepping majorettes, the Pendleton drum corps led the Round-Up contingent, all dressed in snappy red and white outfits. Next rode Lawrence Lieuallen as Round-Up flag bearer and in his wake came Queen Barbara Kirkpatrick and six princesses, including Miss Maxine McCurdy of this city and Miss Jane Boyer of John Day. In the group of Round-Up notables that followed were President Bill Switzer, Herb Thompson, veteran livestock director; Roy Ritner, publicity director and secretary, and Pendleton's Mayor Buck Lieuallen, another former Heppnerite. Thirty Round-Up banner carriers, all mounted, including Emery Gentry of Weston, another old Heppner boy, wound up this contingent.

Bridal Veil Lumber and Box company came next with two large logging trucks loaded with fine logs. Evergreens, grain sheaves and beau-

## WAMIC FARMER GETS FIRST 1939 OREGON WHEAT LOAN



Oregon wheat farmers, many of them unwilling to sell their new crop at present market levels, continue to take advantage of the federal loan program. The above picture, taken at The Dalles, records the first crop loan to be completed in Oregon this year. Left to right are: Frank E. Whitcomb, manager of the Port of The Dalles; Grover L. Webb, Wamic farmer who received the first loan; and Raymond N. Kortge, member of the Wasco county AAA committee. Last year, wheat farmers of nine principal wheat growing counties of eastern Oregon took out loans totalling \$3,800,000 on 7,334,000 bushels of grain. New loans are now a month ahead of last year's schedule.

tiful gladiolas in baskets served as a setting for the colorfully clad lassies on the Rhea Creek grange float, followed by Eugene Empey's covered wagon drawn by four white cow team, and another pack mule string entry.

Riding one of the famous Swaggart Creamolines side-saddle came Mrs. B. F. Swaggart, awarded recognition as the oldest Morrow county woman, accompanied by four other members of the family, also on creamolines.

Lions depicted the recently completed city swimming pool with their white float carrying a bevy of bathing beauties. And Dee Cox, oldest Morow county man in parade, rode beside a grandchild mounted on a Shetland pony.

Greatest thrill for spectators was provided by two purebred yearling Hereford bulls from the famed Roy Robinson herd as they almost left their handlers in rearing up the street. So intent were spectators upon this spectacle that much of the other fine 4-H stock paraded failed to get its share of notice.

Behind the 4-H club stock came Vivian Lewis and her dance band dispensing soothing Hawaiian tunes from aboard truck, then Queen Betsy Newcomb Page of the Grant County fair, and John Day rought riding contingent including W. S. Richards, president, and Guy Boyer and son Don, former Heppnerites.

FFA's third-place winning float, an evergreen mountain topped by stuffed eagle, and carrying boys with livestock in the rear, was followed by Heppner Chemistry club's offering on which Stanley Minor filled the role of chemist, using hammer on anvil to split an atom, in a surrounding of designs of laboratory equipment.

CCC and SCS presented their camp orchestra on a neatly designed float, and then the sweepstakes winner, float of Willows grange, depicting horn of plenty in a surrounding of multicolored flowers with pantomime of various grange characters, inscribed, "Peace and Plenty."

Hunters and Anglers centered attraction on a stuffed deer with an attractive display. Case Furniture Co. advertised a fine spring mattress, with flowers emphasizing the appropriate season, to take first among business floats. Ferguson Motor Co., second prize taker in this division, presented their wrecking car towing a badly mutilated but well placarded example of what unsafe driving will do.

Right out of the gay '90's rode Mrs. Harlan McCurdy as the lady and Mrs. Bert Kane as the man to draw a big hand. Lena grange featured its "Home on the Range" orchestra in setting of sagebrush, with a member of the orchestra playing a bass violin made by himself.

Clayton Ayers' covered wagon goat team was followed closely by Shetland cart. One lad on high stilts strode beside another very small

lad afoot; Leonard Kummerland depicted the black devil, in tow of a horseback rider; a dog cart, and kiddies with their pets, brought up the rear, then the Heppner firemen screeched up the street with truck to start nerves ajumping all along the packed street.

### ADA M. AYERS

Mrs. Alfred L. Ayers, whose passing at Portland was reported in these columns last week, was widely known and respected in Morrow county. Born Ada M. Jones in Belmont county, Ohio, February 4, 1859, she came to this county as a young woman and was among the first teachers in Heppner's then new schoolhouse, in 1898, having taught many of the older generation now residing in this city. She later taught school at Hardman and it was there that she met and was married to Ben Parker, pioneer lumber mill operator from whom Parkers Mill took its name. Residing for a number of years at Parkers mill, Mrs. Parker manager the Parkers Mill hotel, a favorite stopping place for freighters and bus drivers passing on their way to and from the interior. Following Mr. Parker's death, Mrs. Parker married Alfred L. Ayers

in 1905. They came to Heppner to make their home in 1914 and resided here until 1927 when they moved to Portland. Mrs. Ayers died in Portland on Friday, August 18, and burial was made there on the 21st. Besides her husband she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Flora Hochswinger, Mrs. Elizabeth Conway and Mrs. Clara Watkins, all of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnston of Estacada arrived Sunday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas. Mr. Johnston, former school principal at Lexington, is with the Estacada schools again this year.

Bob Fletcher, veteran leader of the famous Round-Up mounted band, was among those present at Rodeo Saturday from Pendleton.



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