

EDITORIAL

A Successful Rodeo

They came, they saw, and went away satisfied. That is the general verdict relative to visitors to the 21st annual Heppner Rodeo brought to a successful conclusion Sunday afternoon before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at the rodeo grounds. We doff our tile to President Lee Beckner and his efficient staff of directors and helpers for their faithful efforts to make it a worthwhile show; to Harley Tucker for providing real show stock, and to the comparatively small crew of performers who worked hard and ran great risk to their lives and limbs to give the appreciative crowds their money's worth of entertainment.

Final settlement has not been made on all bills but there is a considerable sum of money on hand to meet all obligations and more than likely a sizeable nest egg will remain upon which to build the next show. It must be remembered that a big war was still in progress when work started upon the 1945 rodeo and the association was handicapped by rationing restrictions. Then when peace came the time was rather short to get preparations under way and completed to meet the new condition of unrestricted gas and other things that if not unrationed at least eased up some, so that there was an air of uncertainty almost up to the opening of the show on Friday afternoon. The uncertainty vanished when the opening day crowd was revealed to the association. It was not a record breaker but it was sufficient to assure success, for it was the barometer which foretold what was to follow on Saturday and Sunday—capacity crowds both days.

If there is to be a show next year—and there is no reason why there should not be one—it would be a good idea to lay some plans now so they could be put into execution earlier. Conditions will be more normal and more of those features which go to make up a wild west show should be available. Due to conditions over which the association had no control there was no band. A band adds much to any type of entertainment and is sorely missed at the rodeo. There will be more band musicians looking for work a year from now. It should be possible to contract with a real carnival company. People like to patronize carnivals and will make it worthwhile for a big outfit. There will be time to work up new features and if permitted to express a personal viewpoint, some of the attractions offered this year should be repeated, namely Trixie and a clown. It was unfortunate that Clarence Belcher was injured the second day for he was doing a good job of filling in and helping the show to run smoothly.

One more idea would boost the prize money a little and get more top hands to come in. Association and cash customers alike are grateful to Jerry Ambler for staying on and working hard to make the rodeo go. His riding was a highlight of the show and his sportsmanship was marked.

All in all it was a tiptop rodeo. Even King Sol smiled benevolently upon the rodeo grounds and if there had been a band to help Announcer Clyde Nutting over the inevitable interludes everything would have been "jake." Nutting worked hard to keep the show rolling smoothly and is entitled to no small amount of credit for keeping the program on schedule.

What About the Hospital?

As this is being written four Heppner people are in a Pendleton hospital, all in serious condition. We are indeed fortunate to have hospital facilities so close at hand and doubtless numerous cases of illness or injury would terminate more seriously were it not for the availability of the Pendleton and other institutions.

The present situation raises the question "What about the proposed Morrow County hospital?" Is any planning being done to build it now or will it just ride along until sufficient tax money is on hand to complete the project? These are things many of our people would like to know and if the county court and the hospital committee have something definite in mind there should be a little noise made about it.

Conditions are different today to those of one year ago when the project first got under way. Then it was a postwar matter, an indefinite time in which the court was led to believe that a tax program extending for four or five years would raise a sufficient fund to build and equip a hospital. The people voted in favor of a two mill tax to raise the fund. Almost a year has passed and the first installment will soon be set aside. Also within the year that nebulous postwar period arrived and with it an increasing need for the hospital.

Will it not be advisable to call another special election and vote to raise the other four of the five years assessments in one year? That has been suggested by the committee as about the only avenue left, since bonding is not permissible and solicitation of funds is not in line with the program set out by the court in the earlier stages of planning. An eight mill assessment will not set well with the larger land owners and doubtless would work a hardship on many smaller tax payers, yet the need for a hospital grows every day and if we are to have one it appears necessary to renew the campaign to remove barriers.

Round-up Has Spotlight

This is the week when a sports loving world converges upon Pendleton. For four days, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, top hands of the rodeo world are vying with one another to gain the coveted championships at the premier wild west show, the Pendleton Round-up. For after all is said and done, the other wild west exhibitions, many of them superb shows, are build-ups for the great pageant of the west.

Visitors to the Round-up city earlier in the week found everything in readiness. Streets are decorated, eating houses were set to feed the throngs, the park was alive with horses, riders, and men busy at the task of putting on the final touches that make for a smooth working performance, and the business men of the city were decked out in ten-gallon hats and fancy shirts and vests. Yes, and the people from the reservation were assembling to present their colorful part in the pageant.

Morrow county will contribute its share of patronage to the 1945 Round-up which is already assures a capacity attendance.

FROSTY ORANGE DRINK

3-4 cup milk, 1 tsp sugar, 1 cup orange sherbet or orange juice. Combine all ingredients and beat until blended. If juice is used, chill the mixture.

BUTTERMILK FRUIT SHAKE

4 cups buttermilk, juice 1 lemon juice of 2 oranges. Combine buttermilk and fruit juices. Add salt and sugar to taste. Mix, chill. Serves six.

CHOCOLATE MINT DRINK

1 cup hot milk, 1/2 cup cocoa malt, 3 cups cold milk, 1/4 tsp salt, 1 tsp vanilla, 1/4 tsp peppermint extract, 1/2 pint vanilla ice cream. Combine hot milk with cocoa and stir until dissolved. Add cold milk, salt, vanilla and peppermint extract. Chill. Before serving pour into a shaker with vanilla ice cream and shake the mixture well.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wood and daughter of White Salmon, Wash. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nutting. The guests were here for the Heppner Rodeo. The men went to Pendleton Wednesday for the Round-up and the women folk will take in the big show Saturday.

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