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Rain Makers Ready For First Seeding When Clouds Come

Morrow County Not Meeting Quota of Tri-County Fund

Ralph S. Crum of Ione, president of Tri-County Weather Research corporation, reports a recent telephone message with Dr. Irving P. Krick of Water Resources Development corporation at Pasadena, Calif. stating that everything is ready for the first cloud seeding operation. There is a meteorologist in the area and he is holding Lou Grant at the laboratory in readiness to take a plane to the operations as soon as there is a possible chance of getting results. Crum says Dr. Krick is not concerned much about the money now because he is sure it will come in as soon as the water is in the bucket. He also says the corporation must have all the money in escrow before the deal can be completed. The WRDC has agreed to operate at cost not to exceed \$5000 for 30 days. The Oregon State college has agreed to work out a sliding scale formula to be used as a yard stick for the payment of increased rainfall.

Most farmers prefer 15 inches of rainfall rather than trying to double the average. At present the local unit is working out a statistical and mathematical basis for evaluation and for payment of services on a sliding scale, the results of their efforts to be presented to the directors on or before Sept. 30.

Dr. Krick says the future possibilities in the field appear to be tremendous. Systematic, scientifically controlled operations can undoubtedly go far toward preventing a recurrence of the dust bowl conditions of the early thirties. Properly planned operations carried out each year can increase yearly crop yields by sizeable proportions and supply water storage in reservoirs.

Cloud seeding operations were carried out in eastern Washington in June by WRDC. Purpose of the operation was to provide increased rainfall for certain wheat ranches in the area. Operations were conducted during two potentially favorable rainy periods, each lasting for two or three days. Total rain received by the ranches during the two seeded storms was over 400 percent of the normal monthly rainfall for June, but nearby unaffected areas received only 50 to 100 percent of their normal monthly total.

Economic benefits in increased crop yields resulting from rainfall during the seeded storms are estimated at over \$100,000. Cost of operation was less than \$5000. "We urge you that have not paid to leave your checks with your county agent immediately," he concluded.

WRANGLER BREAKFAST SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

Although they were prepared to serve more than 400 people, the Wranglers did quite well with their cowboy breakfast Sunday morning. A total of 363 people turned out to partake of the typically "cowhand" viands—ham and eggs, hash browns and flapjacks, with plenty of coffee to help wash them down. Several stoves were used and the corps of cooks soon had things moving in orderly fashion and the hungry visitors were not obliged to stand in line very long.

Worden Herefords Captured 7 Firsts At Morrow County Fair

Floyd Worden didn't anticipate going 100 percent on first prizes when he entered his Hereford stock at the Morrow county fair last week but he did that very thing—seven entries took seven first prizes. Beginning with his aged bull—weight 2100 pounds, and could carry up to 2500—and his young bull, which took grand champion and reserve champion, he went right on down the line with firsts on the whole kaboodle. Asked if he will show the big al, Floyd said no. The reason is that the trip to the city, after showing him here last week and at the Harney county fair this week would be too strenuous and would require several months to get him back into good shape. The "A-1" rancher will take his top young animals to the PI to see how they stack up with other good stock of the northwest.

Pig, Calf Scrambles Amuse Crowds, Muss Up Participants

The 1950 fair and rodeo pig and calf scrambles were again expressed as two of the most enjoyable attractions of the show by those attending them. The pig scramble, an annual event held immediately before the 4-H fat auction sale on Friday evening, was participated in by Janice Beamer, Janet Wightman, Carole Anderson, Mardine Baker, Mildred Seehafer, Vern Nolan, Skip Ruhl and John Howton. Pigs for the scramble were donated by Ingrid Hermann, Eddie and Johnny Brosnan, George Hermann and Claude Buschke. Verne Nolan caught the pig donated by Ingrid Hermann. Skip the pig given by George Hermann. Janice Beamer the pig donated by Claude Buschke and John Howton the pig donated by the Brosnans. That pig is a registered spotted Poland China gilt raised by them from their start in the pig business from the pig scramble in 1949.

In the calf scramble held in front of the grand stand Saturday afternoon, the audience was treated with a rough and tumble scramble in the "catch it and it is yours" when two of the participants were carried from the arena, the calf they were attempting to catch getting the best of them.

In this scramble were Jimmy Hayes, Joe Privett, Jack Monagle, Leland McKinney, Deane Graves, Neil Baker, Janet Howton, Joan Wilson, Patricia Peck and Shirley Peck. Catching calves were: Jack Monagle, calf donated by Morrow County Grain Growers, Leland McKinney, calf donated by Delbert Emert; Deane Graves, calf donated by Luke Bibby; Janet Howton, calf donated by Earl Evans; and Neil Baker, calf donated by Oscar Peterson.

These scramble animals will be fed as 4-H projects by these club members, who will exhibit them at the 1951 fair and rodeo.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

Through the columns of the Gazette Times we wish to extend our appreciation for assistance rendered by individuals and organizations in making the Morrow county picnic, held on the grounds of the courthouse last Saturday, such a huge success. This park is kept up for public use and we welcome the opportunity to extend its use to the citizens of Morrow and surrounding counties.

MORROW COUNTY COURT.

Soroptimist Float Takes First Prize And Sweepstakes

Officers of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner were enriched to the extent of \$75 Saturday when the club's float was awarded first prize and grand sweepstakes. First prize was \$25 put up by the Rosewall Motor Co. for the best organization entry. The sweepstakes award of \$50 was posted by the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc. This is the second time the club has captured first prize out of three floats entered. Last year's float won second place in the organization division.

Second prize, \$15 donated by the Lexington Oil Co-Op, was awarded to the Blue Birds, Campfire Girls club at Lexington. Third prize, \$10 posted by the Empire Machinery Co., went to the Jay-see-ettes.

Pacific Power & Light Co. took first place in the commercial division, receiving the \$25 put up by the Hodge Chevrolet Co. Gilliam & Bisbee's \$10 for second place went to the Empire Machinery Co. which displayed the two big diesel motors that will be used to power Morrow county's new rock crusher.

Arvin Porter of Pilot Rock received the Wilson's Men's Wear \$5 prize for the best dressed cow boy; Mrs. Len Gilman the \$5 J. C. Penney Co. prize for the best dressed mounted cowgirl; Jess Snead a pair of levis from Wilson's for oldest cowboy in the parade; Linnie Louden, \$5 from Penney's for oldest cowgirl; Umatilla Sage Riders, best organized and conducted riding club, \$10 from Turn-A-Lum Lumber Co., and Heppner Wranglers, \$10 from Empire Machinery Co. for second best organized and conducted riding club.

Unclaimed prizes may be picked up at the Turner, Van Marter & Co. office.

Henry Tetz, J. Palmer Sorlien and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy Sr. were the judges.

4-H Fat Livestock Establishes Record For High Bidding

Morrow county 4-H club fat livestock set another record for prices received with 34 head of beef, sheep and hogs brought their youthful owners, \$7567.70, when sold at auction at the Fair grounds Friday evening, Sept. 8. Topping the sale in price per pound was the Grand Champion Southdown lamb owned by Reita Graves, Heppner which sold for \$2.10 per pound to bring its owner \$180.60. Tom Michos of the Jolly Juan cafe in Portland was the buyer, who also bought the 1010 pound grand champion Hereford steer shown by Ingrid Hermann, Ione for \$1.00 per pound. Michos also purchased a 268 pound hog from Neil Beamer, Heppner. He donated this hog and the fat lamb to the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

The auction, cried by Bob Runyon, was acclaimed as one of the best with average prices for the livestock being 85 cents per pound for lambs; 45 cents on beef and 37 cents for fat hogs. Two registered Hampshire breeding animals a ram owned by Eddie Brosnan brought \$62.50; while a ewe brought \$80.02 for its owner, Jimmie Green.

Assessors Called To District "School" at Baker Sept. 19-20

The annual in-service training program for county assessors in this area will be held at Baker, Sept. 19 and 20, under the auspices of the assessment and taxation division of the site tax commission. These sessions are authorized by the legislature for the purpose of keeping assessors up to date in the field of appraisal and other matters concerned with their duties. The meeting at Baker is for assessors of Baker, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallawa.

Commissioner Robert D. McLean, in charge of the A&T division, is bringing top members of his staff to deliver the lectures. Two of the chief appraisal engineers will attend, Harry J. Loggan discussing tax lot methods, and Jesse S. Gilkey dealing with building appraisals. Mildred A. Roos, appraisal engineer, will describe the uniform procedure in assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes. An appraisal program for a city will be the subject of Robert V. Nelson, research engineer. Bernard Shevach, assistant attorney general, will deal with legal questions.

Following Baker, there will be a two-day school at Burns.

Mrs. Orve Rasmus left Sunday for Portland to spend several days attending to business.

Heavy Steel Here For Relaying Track On Heppner Branch

Wednesday's freight train included several cars of heavy steel which will be used to replace the light rails that have served since laying of the line in 1888. The heavier rails have been removed from sections of the main line and run in weights from 90's to 130's.

Shortly after World War I, the Union Pacific started relaying main line track with 110 pound steel. The 90 pound rails removed at that time were used on branch lines and relaying was done from Heppner Junction to a point six miles below Ione on the Heppner branch. From time to time since then there has been talk of putting heavier steel on the branch and not until extensive improvements began on main line roadbeds has there been excess rails for the job here.

The term "90" indicates the weight per each three feet of rail.

Parade of Prize Stock Attraction Friday Afternoon

A Friday afternoon attraction of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo was the parade of fair livestock winners before the grandstand in the arena. Winners of the various divisions are: Open class, Hereford.

Floyd Worden, Al Ranch, 1st, aged bull, 1st young bull. These animals also took grand and reserve championship of the Hereford yearlings, heifer and bull; 1st, get of sire; 1st best group of five of one breed; 1st pen of three yearling bulls.

Frank Anderson, Heppner—1st and 2nd, bull calves, calved in 1950; 1st cow and calf; 3rd heifer, one year and under two; 2nd, heifer calf calved in 1950; 3rd, get of sire; 3rd, best group of five; 2nd, pen of three yearling bulls. Grand champion Hereford cow.

Kirk and Robinson Ranch—2nd and 3rd, bull two years and under; 3rd, bull calf calved in 1950; 2nd, cow and calf; 2nd, heifer one year and under two; 1st, heifer calf, 1950; 2nd, pair of yearlings; 2nd get of sire; 2nd best group of five; 3rd pen of three yearling bulls; Reserve champion cow.

Ronald Baker, Ione, Short-horns: 1st, young bull; 2nd, two year old heifer; grand champion bull.

TV Ranch, Heppner, 2nd young bull; 1st and 2nd, yearling heifers; 1st, two year old heifers. Reserve champion bull; grand and reserve champion females.

Girls 4-H Groups Receive Awards on Home Ec Exhibits

Morrow county 4-H club girls completed activities in home economics 4-H clubs Thursday evening at the 4-H style revue at the pavilion. All clothing II, III, and IV girls modeled dresses that they had made in clubs during the year. Fifty girls took part in the judging contest and winners of this contest were awarded at the revue as well as winners in the demonstration contest.

Mrs. Walter Wright, chairman of the style revue opened the contest with greetings. Nancy Ferguson and Joan Bothwell led the pledge to the flag. Nelson Anderson, county agent, announced the winners for livestock judging contest, tractor operators contest and champions of all 4-H livestock divisions.

Mrs. Markam Baker was pianist for the revue, while Mrs. Ruth McCabe, Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Millard Nolan and Mrs. Nelson C. Anderson assisted with the different divisions of the contest.

Maud C. Caswell, county agent, home economics, directed the revue. Betty Graves was selected as grand champion, while Patricia Peck was named for high scoring girl because she entered more activities at the fair than any other home economics girl. The placings for the style revue, judging contest and demonstration contest are as follows:

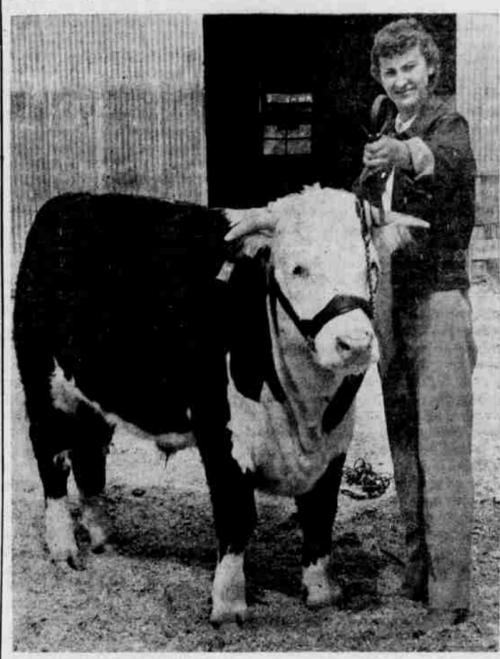
Beverly Nolan, 1st; Sally Palmer, 2nd; Shirley Hunt, 3rd. Judging, senior division, 1st Patricia Peck; 2nd, Sally Palmer; 3rd Beverly Nolan. Junior division, 1st Peggy Wightman; 2nd Helen Graham; 3rd Sharon Cutsforth, Myrna Ober, Jean Graham, Marilyn Pettyjohn.

Eight demonstration teams entered this contest; 1st Nancy Ferguson and Joan Bothwell 1st. Cookery, 1st Joan Wilson and Jean Marie Graham; 2nd, Nancy Graybeal and Carmen Wilson; 3rd, Sylvia Boylan and Janet Stephens.

John Lilburn is the name given their son by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle. He was born August 8 at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Lewis Cason was unable to assume her duties as primary teacher when school opened. She has contracted blood poisoning from a boil on her arm and has been quite uncomfortable for several days. Mrs. William Davis is substituting for her.

\$1.00 a Pound on the Hoof!



The crowd attending the calf scramble at the 1949 fair will never forget the memorable battle Ingrid Hermann put up against a husky Hereford calf—and lost. To reward her for her effort, Emile Groshens of Heppner and Delbert Emert of Ione each gave her a calf. At the 1.50 show one of these calves was grand champion and the other champion. Here we find Ingrid with the grand champ.

Mustangs Geared To Make Feathers Fly at Arlington

With the football season opening tomorrow, Friday, that is, Coach Hal Whitbeck's 1950 edition of Mustang football players is all primed to make a lot of Honker feathers fly at Arlington. The coach says his squad is in excellent physical condition following three weeks of intensive pre-season practice and the mental attitude of the boys is just right for this important first game with a team that always gives Heppner a run for the money.

Pre-season practice was marred by only one injury, that being a badly bruised elbow belonging to Marion Green. The elbow is fully healed now and Marion will report in top physical condition.

Captain Melvin Piper, triple threat halfback, is confident that he can lead his team to victory and that Heppner will return not only with the "pillow filling" goosefeathers but with the drumsticks as well.

The opening game on Rodeo field will find the Mustangs pitted against the Echo Bobcats, Friday, September 23. The Bobcats are considered the strongest opponents on Heppner's schedule. This should develop into an excellent afternoon of football and give the fans a look at the 1950 Mustangs.

Girls Completed 4-H Club Projects At Fair Style Revue

Winners and placings in exhibits at the fair are: Cooking I—drop cookies, 1st, Helen Graham; 2nd Peggy Wightman; 3rd, Janet Wightman, Cup cakes, Billie Seehafer, 1st; 2nd, Joan Wilson; 3rd, Marilyn Pettyjohn. Cooking II—1st, Betty Lou Messenger; 2nd, Deanna Steagall; 3rd, Nancy Graybeal. Cooking III—1st, Lola Ann McCabe. Canning I—2nd Nancy Ferguson.

Knitting I—2nd Mary Ruth Green; 2nd, Clarice Hastings; 2nd Nancy Ball; 2nd, Jean Marie Graham; 2nd Peggy Wightman. Knitting II—1st, Joann Bothwell; 1st, Sally Cohn; 1st Nancy Ferguson; 2nd Sharon Becket. Sewing IB—1st, Janet Wright; 1st, Janice Martin; 2nd, Patricia Steagall; 2nd, Sharon Rill; 2nd, Shirley Peck. Sewing IA—1st, Jean Swanson; 1st, Mildred Seehafer; 2nd, Mildred Bristow; 2nd, Peggy Allen; 2nd, Nancy Graybeal; 2nd, Grace McCabe. Sewing II—1st, Sally Palmer; 1st, June Privett; 1st, Patsy Ann Wright; 2nd, Billie Jean, Privett; 2nd Marilyn Munkers; 2nd Judy Howton; 2nd, Dorothy Dobyns. Clothing III—1st, Patricia Peck; 2nd Janet Howton. Clothing IV—1st, Betty Graves. Child care—1st Mary Ruth Green; 1st Sharon Becket; 1st, Rieta Graves; 1st Dorothy Hinckley; 1st, Ruth Shade; 2nd, Eleanor Rice; 2nd, Dorothy French; 2nd, Nancy Ball.

Visitors here for the fair and rodeo were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gemmell of Veneta. They still own their ranch southwest of Heppner an denjoy a homecoming about once a year.

Most Successful Fair-Rodeo Closed Sunday Afternoon

Exhibits, Rodeo Program, Weather Make Show Tops

"The most successful show in history" is the verdict heard from the public following the close of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, 1950 edition. Some of the individual features may have been outclassed in times past, but taken by and large this year's show is considered tops.

Bigger facilities for more exhibits, a snappy rodeo program participated in by both professional and amateur talent, and weather that was made to order combined to make everybody happy and that is the gauge for judging the measure of success.

The big pavilion was loaded with exhibits of soil and handicraft products, and expanded livestock facilities were put to full use. Improved quality was the rule all the way through.

The big ferris wheel and other ride contraptions of the Redwood Empire carnival added greatly to the night picture, lighting up the area all about the fair grounds.

The Howard Johnson stock gave the cowpokes plenty of competition and the crowds no small amount of thrills during the rodeo. Biggest event from a local standpoint was the winning of the \$250 saddle by Oscar George, 1950 champion amateur calf roper. Archie Murchison won the silver belt buckle put up by the ordeo association. The saddle was donated by the Heppner Lumber company.

Gene Tyler was the winner Sunday in the saddle bronc riding. George McNameer took second, George Lowe third and Cliff Gunderson fourth.

Dwane Graham was the final winner in the bareback contest, followed by Stan Sturza, Bob Swain, and Bob Gammell.

Calf roping, professional: Smokey Kayser first; E. V. Dorsey, Eddie Hoyt, Joe Kelly.

Wild horse race, Sunday: Wayne Johnson, Bill Smathers. Bulldogging: Frank Johnson, John Ratray, Howard Kelly, Buck Ahern.

Cow milking: E. V. Dorsey, J. B. McMeans, Jim Fyatt, Orvie McCormack, Joe Kelly, Ed Stiller. Friday races: Cowgirls 3/4-mile—Katherine Lazinka; Betty Smetthurst. Saturday—Katherine Wesse, Jean Lazinka, Sunday—Betty Smetthurst, Jean Lazinka.

Shetland pony race: Saturday, Dick Sherer, Kay Sherer, Sunday, Jim Steagall, Dick Sherer. Cowboy race: Friday—Howard Kelly, Dr. Garber, Saturday—Oscar George, Clyde Noble, Sunday—Oscar George, Bob Elliott.

Pony race: Saturday—Christine Swaggart, Kay Sherer, Sunday—Pat Steagall, Christine Swaggart. The Pendleton Mustangers again captured the Heppner club trophy in the riding clubs' flag race, winning over the Heppner Wranglers by three-fifths of a second. Friday—Pendleton, Heppner, Arlington, Umatilla. Saturday—Heppner, Pendleton, Arlington, Umatilla. Sunday—Pendleton, Heppner, Arlington, Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alken, Jr. were over from Prineville to take in the Saturday and Sunday rodeo and visit his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Alken. School started on September 4 in Prineville and "Dubble" is pleased to continue his teaching there.

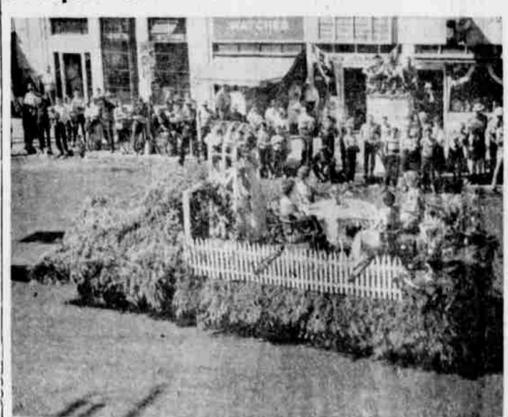
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman and family left this morning for Oregon City where they have purchased acreage about three miles out of town.

Ladeez and Gennulmun, The Champ!



Oscar George always yearned to ride in a \$250 saddle and he practiced calf roping faithfully throughout the pre-rodeo season. The picture tells the story of the result of his efforts—first Morrow county amateur calf roping champion. Here we see P. W. Mahoney, representing the Heppner Lumber company, presenting Oscar with the title to the saddle.

Sweepstakes Winner . . .



The girls on the float all took a notion to look the other way just as Photographer Louis Lyons got ready to snap this picture of the Soroptimist club entry in Saturday's parade. The float took both sweepstakes and first prize in the organizations' division.