

Heppner Awaits Fair And Rodeo Crowds

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Grand Parade to be Major Event of Saturday Morning

Many New Entries Due; Picnic To Be Held At Noon

Heppner's grand Fair and Rodeo parade is all set to start at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, and according to Bill Smethurst, general chairman for the event, businesses and organizations already signed assure a bigger and better event than ever before.

More than 22 divisions are planned and Smethurst stated that some of the divisions will include more than a dozen entries and floats. Several riding groups have already notified the committee of their intention to be present for the parade and many private garages and vacant lots have been the scene of much construction and art work during recent days and nights. The committee reported several new commercial and business entries were expected.

At least two outside Queens and their courts will be present for the parade and two bands will provide the music for the event.

Three blocks in north Heppner have been reserved for assembling the many groups and floats expected. A map, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette Times shows the lineup procedure.

County Picnic To Follow

Immediately following the parade visitors are invited to gather at the courthouse grounds for the annual county picnic, sponsored jointly by the Heppner chamber of commerce and the Morrow county court. The two groups will provide soft drinks and ice cream for all comers and a short program will be provided by the various granges and civic organizations in the county. All queens and their courts, and bands are to be guests at the noon lunch and tables and benches will be available for all visitors.

All Heppnerites, as well as county visitors are invited, according to word from the committee which consists of Garnet Barratt, C. J. D. Bauman and Robert Penland.

50% More Rain Falls in County Than Year Ago

While most other counties of the state are complaining of a dry year, reports from the Gooseberry weather station, kept by Leonard Carlson show almost a 50 per cent increase in rainfall for Morrow county for the past 12 months.

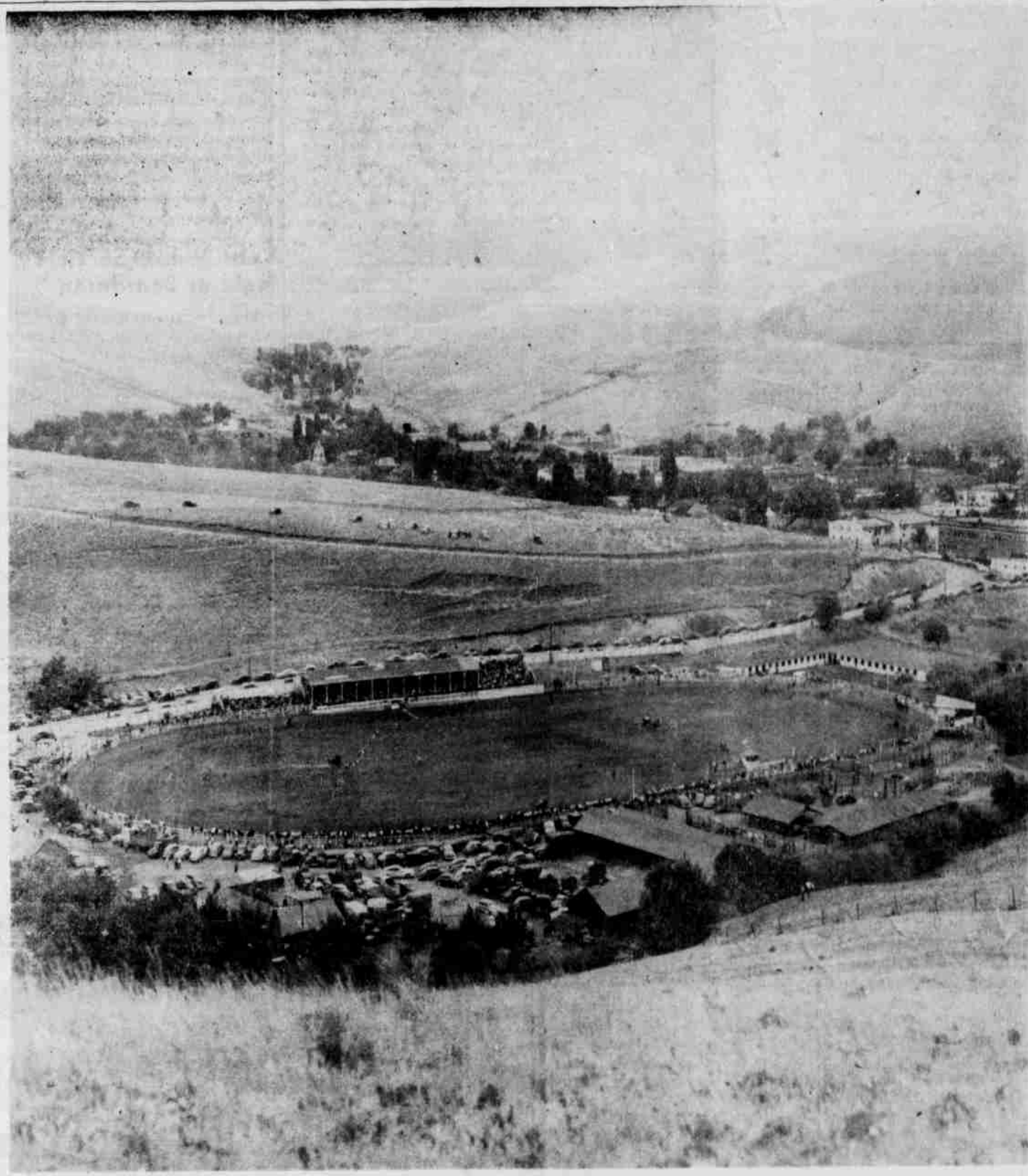
Total precipitation for the 12 months period ending September 1 amounted to 14.73 inches. This compares with 10.36 inches for the same period a year ago. Rain-making activities were carried on in this area during the past year.

Monthly figures show the following:

September, 1950	.30
October	3.22
November	1.97
December	2.32
January, 1951	1.31
February	1.62
March	.50
April	.85
May	1.00
June	1.32
July	.19
August	.10

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClintock on the former Luckman ranch are Mr. and Mrs. Clair Thompson and daughter, Sandy. They attended the Pendleton Dress-Up parade Saturday and plan to stay for the Heppner Rodeo. Mrs. Thompson is Mrs. McClintock's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Evans and children and Mr. M. L. Case and David Hynd made a trip to Ukiah Sunday going over the sky-line road and returning by way of Battle Mountain park.



SITE OF this weekend's festivities is the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo grounds at Heppner, pictured above. The four day program will find some of the world's top cowboys performing for Rodeo visitors. The fair grounds, off to the left of the picture are in readiness for the large crowds. An additional attraction on the fair grounds, is the big Davis Amusement company carnival showing throughout the weekend. Final Rodeo performance will be Sunday afternoon.

New Adventist Pastor Arrives in Heppner

Rudy Knauff, new pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, arrived in Heppner this week to take up his duties here. He comes from the Pateros-Brewster district in Washington and is acclaimed as an accomplished musician.

He replaces Don Spaulding, who is leaving for Spokane for a short stay and will then go to Washington, D. C. for advanced study.

GRANGE MEETING DATE CHANGED

Ray Drake, Master of Rhea creek grange, announced Wednesday that their September 7 meeting had been changed to September 14. This is due to the busy week of Fair and Rodeo.

Stores to Close Three Afternoons

Most Heppner stores will be closed from 1:00 o'clock until after the rodeo on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, according to members of the merchants committee of the Heppner chamber of commerce.

Reopening time each day will be about 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd, Jr. and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hynd and daughter of Cecil and Jack Hynd, Sr. of Pendleton are at Granite and Baker where they are delivering the Hynd brothers 1951 lamb crop. The sheep are summered at Granite.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley and family spent the Labor Day weekend at Lehman Springs.

NEW CITY WELL STARTED; SPEED VIOLATORS TO PAY HEAVIER FINES

The new city well, being drilled about 1½ miles east of Heppner, was down to 27 feet Tuesday, according to a report given the city council at its September meeting held Tuesday night.

The council voted to call for bids immediately for the purchase of pipe to connect the new well with the present pipe line running down Willow creek. They were advised that shortages could make the pipe hard to obtain unless effort was made to contract for it now.

The council also heard complaints of excessive speeding and "squirreling" on city streets and took under advisement special police action to apprehend the violators. The city recorder was instructed to levy heavier fines on any flagrant violators of the speed and driving laws within the city.

Chief of police, Charles Go-

million reported that several cars had been apprehended recently with improper mufflers and the drivers had been ordered to replace them immediately with the proper type muffler.

The council heard that an attempt will be made to obtain state funds for the resurfacing of Court street from the courthouse south to the city limits. A special state fund is available for non-highway upkeep within city limits and application has been made for the suggested street.

Permits were granted for two concessions to operate on town-street during the fair and rodeo.

Car Loadings Hit New High in August

More freight cars were loaded out of the Heppner depot of the Union Pacific railroad during August than in any previous month this year, according to F. C. Tolleson, local agent. Records show a total of 218 cars were dispatched during the month. This compares with 182 for July and 98 cars in June.

Wheat took first place in total cars with 91, and lumber ran a close second showing a total of 90 cars loaded. Other shipments included sheep, 34 cars; barley, 2 cars; and one car of horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Knight arrived in Heppner Tuesday, after spending the summer at the coast. They are both teachers in the Heppner high school.

Two Heppner Boys Win Annapolis Naval Appointments

Two Heppner boys, Marion Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornett Green, and Jim Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith this week received letters from representative Lowell Stockman advising them of their appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. for next year, 1952-53.

Marion Green graduated from Heppner high school last spring and plans to attend OSC this fall. Smith is a senior at Heppner this year. Both boys have passed their written examinations for the academy, but physical exams remain to be taken.



TWO SHEEP, of the twelve killed Sunday afternoon are shown in the above picture. The car driven by Wally Coleman Garsland, Ione, ran into the band just west of the Heppner city limits. Eight were killed outright, two shot by sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and two more died later. They were owned by Roy Stamp. (Picture Shop Photo)

Four-Day Schedule Of Events to Provide Fine Entertainment

Top Cowboys Arrive for Big Three Day Rodeo

"Everything is ready for the show", said Harold Erwin, chairman of the Heppner Rodeo, Wednesday evening. Son Bain, who is providing the stock for the riders, arrived Wednesday with some of the top horses from the Walla Walla and Tygh Valley shows, along with roping calves, steers, wild horses and all the rest.

The big three day program, set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday is complete and drawings are to be started Thursday night for the first day's events.

Some of the world's top cowhands arrived in Heppner early in the week to participate in the various events. Among some of the early arrivals are Gene Miles, Pete and Stan Sturza, George and Walt Lowe, and Numa McCain, first class bareback and saddle bronc riders; Art Merritt, Art Castro, world's champion roper from Salinas, California, and several Arizona riders who are well known in roping and dogging events. Many others are due by show time. Most of the cowboys are on their way to the Pendleton Roundup and their presence at the Morrow county show promises fair and rodeo goes the chance to see one of the finest shows in state.

In the amateur classes, many Heppner and Morrow county riders are signed for various events.

New Features Due

New features of this year's show, which promises plenty of thrills, will be the wild horse race, scheduled for Sunday and the pony and shetland pony races set for both Saturday and Sunday. These are in addition to the regular cowboy and cowgirl races.

Also of special interest, and an entirely new feature this year, will be square dance on horseback, to be put on by four couples from The Wranglers. Participants are to be Bobby Gammell and Altha Kirk, Don and Marilyn Robinson, Dimples Munkers and Bobby Stegal and Bonnie Barratt and Bill Smethurst.

Another special event, sponsored by the Wranglers that always draws top crowds is the Cowboy Breakfast to be served at the Wranglers clubhouse on the fairgrounds from 7:00 to 9:30 Sunday morning. The menu calls for genuine "cowboy grub" served western style and cooks are planning to serve several hundred hungry visitors.

Rodeo grounds are in perfect condition for the three day show with much new construction and repair work having been completed in the last two weeks to provide top facilities for the Rodeo.

Farm Bureau Meet Called For Monday

An important meeting of the Morrow county farm bureau is to be held in the Lexington grange hall Monday, September 10 at 8 p.m. Several important resolutions are to be presented for action by the group.

In addition Ronald Baker will give a talk and show pictures of his 4-H trip to Washington, D. C. this summer.

4-H Judging Leads Off Fair, Fine Stock Seen

The 1951 Morrow county fair got under way Wednesday afternoon with 4-H club contests leading off the parade of events during the three days. The Fair programs overlap the Rodeo events, but end Saturday night. The final Rodeo show is Sunday.

N. C. Anderson, fair secretary, said Wednesday that early that day 18 fat steers entered in the 4-H judging, along with 45 sheep and 16 pigs. He stated that all of the stock entered this year promised to grade out some of the finest that has ever been shown. Many open class rabbit and poultry entries are already in and Anderson stated that all available space would be taken by Thursday morning.

Open class exhibits are coming in rapidly and space is certain to be at a premium. The new barns, completed last week-end to replace those destroyed by fire three weeks ago, are completely filled with 4-H livestock, all of it of top quality.

First events Wednesday were the 4-H livestock judging and the tractor driving contests. Halter class livestock judging is to be held Friday morning.

4-H Auction Saturday

One of the big events of the fair will be the 4-H fat stock auction to be held Friday evening at 7:30 in the 4-H arena. It is to be preceded by a pig scramble for 4-H members. All 18 steers, 12 fat lambs and 12 pigs are to be auctioned and a guaranteed price of 35c a pound has been obtained with a possibility of a 1c premium. Top auction price for steers, except for the grand and reserve champions will be 10c over guarantee, lambs and hogs can take 20c over guarantee. The two champions will of course carry no ceiling on bidding.

There had been some talk of difficulty with OPS prices and slaughter regulations, but word received from the OPS office elevated any difficulty in this line. Such regulations do not apply in this case.

In the Home economics department, 4-H demonstrations were started Wednesday afternoon and open class exhibits in all categories were rapidly being assembled. Thursday morning saw completion of all exhibits with booths at a premium.

All fair officials commented that interest in this year's fair was higher than in years with exhibits space at a premium and some of the finest livestock ever shown being exhibited.

A big event both Friday and Saturday nights will be the Fair and Rodeo dances held in the pavilion. Jimmie Whetmore's orchestra is providing the music.

Corley Given 5 Years for Shooting

Walter R. Corley was sentenced Wednesday to serve five years in the penitentiary for the shooting of Charles R. Marple, Ione rancher.

Judge W. C. Perry, Saturday, heard attorneys for the defense ask for a retrial, but Wednesday, denied the motion and passed sentence.

He will be taken to Salem by sheriff C. J. D. Bauman.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 6
8:00 P. M. — 4-H Style Revue, Fair Pavilion.
Friday, September 7
9:00 A. M. — Saddle Horse and Pony judging in rodeo arena.
1:15 P. M. — Rodeo
3:00 P. M. — Parade of fair livestock before grandstand.
7:30 P. M. — 4-H Pig Scramble and Fat Stock Auction Sale.
9:30 P. M. — Rodeo Dance, Jimmie Whetmore's Orchestra.
Saturday, September 8
10:00 A. M. — Big Street Parade.
12:00 noon — County Picnic at Courthouse Lawn.
1:15 P. M. — Rodeo
3:30 P. M. — 4-H Calf Scramble in rodeo arena.
9:30 P. M. — Rodeo Dance, Jimmie Whetmore's Orchestra.
Sunday, September
1:30 P. M. — Rodeo.
7:30 to 9:30 A. M. — Cowboy Breakfast, Rodeo Grounds.