

County Fair And Rodeo In Full Swing

Exhibit Records Are Broken By Large Number of Entries

The Morrow county Fair was under way today and fair goers are assured of the largest number of exhibits ever to be shown in the history of the event, county agent N. C. Anderson said Wednesday afternoon.

Another record has been set at the local fair this year with a total of 28 open class livestock beef entered in addition to the numerous 4-H and FFA entries. This, according to all available information, makes Morrow's fair the largest in Eastern Oregon in this classification.

Of top interest again this year will be the 4-H Fat Auction Sale at 7:30 Friday evening and buyers this year will have an even greater number of fat animals to choose from than in past seasons. Anderson said that 13 fat steers, 17 fat lambs and 12 fat hogs will be offered for sale. Si Williams of Hermiston will be the auctioneer.

It is not yet known what support prices will be for beef, lamb and hogs but they are expected to reflect closely the current market. An additional 10 cent limit over market price will be allowed on all except grand champion and the reserve champion, which as usual will be left to open bidding.

Anderson pointed out that animals can be turned back for resale if the bidder wishes, by paying the difference between his bid and the established support price.

Other top stock entered in the 4-H and FFA classes include 35 pigs and 34 sheep.

Preceding the auction will be the 4-H pig scramble in the judging arena with pigs furnished by winners of last year's event. It will start at about 7:15.

In commenting on the large display of registered beef cattle at this year's show, fair officials said that the animals are entered by six exhibitors, which is practically every raiser of top cattle in the county. The number exhibited here far exceeds that shown in any of the other fairs in this section of Eastern Oregon.

Display Pavilion Full

The large number of displays at this year's fair are not confined to the livestock divisions, as fair officials said that there are more booths and display space reserved than at any previous fair. All the pavilion's 24 inside booths have been taken for several weeks and offer a wide variety of interesting displays. Several outside displays of farm equipment and other local merchandise await viewers. Judging started yesterday on the home economics and agricultural exhibits and by this morning all of the open class and school exhibits were in place as were the displays in the commercial booths.

Again this year lunches will be served in the kitchen in the fair pavilion with the Crusaders class of the Christian church serving Thursday; 4-H club council Friday noon; the Lutheran Ladies Aid Friday evening; the WSCS of the Methodist church Saturday noon, and the Lutheran Ladies Aid again Saturday evening.

Carnival Entertaining

A new carnival is on hand this year, the Inland Empire Shows, and many of the advance units arrived early this week and were setting up on the fair grounds. The complete show is now in operation and is offering many new rides and concessions.

The always popular Fair and

Rodeo dances are again scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights at the fair pavilion with music to be furnished by Duke Warner and his orchestra.

Style Revue Tonight

Another event of special interest to 4-H club girls and their parents, as well as the general public, is the style revue which will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. at the main fair pavilion. Many of the county's youngsters will model the results of their sewing efforts.

The cowboy breakfast, one of the most popular though not a direct part of the regular fair program, is expected to draw an even larger crowd than last year when nearly 500 persons were served by the Wranglers, sponsors of the event. Serving will start at 7 a. m. and continue until 10 o'clock at the clubhouse on the fairgrounds.

Anderson said late yesterday that from the way early exhibits were coming in, there was no question that the 1954 fair would be the biggest ever held here. He emphasized that admission is by fair button which can be purchased on the grounds, or from many local business houses. The button will also give admittance to Friday's horse show which also sponsored by the Wranglers.

Heppner Schools Opening Set For Tuesday Morning

Schools in Heppner, and nearly all other districts in the county will open for the fall term next Tuesday morning. H. C. Reed, superintendent has announced. High school registration will be held today and Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m., and grade school students will register Tuesday.

All faculty posts in the Heppner school have been filled and teachers held their first meeting Wednesday morning with superintendent Reed and county superintendent Jack Flug. Other teachers meetings with principals were set for this morning and Friday morning to outline the year's program. A meeting of all school bus drivers has been called for Thursday night to go over state requirements and the planned routes.

Elementary principal Clarence Johnson has announced that the hot lunch program will be started on the first day of school, and warned parents that students must bring money with them if they plan to eat at the cafeteria that day as all meals are on a cash basis. The charge is 25 cents per meal.

Superintendent Reed emphasized today that no permanent teacher-pupil assignments will be made for about two weeks, or until registration is complete as it will probably be necessary to shift students to equalize numbers in the various rooms. The school will operate under seriously crowded conditions again this year, with at least two first grade classes being taught in local churches. If the incoming first grade registration is higher than has been expected from the previous census, it may even be necessary to press a third church basement into use, Reed said. The exact number of students cannot be ascertained until after Tuesday's registration.

All first grade students have been asked to register at the main school building, regardless of whether they may eventually be placed in church classrooms.

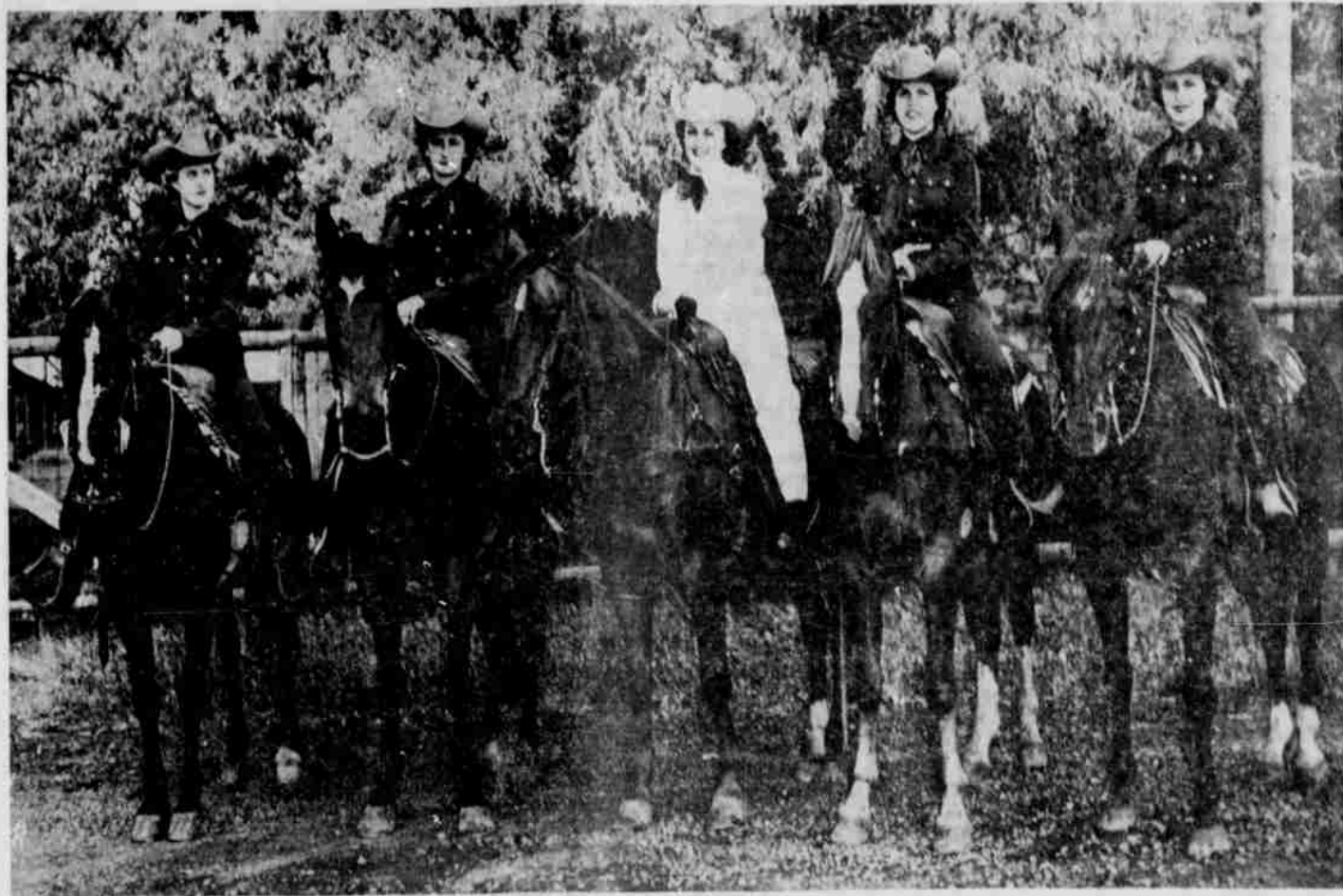
A special school board meeting will be held Friday evening to open bids for an addition to the present heating system. The addition will improve the plant and will give it sufficient capacity to heat the proposed new elementary school which the district hopes to build just north of the present plant.

Judges Chosen For North Morrow Fair

BOARDMAN — The following judges have been chosen to judge at the North Morrow County Fair September 9-11, 1954. Mrs. John G. Parker, Pendleton, open class Home Economics exhibits; Mrs. Dudley Puryear, Hermiston, 4-H Home Economics; Dr. Carl Larsen, Umatilla Branch Experiment Station, Hermiston, horticulture and crops; Ron Davis, Olex, Ore., 4-H and open class livestock, poultry, and horses.

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RODEO ROYAL COURT—Queen Grace Miller of Boardman and the members of her Royal Court will appear during both days of the rodeo and during the grand rodeo parade through downtown Heppner Saturday morning. Shown on their horses are,

left to right, Princesses Patsy Wright, Heppner, and Janet Howton, Ione; Queen Grace; Princesses Deanna Steagall, Lexington; and Christine Swaggart, Heppner. (Lyons Studio photo)

Many New Parade Entries Expected

West Hill Grain Burned Saturday

A rapidly spreading grass and grain fire which started about 4:30 Saturday afternoon spread up Heppner's west hill and burned a wide swath completely across the wheat field owned by Frank S. Parker and Ed Le Trace destroying between 11 and 12 acres of unharvested wheat.

Heppner firemen answered the call, but the blaze spread up the hill with such speed that it was practically impossible for the department to catch up with the fire, let alone control it. The fact that the grain and grass was still quite damp from recent rains, probably prevented destruction of the entire field. Many persons volunteered services and some tractors were used in trailing the fire.

Origin of the fire was undetermined, according to fire chief C. A. Ruggles.

Sunshine Finally Gets Grip on County

The weatherman finally got around to smiling on Eastern Oregon this week, and while they are keeping their fingers crossed, Fair and Rodeo directors are hopeful for a continuation of the sunshine.

The week got off to a hot start Sunday when the mercury climbed to a recent high of 88 in Heppner, and according to the long range forecast for this section, Morrow county should be in for a continuing spell of good weather.

Though August was much colder than usual, the rainfall for the month was far below that of last year. Len Gilliam, local weather recorder checked just an even one inch during this month while 1.83 inches fell in August 1953. Most of this year's rainfall came during local thunderstorms.

Four Visiting Royal Courts Expected Here For Parade

Rodeo officials said Wednesday that they have received assurances that there will be at least four visiting fair or rodeo queens and their courts present Saturday for the rodeo parade and other appearances.

Expected to be present will be the queen and princesses of the Pendleton Round-Up, the Umatilla county fair, the John Day rodeo and the Ukiah rodeo.

They will all be the guests of Morrow county Fair and Rodeo Queen Grace Miller and her court.

Mrs. Lena Twitchell of Los Angeles has been visiting her father, Ben Buschke of Heppner.

Annual Horse Show Tops Friday Events

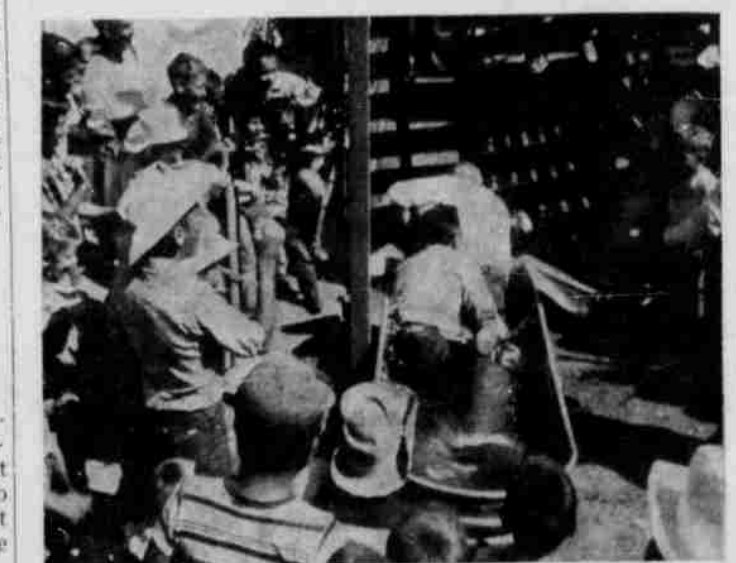
The third annual Morrow county horse show, held under the supervision of the Wranglers riding club, will be one of the feature events Friday as the fair and rodeo goes into its second day.

All entries in the horse show closed Wednesday night at 8 o'clock and indications were that they would at least equal last year's 165 entrants, and probably exceed it. Any horse or contestant within Morrow county is eligible to enter, providing the horse is shown or ridden by a resident of the county.

The show will start at 10 a. m. with the judging of halter classes and then continue in the afternoon at 1 p. m. with the judging of working and performance classes. Also highlighting the afternoon show will be the first go-around of the Amateur calf roping contest, and the Junior amateur calf roping.

Fred Mankin is superintendent for this year's show and Les Marks, Fossil, Wheeler county agent, will be judge for all the horse divisions. Howard Bryant will act as ring master for both the halter and performance classes.

Nine classes will make up the program for the halter events in the morning. They will be: first, colts foaled in 1954; second, yearlings foaled in 1953; third, two-



year olds foaled in 1952; fourth, stallions, three years and over; fifth, mares, three years and over; sixth, gelding, three years and over; seventh, mare and two or more produce; eighth, mare and nursing colt; ninth, sires and get, three of any age, not necessarily owned by the exhibitor.

If the turnout is large enough to permit separation, it is planned to show registered purebreds separately. Halfbreds or grades will be shown in lots according to the breeding if at least three of a breed are shown.

The performance division will get under way with a stock horse class, in the form of a reining contest, and move to a Junior horsemanship class for ponies 14 hands and over. Open to children up to and including 16 years of age, this even will be judged on horsemanship only.

Other classes will be a western pleasure horse class, gaited pleasure horse class, trail horse class, amateur cow cutting class and the junior calf roping. This last event is for contestants from 14 to 18 years of age who can't qualify in the amateur roping event.

Pony performance classes will follow with Shetland ponies up to and including 44 inches, Shetland and Welch purebreds or grades over 44 inches and under (Continued on page 8)

Saturday Morning Event Due to Draw Large Crowd

The grand sweepstakes prize award of \$50 for the best float in Saturday morning's grand rodeo parade has brought forth a rash of artistic efforts, and according to early reports many new entries can be expected in the parade which is scheduled to start through downtown Heppner at 10 a. m. Saturday.

A bigger and better than ever parade is expected according to Bill Smethurst, chairman for the event which will offer \$400 in cash and merchandise to winners in the various classifications. Prizes are put up by local businesses, and this part of the event along with the judging, is under the direction of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

It is not known definitely yet how many visiting royal courts will be present Saturday morning, but it is understood that the Pendleton Round-Up queen and her court are planning on taking part. Several riding club entries have also indicated that they would be here, with all of them taking part in some of the special rodeo events later in the day.

All of the usual divisions have been established for parade entries, a complete list having been published last week, and several blocks in North Heppner have been reserved for assembling the various floats and other entries.

A map of the designated lineup positions appears elsewhere in today's paper.

The judging will be done by a group of nine Morrow, Umatilla and Grant county judges, under the direction of Phil Blakney, chairman of the merchants committee.

Following the parade Queen Grace and her court, along with visiting royalty and members of local and visiting hands will be guests at the county picnic to be held at noon at the courthouse park. The picnic is open to the public with coffee and ice cream furnished.

Cowboy Breakfast Served From 7 to 10

The hours during which the Wranglers will serve their popular cowboy breakfast on Sunday have been announced as 7 to 10 a. m., rather than from 6 to 9 o'clock as was stated last week.

The breakfast is prepared by members of the riding club and is served on the clubhouse lawn at the fair grounds. Mrs. Archie Munkers is general chairman for the breakfast.

2-Day Rodeo To Open Saturday With Top Cowboys

Rodeo stock began rolling into Heppner last night as Christensen Bros. trucks ended the long haul from Stockton, Calif., where they have been showing. The first rodeo performance is scheduled for 1:30 Saturday afternoon with the second show Sunday.

The Eugene, Oregon rodeo stock company, one of the largest in the west, has furnished stock for most of the top shows on the coast including the Oregon State Fair, the Pendleton Round-Up and many others. This will be their 30th rodeo performance this year in a circuit which has taken them as far north as Seattle, south to San Diego and east as far as Ogden, Utah.

Top Cowboys Coming

Early indications are that many of the world's top cowhands will be on hand to show their abilities before the local crowds, said K. P. Cook show secretary in naming off a long list of those he knew would be here for the opening performance.

Some of the world's leading cowboys include Sonny Turman, of John Day, 1947 world's champion bareback rider, who will act as a judge here; Frank Finley, Nampa, Idaho, who for 22 years was one of the world's greatest bronc riders. He is now retired and will also judge.

Others include Bob Maynard, North Hollywood, Calif. who has rated second and third in bareback and bullriding championships; Bill Hartman, 1953 winner of the bulldogging event at San Francisco's Cow Palace and who is now in the lead for the Christensen Bros. rodeo championship. Also expected are Ross Dolan, a 1953 champion bulldogger, Deb Coperhaver who was the 1952 world's champion saddle bronc rider and is now in the lead for the top spot this year; and Bub Gatzman, Waterford, Calif., who is one of the nation's top calf ropers and bulldoggers. Many other registrations are expected before closing time Friday evening.

Many Events Set

Saturday's show will open with the grand entry of Queen Grace Miller and her court and the cavalcade of horses and riders. Mel Lambert, Salem will announce the show both days. Lambert has been in Heppner previously but has not worked the show for many years. He is well known throughout the west having announced at every major rodeo on the coast and is signed to work at this year's Pendleton Round-Up. K. C. Cook is rodeo secretary, and Harold Erwin is arena director.

All of last year's most popular events are scheduled for the coming show with the exception of the wild cow milking which has been replaced by a ribbon roping event which promises to be even more interesting to the crowds.

The other regular events include bareback riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, bulldogging, and bull riding. There will also be a shetland pony race for children under 8 years of age, two pony races, cowboy and cowgirl races, the Morrow county Amateur calf roping and the county junior amateur calf roping, two of the most popular events of the entire show.

Harold Erwin announced Wednesday that the first go-around of both the Morrow county amateur calf roping and the junior roping will be held during the Friday afternoon horse show, with the second go-around to be divided between the Saturday and Sunday shows. Prizes for the amateur calf roping will be the hand made saddle, made by Joe Snyder and presented by the Heppner Lumber company as first prize; a belt buckle presented by Tum-A-Lum Lumber company as second prize and a Western hat, given by Wilson's Men's Wear for third place.

Also to be awarded is a sterling silver belt buckle to the best around cowboy. It is presented by the Heppner Hotel. The winner of the flag race will receive a trophy from the Farley Motor company of Heppner, and the winner of the junior roping will receive a silver belt buckle given by Jack's Chevron station, with a second place award of a pair of roping spurs presented by the J. C. Penney company and straps given by Ken Green, Heppner saddlemaker.

Crowds both days will also see the running of the flag race between riding teams from the Evergreen riding club of Ukiah, the Umatilla Sage Riders and the Heppner Wranglers. A drill team from the Umatilla Sage Riders group will also perform in the

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JACK N. ANGEL, new administrator of Pioneer Memorial hospital who took over his duties here the first of the week. He will replace John B. Ernsdorff, who resigned to accept a similar post at a Lewiston, Idaho hospital. Mrs. Angel and their three children will join him here shortly. (GT Photo)