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Our Fair—

Last week's fair and rodeo was in many ways one of the best shows that has been put on in Heppner in a long time. The rodeo, in particular was a snappy, first class show that delighted watchers at all three performances and dispelled most doubts that the changeover from a professional to an amateur type would not be a success. It is true, the inclusion of the northwest amateur bucking championships played a big part in making the show a success, yet there were many other events that attracted a lot of cowboys and visitors. The fact that entry fees totaled over \$4,000 this year, compared with only about one-third that amount in some previous years shows that cowboys like amateur shows too, for that money all returns to them, along with the prizes and money put up by the board.

The grounds were in excellent shape, and new buildings aided in handling stock, exhibits and crowds. The results of the entire show reflects a lot of work on the part of numerous board and committee heads and members. Unsung, however, is the great amount of work that is done by many other organizations and individuals to make the Morrow county fair and rodeo a success. We can't name them all, because we don't know them all, but a few are the women of the granges and other organizations who aid in getting booth and displays ready; there are lots of men who help with the stock, sales etc., and there is the chamber of commerce which does a lot of jobs that have to be done if the show is to be a success, yet, they, too, aren't considered to be a working part of the fair.

With the congratulations, we believe there are a few criticisms due, too, and we make them not with the idea of just criticizing, but in the hope that they can be taken as constructive criticism which looks forward to making next year's show even better. In any organization made up of volunteer, unpaid members which change from year to year, there are bound to be mistakes made, but we would like to suggest that right now, while those mistakes are fresh in memories, that the various boards, committees and organizations who work on the fair and rodeo get together in

the near future to discuss those mistakes and make plans toward eliminating them in the future. Maybe the mistakes, in most part, weren't costly, but if early planning can eliminate difficulties and make the putting on of next year's show easier, it would be well worth while.

We heard comments that many usual fair displays such as farm and automotive equipment, and commercial regulars were not represented and it is our understanding that the cost of preparing space and getting such displays ready was prohibitive to the displayer. If such is the case, it should be considered by the proper board with an eye toward making it possible to get those displays back to our fair. We think those dealers would like to display their wares and there certainly must be some solution that can be worked out between now and next year.

There were other divisions too, which were lacking, or in which there was not much interest. Maybe some changes could be made or divisions added where there is more interest. If so, plans should be started now, not next year when it is too late.

We believe too, that the work of doing the many necessary jobs on a fair and rodeo could be divided among more people so that no one, or few, persons had too big a job to do. Such a plan seems to work in other places, we think it might work here too.

We certainly mean no criticism of anyone in particular in anything we have said here, for we know a lot of people put in a lot of hard work and it was through their efforts that we had a mighty fine show. We do want to suggest again, though, that all interested and working parties and organizations get together soon while memories are still fresh and talk over plans for eliminating mistakes and making next year's show even better. Everyone will take part in our show if they know what they are supposed to do, and the farther ahead they know about it the better job they will do.

What we want to see is the best fair and rodeo in Eastern Oregon and we believe it can be put on right here in Morrow county with the cooperation of everyone.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO Horse Show Winners Named

From files of the Gazette Times September 10 1925

Shorty Shaver, M. E. Cotter, E. J. Bristow, Judge Robinson and Ernest Lundell composed a party of lone nimrods going through Heppner yesterday on their way to the mountains.

T. H. Lowe of Cecil, postmaster and merchant of that place for the past eleven years, has disposed of his business there to Roy Scott of Freezeout, who will take charge of the place about the end of September.

Johnnie Hiatt and R. H. Quackenbush experienced a pretty rough time of it when caught in the waterspout while going down Basey canyon Monday evening.

Judge Duran of Lexington was a business visitor in Heppner for a short time on Monday forenoon.

David Hynd of Rose Lawn ranch, Sand Hollow is spending the week in Portland.

Larry Fetsch won first place in the junior calf roping event at the horse show Friday afternoon. Jim Steagall placed second.

Winners in conformation or halter classes include for colts foaled in 1955: Beamer Ranch, first; Kirk and Robinson, second; Roy Stamp third; yearlings foaled in 1954: Beamer ranch, first; Bill Smethurst, second, Beamer, third; two year olds foaled in 1953: Beamer, first, Roy Stamp, second, Smethurst, third; mares three years or over: Bill Healy, first, Kirk and Robinson, second, Don Evans, third.

Geldings, three years and over: Bill Healy, first, Cornett Green, second, Mrs. Frank Anderson, third; mare and produce: Harry Dinges, first; Stamp, second; Smethurst, third; mare and nursing colt: Dinges, first; Stamps, second; Beamer ranch, third; Get of sire: Beamer ranch, first; Mrs. Don Robinson, second; Smethurst, third.

TO THE EDITOR...

IS THE FARMER A PROFITEER?

A great many politicians, magazines and newspapers are, these days, proclaiming loudly and continuously that farmers are making profits out of all proportions to the value or efforts and that the people are being taxed to support and maintain these exorbitant profits.

In the language of Al Smith, "Let's take a Look at the Record," and examine the facts of those stupendous profits. Nor is this discussion taking into consideration the matter of the government reducing the price of wheat about 20c per bu. the government's further reduction of 36% of the farming area, plus the Good Lord's further reduction of from 30% to 40% of the 1955 crop.

Suppose a farmer owns a farm or ranch reasonably worth \$100,000.00. Whether he has it paid for or is paying interest at 5%, he is entitled to claim \$5000.00 as interest on investment. In order to farm it adequately, he must have at least \$25,000.00 in farm machinery. Interest on that amount at 5% is \$1250.00 per year. And further this machinery actually depreciates at the rate of 20% per year or another \$5000.00.

A man who manages a \$125,000.00 outfit and works full time himself is worth \$5000.00 Such

a farm would be assessed around \$1000.00 per year taxes and suffer another \$1000.00 per year as maintenance of the ranch and buildings.

In addition to the above costs, this farmer must pay at least 25% of his net income, if any, as income taxes.

Now to recapitulate: In order to make this farm go, he must pay the following amounts:

- I. Interest on land value and machinery \$ 6,250.00
 - II. Salary 5,000.00
 - III. Depreciation 5,000.00
 - IV. Taxes 1,000.00
 - V. Maintenance costs 1,000.00
- \$18,250.00

In addition to his above costs, his operating expense will run about 35% of his gross income. If he has a gross income from all sources of \$25,000.00, he will pay approximately \$8,300.00 operating expense. This amount, together with the \$18,250.00 over head, makes \$25,550.00. So all the farmer has left is his interest on his investment \$6,250.00 and his \$5000.00 salary or \$11,250.00 and after taking his personal deductions allowable for himself and family, he will pay approximately \$3000.00 State and Federal Income tax, leaving him \$8,250.00 for the use of all his investments and a full year hard labor.

The above determination has been made without considering the 1955 government regulations. Now, take 20c per bu. as a straight government reduction, add to that 36% reduction in

acreage, then add to this another 20 to 40% reduction in crop due to drought, which means about a 50% reduction in gross income. Now if we reduce the gross income from \$25,000.00 to \$12,500.00, it isn't going to be hard to figure the farmer's 1955 income tax.

Of course, we were permitted to seed the 36% acreage reduction to barley, but how much did the farmer make on his barley, if his cost operation is about \$15.00 per acre, the barley crop amounted to about 1/3 of a ton per acre and the gov't set price is \$39.00 per ton. That sets up a get-rich-quick scheme that is hard to manipulate.

J. O. TURNER

MAYOR MARY SAYS—

It is so nice to have Dr. Wolff back in Heppner and I am proud and happy that he has consented to be city health officer. All our best wishes to Dr. Wolff and his family on their return from Army duty to the best city in the WHOLE world.

Did you have fun at the fair?

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Leonard will leave Friday for Drain, Oregon by way of Crater Lake. At Drain, they will visit at the home of Mr. Leonard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leonard. They expect to return to Lexington on Monday.

STAR THEATER, Heppner

Admission Prices: Adults 70c, Students 50c, Children 20c including Excise Tax. Sunday Shows continuous from 4 p. m. Other evenings start at 7:30. Boxoffice open until 9 p. m. Telephone 6-9278.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Sept. 8-9-10

TREASURE OF THE RUBY HILLS

Zachery Scott, Carole Mathews, Barton MacLane, Dick Foran, Lola Albright in a very good gun-roaring western.

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Sunday-Monday, Sept. 11-12

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

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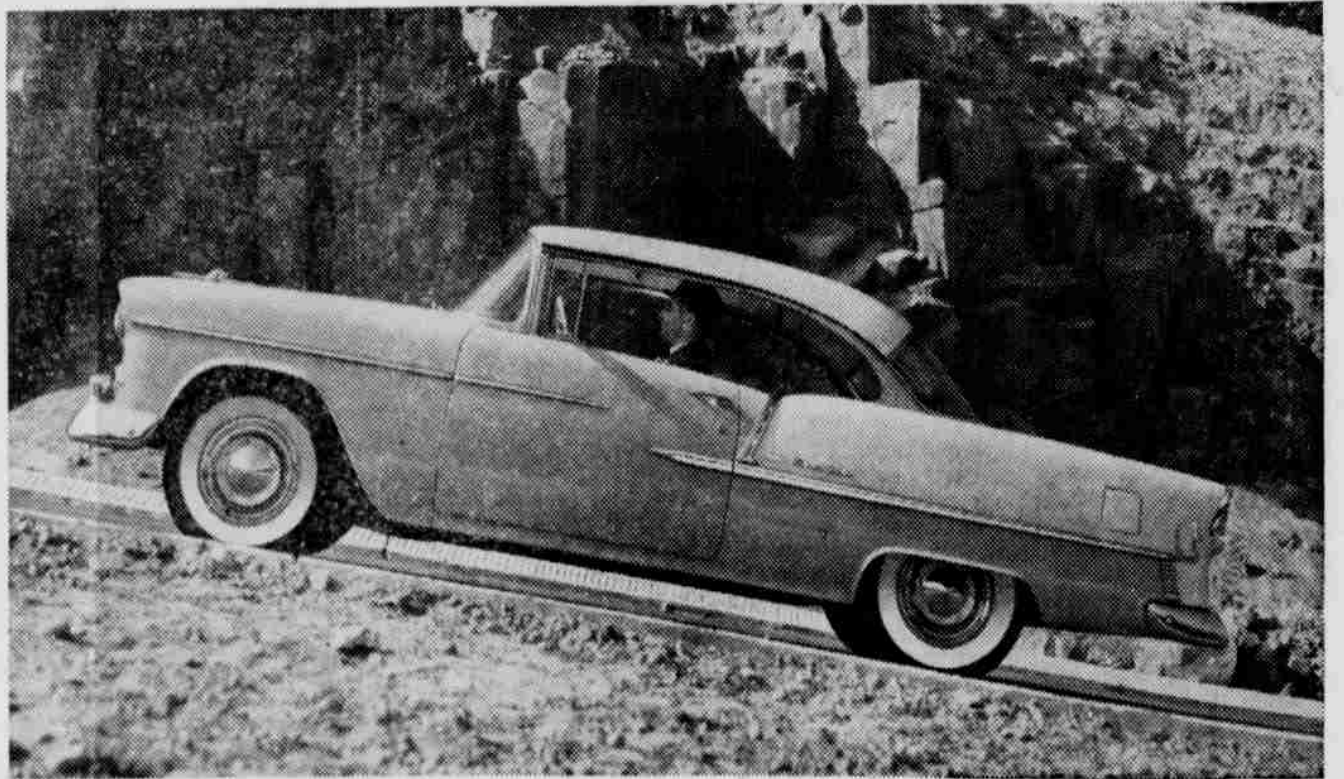
Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 13-14

VIOLENT SATURDAY

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