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Football-Rodeo Conflict Explained by Calendar

Recently this paper ran an editorial asking why the class B Shrine RH-Star football game was set up to conflict with the first day of the Heppner rodeo. Nolan Skiff of the East Oregon answered our question for us a short time later in his "Sports Chatter" column.

He pointed out that the conflict was regrettable, but that there has been no change in the previously scheduled date — the game always comes on the last Saturday in August. The vagaries of our calendar just happens to bring the two events into conflict in two of every seven years. Labor Day weekend, which is the traditional date for the rodeo, can vary from September 1 to 7 with the result that there is bound to be an overlapping on occasion.

We are forced to agree with Mr. Skiff that it is doubtful if any change can be made this year, but the trouble should be kept in mind in the future.

Following is the column from the East Oregonian with his explanation:

The Heppner Gazette Times carried an editorial in a recent issue entitled "A Dangerous Conflict" which criticized the setting of the class B East-West Shrine benefit football game at Pendleton August 31, the last Saturday of the month, since it conflicts with the first and largest day of the Heppner rodeo.

We agree it is an unfortunate situation, but the

class B Shrine game has been played on the last Saturday in August for the last several years, always one week after the class A Shrine game in Portland, and there was no change in schedule this year as the Gazette Times would have us believe.

"We hope that the Shrine game date can be changed back to its former schedule of the week ahead of our fair, for it is impossible to change our fair date later into September—it would rob local exhibitors of their change to show at the state fair which opens on Labor day," the editorial said. "If the change cannot be made, it is certain that both events will suffer materially."

The Shrine game in 1952 was set Saturday, Aug. 30 — the week following the class A game in Portland. The same thing happened in 1953, except the date was Saturday, Aug. 29. In 1954 it was the same, only it fell on Aug. 28. In 1955 exactly the same procedure put it on Aug. 27, and last year the same plan again was followed, putting the date on Saturday, Aug. 25 — the earliest the last Saturday has occurred in August in recent years. The first day of September happened to fall on Saturday.

It is doubtful if the Shrine date can be changed, since it is linked up with the class A game. I wouldn't know whether the Heppner rodeo always will come into conflict with the Shrine class B game or not, but I sincerely hope it won't again. Both events are too important to this entire district to permit them to remain in conflict. Possibly something can be worked out before another year rolls around.

SLANTS FROM THE SESSION

By Nicky Tom

I hate to admit this so publicly, but I am pooping out. All weekend I have told Allen that there just would not be any column this week, but Monday morning has rolled around and my infernal conscience is needing me.

If I could be at all sure we were going to be out of here in a week, or two at the outside, I could muster more enthusiasm, but that end-of-the-session atmosphere has not taken hold yet. Some very experienced people are of the opinion that we will be going well into June.

Adjournment will undoubtedly hinge on what the Senate does with the House tax program. Most of you have probably read that Senators Musa and Sweetland are strongly opposed to the House plan. Senator Musa has stated that he will not vote for the bill with its present rate structure. He also wants to amend the bill to remove the Federal tax offset and lower the exemption from \$600 to \$500.

Republicans in the Senate have promised to supply the vote necessary to pass the program in the Senate, but it still has a long way to go before it is out of committee.

House Speaker Pat Dooley has announced that the House will recess when the joint ways and means committee completes its work, which may be at the end of this week. He did not explain what this meant, but rumor has it that the House may recess for a few days in an effort to pressure the Senate into finishing its work faster.

The air is alive with rumors of other sorts, such as the one about a surplus in revenue for the current biennium of over \$40,000,000, rather than the \$32,000,000 previously anticipated. This, however, is wishful thinking, according to one member of the tax commission.

But that is enough of rumors for now. The agriculture subcommittee of ways and means has come up with a plan for financing the new dormitory for the use of 4-H and FFA youngsters at the state fairgrounds. The building will be erected now and paid for

by racing funds at the rate of \$20,000 per year, plus the interest.

This will be taken out of the racing fund before the state takes its cut, and will mean that for the first two years each county will lose slightly over \$500 of its county fair money. As the amortization of this fund continues, the amount each county loses will lessen.

It is estimated that with the new management of Portland Meadows and the new dog racing plant at Gresham the racing intake will increase to the point that the individual counties will gain enough to offset the amount cut for the 4-H building. That should make everybody happy.

Something that promises to make a lot of people unhappy is House Bill 806, introduced by the taxation committee. This bill places ad valorem property taxes on all pleasure boats, regardless of size. It also removes the over 16 feet provision from the law covering the payment of the annual \$5 license fee, as well as the \$1 per foot additional fee paid for boats exceeding 20 feet in length.

In other words, anybody owning a pleasure boat of any length or type is subject to a license fee of \$5 per year, whether his boat is a seven foot dingy or a 65 foot glamour yacht. Then after he has paid his license fee to the state he will pay a personal property tax to the county wherein the boat is kept.

The cigarette tax was called unfair because it taxed only part of the people. What does this do? House tax committee chairman Barton stated that it is a "matter of equity" that such a tax be imposed because some pleasure boats cost \$40,000 and are a luxury. This bill, however, goes after

County Agent News

By N. C. Anderson

Ranchers are reminded of the cattle feeding field day to be held at Milton-Freewater on Thursday, May 23. A hundred and fifty weaner calves and 50 yearling steers fattened on by-product roughage in various rations with grain will be on display at the B & M feedlots starting at 9:30 a.m. The feedlots are located on the south side of the city directly above the Umattilla Canning company facilities. Pea vines, grain straw and chaff with grain were used in the trials. One of the interesting parts of the experiment is the comparison of Stilbestrol and Synovex as an implant to increase gains. Everyone interested in feeding livestock should find this field day well worth their time.

While we do not have the complete list of those livestock men attending the Oregon Cattlemen's association annual convention in Eugene this week we do know that several planned to go. Among those who are there are Mr. and Mrs. George Rugg and Mr. and Mrs. John Graves. Planning to attend but having to change last minute plans was Gerald Swaggert, treasurer of the

boats regardless of size. Many people feel that if boats are going to be taxed as pleasure items we should do the same with golf clubs, bowling balls, airplanes, sports cars — you name it.

Well, I did it. The breakfast dishes will stay in the sink this morning, but the column is written. Now comes the rush to the state house to retype it in sextuplicate and try to get it in the mail in time to make this week's edition.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of The Gazette-Times May 12, 1927

Roderick Thomson of Heppner has been awarded the Union Pacific scholarship for Morrow county according to reports received by H. C. Seymour, state club leader. Thomson, 14, and a freshman in high school, has been in club work two years.

Baseball letters at Heppner high school will be issued to the following boys: Bruce Gibb, Elmer Hake, James McNamee, Orrin Furlong, Roy Gentry, Oral Wright, Alex Ulrich, Gay Anderson, Earl Thomson, Lyle Cowdrey and Clarence Erwin.

Mrs. Wate Crawford and sons of Ella were trading in Morgan Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ball and family and Ordie Farrens of Ione were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Farrens at Hardman over the weekend.

Rho Bleakman left Monday for forest ranger work.

Morrow County Livestock Growers association. Gerald visited at the office on Monday checking on livestock association business and reporting that the association now has 96 members.

This is approximately 20 more members than the association has had in any of the 10 years since its organization. The goal for 1957 was 100 members which we are sure will be reached even though the year is almost half gone. If you are a livestock grower and have not yet joined the association you can help to reach this goal. The association has a number of worthy projects underway for the improvement of the livestock industry in Morrow county. It is only through your membership and suggestions that the livestock industry here can further improve and grow.

The U. S. Department of Commerce report on income and living conditions recently released gives highest rank in the state to Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties. This means that our farmers are living better than anyone else in the state and among the top in the United States as Oregon farmers tied with Illinois for 11th place among the 48 states in the nation.

Another large seeding of grass and alfalfa was made this week to add to ever-increasing pasture improvement program in Morrow county. Oscar Peterson and Sons seeded the remaining crop land on their mountain ranch to No-mad alfalfa and a mixture of alta

fesque and intermediate wheat grass. The ranch was acquired several years ago from Fred Mankin who had seeded part of the crop land to grass during the years in his ownership. This will make the mountain ranch a strictly range operation and will do away with the necessity for the inconvenience of farming the land each year.

Approximately 75 acres was seeded on last year's summer fallow. The seed bed was prepared last week by spring-toothing, weeding and harrowing. The decision to seed this land was made after seeing the excellent stands established under same soil and rainfall conditions at the Paul Webb and John Graves ranches. Seedings on these ranches are providing a lot of hay and pasture on land that was unsuited to grain production because of erosion problems.

Last week we had the opportunity to see two excellent bulls which will be used as herd sires at the Kirk and Robinson ranch this year. Both are from the Four Daughters ranch near Ellensburg. One of these bulls was purchased while the other is being leased by Don Robinson. Both are outstanding herd sire prospects and should add to the improvement of the calf crop on this ranch.

With a completion of a two-year research project at Oregon State college it has been found that beet pulp is the best preservative to use when putting up grass silage. Dried molasses beet pulp was compared with sodium metabisulfite and no preservative. The beet pulp was superior for it reduced juice losses and absorbed enough nutrients to more than pay its cost. The beet pulp preserved silage measured higher in dry matter with more palatable and digestible and beet pulp-fed cows produced more milk than cows fed sodium metabisulfite preserved silage.

Agricultural leaders in Morrow county meeting on Wednesday evening of last week made tentative preparations for holding a county planning conference in the winter of 1957-58. The planning meetings and conference will be patterned after those held 10 years ago. The group felt with the many changes that have occurred in agriculture, industry, and over-all resulting problems that a look into the future with plans accordingly would be profitable. Those attending the planning meeting were the heads of the various agricultural commodity groups and those active in the 1947-48 planning conference along with extension organization heads. A meeting will be soon called to select the committees which will be necessary

Lexington News

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Miles are parents of a 10 pound son born Sunday in Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. The young man has been named Glenn Franklin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Nolan and Mrs. Ethel Dunbar. Mrs. Dallas McDaniel of Hepp-

ner visited her sister and family, Mrs. June Cooper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth entertained the Cub Scouts and the primary rooms at their pond on Monday afternoon where the youngsters enjoyed some fishing.

Mrs. Bill Nichols entertained with a birthday party at her home Tuesday afternoon honoring her daughter Linda's birthday. Those present were Harold, Gerald and Dean Angel and Tony Harshman of Heppner; Valda Vicky and Billy Irwin, Dale and Linda Cooper, Shirley Nichols, Phyllis and Billy Thornburg and Greg Paul Davidson. Refreshments of cake, coffee, ice cream and punch were served. The following mothers were present: Jo Irvin, Faye Thornburg, June Cooper and Marj Angel.

Plans are being made at the church for Vacation Bible school which will start about the first of June. There will be classes for all ages and all are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Burnham of McMinnville, have arrived in Lexington and will make their home at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch where they will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Olsen of Pasco have been recent visitors at the home of her father, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth.

Its A Fact—

... that King David, writing nearly 1,000 years before the first Easter, graphically described the circumstances of Christ's Crucifixion. In Psalms 22, David touched upon many of the elements of the pattern of the Crucifixion of Christ at Calvary, including His dying words, His enemies' sneering words, the piercing of His hands and feet, and the parting of His garments.

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