



NORTHWEST SADDLE BRONC CHAMP, Mannie Squakin of Oroville, Washington receives his famous Hamley saddle Sunday afternoon from Ralph Schwalbe, treasurer of Hamley Saddle Company of Pendleton, makers and donors of the top award for the well-known event which is a major attraction at the Morrow county fair and rodeo. (GT Photo)



TOP CALF ROPER of Morrow county amateurs for 1958 is Neil Beamer, of Heppner, shown receiving his Hamley saddle which was donated by Heppner Pine Mills, from Queen Pat Steagall. His time was the fastest of the 13 local ropers who were vying for the favorite prize. (GT Photo)



GRAND SWEEPSTAKES WINNER of Saturday's parade was this beautiful float entered by the Heppner Soroptimist club. Based around the song, "I'll See You In My Dreams," it was constructed of pink and white flowers. It also won first place in the organization division. (GT Photo)

Mannie Squakin, Neil Beamer Win Rodeo Saddles

A likeable Indian boy from Oroville, Washington, Mannie Squakin, outrode all other bronc riders Saturday and Sunday to win the coveted Hamley saddle as the Northwest Amateur Saddle Bronc champion of 1958. He has been rodeoing for nearly 18 years and has tried for four years at the Morrow county fair and rodeo to take home the top prize.

Another Hamley saddle is now the property of Neil Beamer of Heppner because he showed up all other local ropers in the Morrow county amateur calf roping, always one of the top events of the show. Second prize of a belt from Ella's Grill and a buckle from Tum-A-Lum Lumber company went to Charley Daly with Tad Miller taking third honors of a western hat presented by Wilson's Men's Wear.

The annual show attracted the greatest number of spectators in its history, rodeo committee officials reported this week, and many visitors who watched the three performances said that it was one of the fastest moving shows they had ever seen. The weather was bright and sunny over the weekend, though maybe just a little warmer than some might have wished.

Other Winners Named

Other cowboys who went home with winnings included, in order of their placing:

Northwest saddle bronc—Mannie Squakin, Zack Keyes, Gary McQuinn, Kenny Holoway.

Calf roping—Bud Ingram, Dick Powers, Bill Ward, Jim Fought.

Bull riding—Rocky Rockabar, Jim Whiteside, Mac Griffith.

Cow milking—Eddie Hagen, Floyd Plumlee, Dave Smith, Max Nogle, Bud Ingram, Roger Neilson.

Bulldogging—Mac Griffith, Jack McCarty, Zeb Smith, Max Nogle.

Bareback riding—Gary Greg, Dave Elford, Mac Griffith, Bob Featherly.

Calgary roping—Bill Conboy, Floyd Jones, Rolfe Fullerton, Bud Ingram.

Wild horse race—Lester Hermann, Ron Currin, Ray Papineau.

Wild cow riding—Jim West, Ron Currin, Pat O'Brien.

Queen's flag race—Heppner, Ukiah.

Chariot race—Jim Valentine, Ray Papineau, Russell Dolven.

Morrow county derby—Floyd Hutchins entry ridden by David Creswick, Wayne Papineau, Christine Swagart.

The most excitement of the entire show came after the finish of the final event of the last day. Four of the 10 horses in the Morrow county derby got into a jam during the pull-up after the finish and fell injuring three of the riders and throwing a fourth. Taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance and state police were Bill Healy, Christine Swagart and Lillian Sawyer. Healy was the most seriously injured with concussion and bruises when his horse rolled over him. The two girls sustained several facial cuts and bruises but were released after treatment.

Services Saturday For Bertha Johnson

Funeral services were held Saturday for Alice Bertha Johnson 77, who died August 28 at her home in Heppner. She had been in ill health for some time.

Mrs Johnson was born July 16, 1881 at Lonerock, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Dean and she had lived in this immediate area for the past 25 years.

She is survived by one son, Victor of The Dalles, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Rev Charles Knox at the Heppner Christian church with burial in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Visitors in Heppner during the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo included, Mr and Mrs H P Ferguson of Oswego, parents of Mrs Bill Barratt, and Mr and Mrs Al Hunter and children of Seattle. Mrs Hunter and Mrs Barratt are sisters.

Remodeled Plant To Greet Heppner Students Monday

When Heppner students start back to school next Monday morning at 8:45, they will find many changes awaiting them, particularly in the high school building which has undergone extensive remodeling during the summer months.

Classes will start Monday in all county schools with varying registration times having been set in the several schools.

Heppner grade school students were to have registered Tuesday and Wednesday and all entering first graders are checking in this afternoon (Thursday). High school registration here will be from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 o'clock Friday. School officials stated that students needing to make changes in their schedules may do so on the opening day of school.

Completion of the Heppner high school remodeling is hoped for by this weekend, but it is expected that some small amount of painting and finishing work will have to carry over until classes are under way. Practically the entire second floor of the building has been remodeled to provide a new, modern science laboratory and classroom, new commercial and typing department and a remodeled library and study hall.

The old stage in the former auditorium room which has been used for a study hall in recent years, has been removed and that area converted into the library and study hall. The science lab will occupy the northwest corner of the building on the second floor and has been greatly enlarged. Much new modern equipment will also be available for student use. Nearly all class rooms have been refinished and new tile floors have been laid in most rooms.

Remodeling of the cafeteria, kitchen, lunchrooms and home-making departments were completed during the past three years.

Early registration figures in the high school indicate that there will be about 145 students in the four upper grades. This is an increase of about 20 pupils. The grade school is expected to remain about the same as last year, though a slight increase would not be unexpected.

School officials stated today that a full schedule of classes will be held on Monday, that buses will make their regular run that day and that the cafeteria will be in operation. Cafeteria fees will also remain the same as last year with students being charged 25 cents for meals and adults 30 cents.

High School Fees Remain The Same

The fees this year at Heppner high school are being kept to a minimum with no increase in student body card fees or other fees charged last year, it was announced this week.

Fees that will be collected on the opening day of school, Monday, Sept 8 are a book fee of \$5, towel fee of \$2.50 for all those enrolled in physical education, \$1.00 fee for paper for typing students, \$5 student body card and the fee for the annual will be \$3.50.

Two Weekend Wrecks Cause No Injuries

Two car accidents occurred over the Labor Day weekend near Heppner, but neither caused any serious injury. The two happened within minutes of each other and within less than a mile of each other just east of Heppner on the Hinton creek highway. In both instances the drivers reported that they fell asleep at the wheel.

A car driven by David S Barnett of Heppner went off the road about two and one-half miles east of town at about 4 a m Sunday. Barnett was accompanied by his wife and neither was hurt though the car was badly damaged.

The Barnett accident was discovered by another motorist who was on his way to town with Jack Monagle whose car had left the road just east of the other accident. Damage was minor to the Monagle car.

Mrs Brownie Devore Hoyt of Pendleton was here over the weekend and attended the rodeo.

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NOW THIS IS GETTING MONOTONOUS

Mrs Pete Hams of Ione was driving a loaded gravel truck toward Ione Wednesday evening when it tangled with a cow on the bridge just north of the North Lexington MCGG elevator. She was unhurt but both the cow and the truck were pretty well "hamburger-ized."

Ironically, just one year ago her husband was driving a similar truck load of gravel and struck a similar cow in exactly the same spot.

Both cows belonged to Darrell Coppock of Athena.

Building Permits Point to High Construction Here

The Heppner city council Tuesday approved six building permits totalling \$109,500 to set a record for construction during any one month for over two years. One other permit for new construction was rejected.

The largest single permit was issued to the Heppner Elks lodge for a \$76,000 alteration and repair project that will completely remodel the lodge's two story building on Main street. Work is already under way on this job.

New construction included a \$10,000 permit to the Seventh Day Adventist church for a 40 by 60 foot recreation center being built adjacent to the church; James Mallon, \$14,000 residence in Barratt edition; Cornett Green, an \$8,000 residence on Water street. Alteration and repair permits were granted to R G Watkins, Elder street, remodeling; and J G Barratt, \$1,000 warehouse remodeling, Linden Way.

An application for a building permit for a \$7,000 warehouse building on Linden Way and Morgan street from Cornett Green was rejected by the council because the specifications called for frame construction. According to city ordinance, such a building which will be used for storage of grain or grain products must be of fireproof construction.

In other business, the council awarded the Rosewall Motor Company the contract for the purchase of a new dump truck for city use. The Ford dealer's bid of \$4,535 was low among the three bidders. The top bid was less than \$200 higher than the winning bid.

The perennial problem—the city dump—came in for discussion again with the difficulty this time concerning trash being dropped along the road leading to the dump. The council warned citizens using the facility that a state law governs the dumping or dropping of trash or refuse along a public road and that the law provides for a fine for offenders. It was felt that in most cases the trash was dropped inadvertently, but the council asked dump grounds users to make an effort to pick up anything they might drop along the way.

Mr and Mrs Paul McCarty of Portland visited Friday and Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Charles Becket, and other relatives.

Finally, Jackets Feel Good Again!

The first real break in the hot weather that most people didn't think would ever end, came last Thursday and Friday when the maximum temperatures in Heppner stayed at 70 and 75 for the first time in nearly three months. To almost everybody, it was a welcome relief.

Saturday and Sunday saw the mercury climb into the 80's again but on Wednesday morning jackets were in order as the temperature dropped clear down to 37 degrees, making it the coldest morning since May 14 when it was 36 degrees.

August undoubtedly held the all-time local record for consistently high temperatures and it came pretty close to equalling the all-time low for rainfall—but not quite. During the month just over, Heppner received .01 inch of rain. That's not much, but several months in the history of the local weather station have seen not even a drop fall.

Supposedly, according to the weatherman, there is a slight chance that some rain might fall here during the next few days.

This newspaper will have to see it to believe it!

WEATHER

	HI	Low
Thursday	82	64
Friday	70	51
Saturday	75	51
Sunday	81	50
Monday	86	53
Tuesday	75	42
Wednesday	68	37

Rainfall for the week, none; for August, .01; for the year, 10.58 inches.



TROPHY WINNER of a new event at last weekend's rodeo, the Queen and Court race, was Morrow county fair and rodeo Queen Pat Steagall. She handily defeated her opponents, members of the Ukiah rodeo royal court. (GT Photo)

Hundreds Join Fight Against Monday Fire

All available Heppner fire department equipment and men, at least 200 volunteer firefighters, and many other pieces of farm and firefighting equipment spent nearly three hours Labor Day afternoon chasing the city's biggest grass fire of the season. The combined efforts of everyone kept the wind-fanned flames from destroying any buildings but many were endangered before the fire was stopped.

The first alarm was sounded at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon on a call from near Linden Way and Morgan street where the fire started in tall grass near the state highway department shops. Before the city's two trucks could reach the north end of town the flames had traveled over two blocks and were already threatening houses on North Main street, Aiken and Elder streets and the Pacific Power and Light substation on Linden Way. Within another 15 to 20 minutes the fire had moved clear across the canyon leading north from the end of Aiken street and over the next hill and was threatening buildings at the fair grounds.

Before the fire was finally contained it had burned over an area roughly one and one-half

500 ACRES BURNED

A grass fire started Wednesday afternoon on the Howard Cleveland ranch on upper Willow creek and burned over 400 to 500 acres before it was controlled. No buildings were lost.

miles long and about a mile wide denuding approximately 700 acres of grass and grazing land.

Four separate calls for help were received on the fire department phone and several others were called into other firemen during the height of the blaze and instructions were relayed to equipment by police and volunteers. Several times it was necessary to move trucks from one end of the fire line to the other.

Other Equipment Helps

Aiding the Heppner department was the Morrow County Grain Growers fire truck from Lexington, an outfit belonging to Bill Barratt and several jeeps and pickups loaded with water barrels, sacks and men. Much of the four wheel drive equipment was vital in stopping the fire at the top of the hills north of town. Quick installation of fair grounds sprinkling equipment around buildings and hay piles near the fair buildings were credited with preventing the loss of one or more of those facilities as the fire burned close to the edge of Hinton creek immediately behind

the buildings in several places. No buildings were burned but several were threatened when the fire came to within a few feet of them. Two piles of lumber and other materials were destroyed near the state highway shops.

The rolling clouds of smoke which could be seen from Lexington and from the mountains attracted hundreds of spectators, many of whom joined in the fight before it was over.

An investigation by city police revealed that the whole thing started because two little boys were playing with matches.

Soroptimists Win Top Parade Prize

The Heppner Soroptimist club took the top prizes for float entries in Saturday's rodeo parade by winning first place in the adult float division and then going on to garner the additional sweepstakes prize of \$50. Their entry is pictured elsewhere in today's paper.

In the juvenile float division, first place was won by the Rainbow Girls entry and second went to the 4-H club council.

Phil's Pharmacy walked off with first place in the business float division with a replica of the Old Woman in the Shoe. Second went to Heppner Pine Mills and third to McBride's Body Shop.

Other winners were: best riding club, 1st, Wranglers; 2nd, Umatilla Sage Riders; best comic, Leon Kennedy; best family group, Ray Papineau family; best mounted cowboy, Bill Smethurst; best mounted cowgirl, Linda Dryer; oldest cowboy, Frank S Parker; youngest cowboy, Kirk Robinson; youngest cowgirl, (tie) Becky Fullerton and Karla Weatherford.

Juvenile division: child's floats, 1st, Ivona Bethel; 2nd, John Koenig, Tim Loyd and Ted Turner; 3rd, Helen Anderson. Best pet: 1st, Betty Pettyjohn; 2nd, Bobbie Morris; 3rd, Ivan Adlard. Best juvenile cowboy; 1st, Larry Halliday; 2nd, Blue Mountain Boys; 3rd, Brian Thompson. Best juvenile cowgirl; 1st, Judy Sherer; 2nd, Diane Marshall; 3rd, Janet Palmateer.

Heppner high school won first for the best band and a group of youngsters calling themselves the "Purple People Eaters" won second. The latter group was one of the most unique entries in the parade and as they marched they passed out slips saying, "I'm a Purple People Eater from outer space. If you don't believe me (Continued on Page 8)

Violators Find Radar Really Works

Quite a number of Morrow county motorists found out firsthand last weekend how radar is used by state police in checking and catching traffic offenders, though not all enjoyed the lesson.

Following a warning a couple of weeks ago by all law enforcement officials that they were cracking down on traffic violators as a result of the continuing number of accidents in this area, state police put their mobile radar speed unit into operation

last weekend and by Monday officers had handed out between 25 and 30 citations for violation of the basic rule, excessive speed, etc., "and, there'll be more to come if things don't get better," one of the officers said Monday.

The radar unit was the object of much interest to many of those who received tickets which were marked "radar" and also among some of the younger set who not only wanted to keep out of the toils of the law but also to see the "thing" work—the high

interest came from the fact that not a person, as far as is known, found the unit, how it was hidden or what kind of a vehicle it was carried in. That was a well-kept secret by the officers manning it.

Another secret of the state officers is whether it is still here or has been moved to another area and if it has been moved, when it is coming back?

The answers to those questions weren't answered by the patrolmen.