

# Opening Rodeo Show Set For Saturday



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## Many Fair Exhibits Overflow Display Space

### Nearly All Divisions Record Entry Increases

Expanded display facilities at the fair grounds were having a hard time keeping up with an even greater number of fair entries which were still pouring into the grounds late Wednesday.

All divisions from livestock to commercial displays are expected to show a final count that will be bigger than in any previous year, and fair secretary N C Anderson said Wednesday that requests for commercial booth space have outrun the supply and that at least two displays had to be turned away.

In the 4-H livestock divisions there are more beef and sheep entered than last year and about the same number of hogs. The open class livestock was still coming into the grounds late Wednesday and this section promises to provide the best display of animals ever shown here. Also notable for its jump in entries is the 4-H dairy division where there are over 20 animals.

Almost the entire fair pavilion building, including the dance hall section is being utilized for display space, which indicates that these entries will far outnumber anything offered fair viewers in previous years.

Hundreds of workers were hard at their jobs late Wednesday getting booths ready for actual opening of the fair this morning, and division superintendents were receiving hundreds of entries in the various divisions including home canning, needlework, produce and many more. The flower entry deadline was not until this morning, but superintendents in this department expected a large number of entries and were making plans to handle them.

#### Centennial Exhibit

In keeping with the Centennial theme of the fair, the various county extension units have prepared a series of exhibits of old time home furniture and household items. Each unit has been responsible for preparing a separate room of a model early day home and this display is certain to prove to be one of the fair's major attractions.

A few of the 4-H demonstrations were being held Wednesday but most of the 4-H entries and all open class entries were being judged starting this morning making it impossible to obtain any results before press-time.

The judging of the open class livestock will be held tonight (Thursday) starting at about 7:30 under the lights at the livestock arena. This judging has been changed until the evening with the expectation that it will draw a larger crowd.

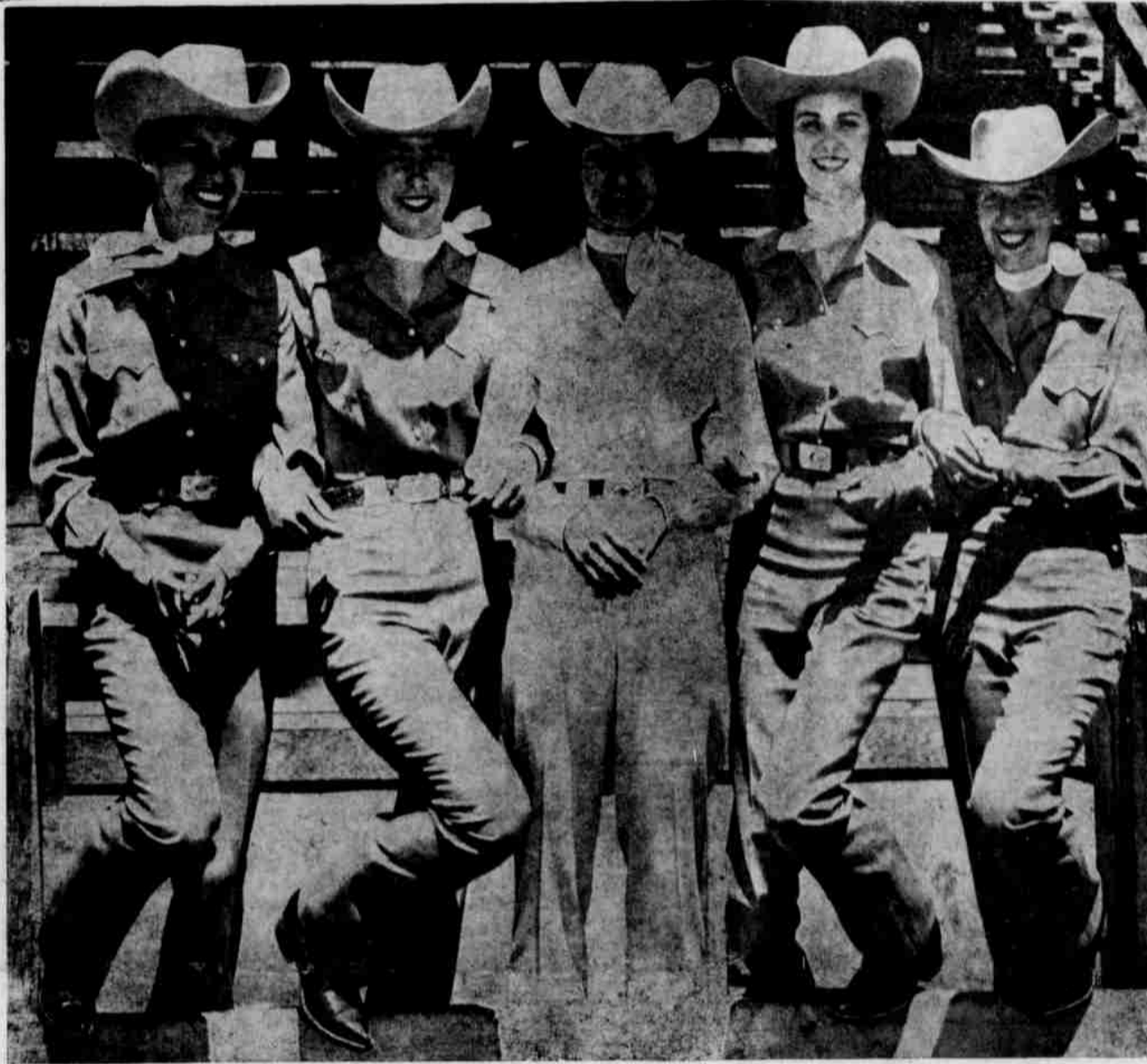
Also scheduled for tonight at 8 p m will be the 4-H style revue in the main pavilion. This event always draws one of the fair's largest crowds.

#### Auction Due Friday Night

The horse show will take place in the rodeo arena all day Friday, and Friday night the largest number of fat stock in the history of the fair will go on sale at the fat stock auction. Anderson said yesterday that 20 steers, 31 lambs and 22 pigs are slated for the sale which will be cried by Don Wink of Northwest Livestock Commission, Hermiston. The pig scramble will precede the sale and at least 12 pigs will be up for "grabs."

A farm machinery exhibit will also be an addition to the 1959 fair.

Mr and Mrs Seth Ried and four children of Prescott, Wash were Sunday visitors at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Paul Koenig.



THEIR BIG WEEKEND—Queen Sharon Cutsforth, center, and her four princesses will reign over this weekend's fair and rodeo activities and will appear at all rodeo performances as well as

in Saturday's parade. The princesses are, from left, Judy Cochell, Lexington Grange; Susan Partlow, Tillamook club, Boardman; Janice Martin, Lena; and Joan Moe, Rhea Creek Grange.

## Street Parade, Picnic Due Saturday Morning

The grand rodeo parade which starts at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and the public picnic at the court house park will be the top events Saturday morning for fair and rodeo visitors to Heppner.

Over \$400 in prize money for parade entries is expected to draw a large number of floats, parade chairman William Smethurst said this week, and a great majority will be based on the Centennial theme.

Top prize money for a parade winner will be the grand sweepstakes prize of \$50 which will go to the best county float entered. Other prize money awaits float winners in three divisions and there are also divisions for juveniles, riding groups, family groups, best comic and many others.

Again this year all youngsters of grade school age or younger who take part in the parade will receive a silver dollar.

Elsewhere in today's paper is a map showing the lineup positions for all parade entries and officials ask that all entries be in place by 9:30 Saturday morning so that judging can be completed before the start of the parade. The Main Street Cowboys of Pendleton will judge the parade entries.

Following the parade the county picnic will be held at the court house park, sponsored jointly by the chamber of com-

Weekend guest at the home of Mr and Mrs Paul Jones was Miss Margaret Barber of Portland.

Guests visiting at the home of Mrs Harry Duvall this past week are Mr and Mrs Raymond Kirk of Springfield, Mo. While here, Mrs Duvall and the Kirks attended the Centennial and also visited Victoria, B C, returning to Heppner by way of Seattle.

Mr and Mrs Robert Abrams and two children were at Mount Adams on Saturday.

merce and the county court. County judge Oscar Peterson is in charge of the affair.

Everyone is welcome to the picnic, townspeople and visitors alike, it was emphasized. A complete lunch will be served to only visiting courts and band members but there will be free ice cream, coffee and punch for everyone.

### Willow Dam Survey Money Hinges on President's OK

Senator Wayne Morse this week advised county judge Oscar Peterson that while no specific amount was provided in the recent senate and house appropriations committee bill for the resurvey of the Willow Creek dam, that sufficient money was included in the measure under general investigations to make the survey possible.

The public works appropriation bill has been approved by both houses of congress and the conference report was also approved and now awaits the president's signature.

Morse said that if the president approves the report, the Corps of Engineers will review the projects to be surveyed and will determine the specific projects to be undertaken. Morse stated that he had written to the chief of engineers strongly urging that \$18,400 of this fund be allocated to the Willow Creek study.

WEATHER			
	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	68	44	.02
Friday	69	50	
Saturday	74	51	
Sunday	77	47	
Monday	83	45	
Tuesday	83	42	
Wednesday	84	58	

Rainfall for the week, .02; for August, .13; for the year, 7.75 inches.

### Hearing Said Near In School Suits

District attorney Robert Abrams said this week that a hearing will probably be held early next week in Heppner by circuit judge William W Wells, on the three suits filed by residents of Hardman, Lexington and Boardman which seek to prevent any proposed change in the operation of three county schools.

The suits asked for a temporary restraining order which would prevent the county school board from transferring students from one school to another for classes. Abrams said he had been told the order has been signed by Judge Wells but that he, as representative of the school board, had not yet been served with the order. He said that the board and administration has been complying with such an order, however, in an effort to prevent further difficulties, though such compliance is making it extremely hard to arrange for the opening of school on September 8.

The suits seek to prevent closure of the Hardman grade school, transfer of the Lexington 5th through 8th grades to Heppner and Ione, and the transfer of the Boardman 7th and 8th grade to Irrigon.

### Rev Patrick Gaire To Leave Soon for Post at Baker

The Rev Patrick J Gaire was honored Sunday with a farewell potluck picnic at the court house lawn with about 150 persons attending.

Father Gaire was presented with a stereophonic portable phonograph.

He will reside in Baker where he will be writing the history of the Catholic church in Oregon.

The Rev Raymond Beard of Milton-Freewater will be here September 1 to replace Father Gaire.

### Rodeo Reserved Seat Tickets Still Available

Reserved seat tickets for the two afternoon rodeo performances are on sale at the Bank of Eastern Oregon and they may be obtained there until Saturday morning.

Special sections in both the north and south grandstands are reserved this year and the ticket price has been reduced to \$2.50, 50 cents under last year's price.

These tickets will be on sale at the main gate during both performances, but ticket sellers urge everyone to buy their reserved seat tickets prior to gate time, to save time and inconvenience.

### Brand Place Mats Placed on Sale by County Cow Belles

Brand place mats, prepared by the Morrow County Cow Belles, went on sale this week and they are expected to sell rapidly. Mrs Don Robinson did all of the attractive art work while a committee of Cow Belles did the necessary research.

Ninety-four brands belonging to county cattlemen are shown on the mats and only members who had paid their 1959 membership dues got their brands recorded. Each member was asked to contribute \$1 to cover the cost of the mats and printing and this money is still needed and should be sent to Mrs Floyd Jones, The Morrow County Livestock Growers also helped with the project by donating part of the money.

The idea behind the mats is to encourage the eating of more meat. They are being sold to commercial establishments but the Cow Belles hope that individual families will also use them.

The mats can be seen in the Cow Belle booth at the fair and may be ordered from Mrs Floyd Jones.

Mr and Mrs Bob Parker were weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Philip Blakney.

## Top Cowhands Due To Show Stuff at Three Performances

One of Eastern Oregon's fastest rodeo shows will get underway Saturday afternoon at 1:15 when some of the coast's top cowhands will compete for \$1325 in prize money and several special prizes and trophies.

Weekend rodeo fair calls for three performances, Saturday, afternoon and night and Sunday afternoon.

Saturday's performance, states Floyd Jones, rodeo committee chairman and arena director, will include bareback riding, bulldogging, calf roping, Morrow county amateur calf roping, cowboy and cowgirl races, pony races and others.

Always one of the top events of the Morrow county show will be the Northwest amateur bucking contest which formerly was a part of the Pendleton Round-Up and was transferred here five years ago. It always attracts the top amateur cowhands from several states who are eager to win the top prize of a handmade

saddle, made and awarded by Hamley and Company of Pendleton. The finals of this event will be run Sunday afternoon.

#### Local Ropers Due

One of the most popular local events of the show will be the Morrow county amateur calf roping, sections of which will be presented at all three shows. A complete go around of this event will be run during the Saturday night performance.

The first prize in this event is a hand made saddle presented by the Heppner Pine Mills and made by Hamley and Company. The second prize is a belt given by Ella's Grill and a buckle from Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. The third prize is a western hat from Wilson's Men's Wear.

A purse of \$100 for the Morrow county chariot race on Saturday night has been put up by the Heppner Odd Fellows lodge and the Heppner Elks lodge is putting up a \$275 purse for the Morrow county derby which will be run Sunday afternoon.

A total of \$1325 in prize money, plus entry fees will go to the winners of the various events and entry fees vary from \$10 for the wild horse race and Calgary roping to \$35 for the Northwest amateur bronc riding.

Reserved seat tickets for the Saturday and Sunday afternoon shows are now on sale at the Bank of Eastern Oregon or they may be obtained at the gate. The rodeo committee announced that special reserved seat sections have been provided in both grandstands. This is a change from last year when only the North, or Buckaroo stand was reserved.

Stock for the show is being provided by John Van Belle of Outlook, Washington, and much of it arrived in Heppner early this week. Johnny Lee Williams of Kinzua will be the announcer for all performances.

Members of the rodeo committee who are handling all arrangements for the show are Floyd Jones, chairman, John Eubanks, Charlie Daly, William Smethurst, Al Fettsch and Les Wyman. Marlon Green is rodeo secretary.

Rodeo entry books will close at 5 p m Friday and stock will be drawn for the entire show immediately thereafter. This entry deadline will also apply to the Morrow county derby, it was stated.

## Horse Show Entry List Longer

Fred Mankin, known to many as the father of the Morrow county horse show, one of the top events of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, stated early this week that he has received many entries for the Friday show. He said indications are that the number may equal last year's record high of 220 entries.

All entries closed Wednesday night. Mankin has moved his trailer house to the fair grounds where he spends many hours of every day working on the show. He has served as superintendent for the past 12 years and he recalls that the horse show started with only five or six entries. He also noted the improvement in horsemanship and the quality of the animals.

Many rules and regulations of the show this year have been adopted from larger shows because of the competition in recent years.

Much of the success and growth of the horse show has been attributed to Mankin by local horsemen.

Healy's Jet champion performance horse the past two years, will not be in this year's show as it was injured a few days ago.

#### FORMER HEPPNERITE VISITS OLD HOME

Marcus Gunn of Sacramento, Calif, and his nephew, Henry Wunsch, New York, son of Mary Gunn, visited last week with old friends in Heppner.

Mr Gunn is a native of Heppner, his father being a blacksmith here many years ago. Both his parents were drowned in the flood, and he has not lived here for 56 years, though he has visited on occasion.