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Crowd Thrilled With Rodeo

Green Tops On Broncs; Locals Star

Sterling Green of Redmond, a leather-bustlin' cowboy with glue in his britches, won the Northwest Amateur Saddle Bronc riding contest at the Morrow county rodeo here this week-end. As a prize for being the top cowhand in the contest, he received a beautifully hand-tooled saddle from Hamley and Co., Pendleton.

This was one of the features of an action-packed event that put the emphasis on amateurs.

The rodeo, staged after hours of hard work and preparation by the rodeo board and committees, brought smiles all around. The weather blossomed brightly after rain late in the week; the crowds smiled broadly at the performances—and yelled excitedly; the rodeo heads smiled with the smooth way the events went off and with the apparent financial success of the event; and the performers smiled because of the prizes they won, although some who had a little hard luck and were "skunked" showed a little more chagrin.

Charlie Daly of Heppner was among the happy ones when he won the Morrow county amateur calf roping contest and a \$400 saddle donated by Kinzua corporation and made by Hamley and Co. of Pendleton. Charlie placed second in both tries, but his average was better than those of Tad Miller, first round winner, and of Cornett Green, second round winner. Miller's time was best at 24.8 and Green's second best at 28.1. Green took second in averages and received a Stetson hat from Wilson's Men's Wear. Bill Healy, third in averages, won a rope from J. C. Penney Co.

In winning the bronc riding championship, Sterling Green scored 503 points, 163 in his first try, 166 in the second and 174 in the finals. Buzz Seely was first in the first event with 168 points and Shirley Bothum second with 164. Green and Shirley Bothum tied in the second go-around with 166 and Zack Keyes was third with 165.

Seely scored 176 in the finals, Green 174, Bothum 165, and the other finalist, Keyes, was bucked off.

Mac Griffith came out on top in bareback riding, placing ahead of these in order on the average: Bill Herrera, Red Abel and Sidney Britt.

In bull riding Griffith and Sterling Green were tied for first. Kenny May was third and Darrell Brown fourth, followed by Dave Elford and Britt.

Green topped the calf roping, followed by Dave Smith, Claude Powers and Les Paterson.

In cow milking, it was Dave Smith, first; John Rattray, second; Ron Currin, third; Clarence Miller, fourth; Max Nogle, fifth; and Monte Thomas, sixth.

Champion bulldogger in the 2-day averages was Mac Griffith, followed by Les Paterson, Guy Matlock, and Jim Whiteside.

Ray Lovell and Clyde Powers tied for first in Calgary roping, followed by Roice Fulleton and Don Anderson.

In Saturday night's wild horse racing event, Gene Perkins was first, Ron Currin was second and Joe Yocum and Ken Thomas tied for third.

Girls' barrel race, sponsored by the Oregon Barrel Racing association, was another event that was a crowd pleaser. Jan Beamer won the event by placing first Saturday and second on Sunday, and she received a beautiful silver buckle from Gilliam and Bisee, given by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke. Kite Healy was second, Diana Fulleton third and Jean Lazinka fourth.

Saturday's winners were Jan Beamer, Kite Healy, Diana Fulleton and Delene Johnson. In that order, Sandra Eubanks, Jan Beamer, Diana Fulleton and Kite Healy (tied for third). Best time posted in the event was Sandra Eubanks 19.7 on Sunday.

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ONE HAPPY COWBOY is Sterling Green of Redmond, (left) who accepts the handmade saddle from Dave Hamley of Hamley and Co., Pendleton, as first prize for the Northwest Amateur saddle bronc riding contest at the Morrow county rodeo Sunday. The Hamley company donated the saddle. (G-T Photo)

County Schools Register 1177 On Opening Day

Students responded to school bells in Morrow county Tuesday, slightly below the number expected. The estimate for the first day had been approximately 1200, but 1177 actually entered. School officials said that additional students expected to register next week following vacations and State Fair would probably make up the difference.

Teachers were in classrooms for registering, students, buses ran on schedule and cafeterias were in operation in all schools in the county-wide system. A regular school day was observed in most cases by beginning of the second period.

At Heppner, students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and a few fifth graders, attending the new school, were taken by bus to the location west of town. Many, living in the city, had not ridden buses before and this added to the excitement of the first day of the beginning term.

Robert Van Houte, administrator, reported all bus routes except two were the same as last year. Revised routes worked well and added to the economical operation of the bus runs.

School officials pointed out that the actual enrollment cannot be determined for the year at this time as many people are still on vacation or attending state fair. A perusal of previous enrollment records shows that more students will enroll within the next few days.

Registering the first day of school in each building in the county were: Heppner elementary school—444, Heppner high school—218, Lexington primary school—36, Ione high school—51, Ione elementary school—152, Irrigon elementary school—121, Riverside high school, Boardman 76, Boardman elementary school, 1st through 6th grades—59.

Lucky Buck Day Offers \$55 Prizes

Lucky Buck drawing in Heppner Saturday will include a total of \$55 of the leather bucks for those present when their names are announced, reports Pete McMurry, chairman.

First prize will be \$25; second is \$10.00. There will be three \$5.00 prizes and five special \$1.00.

In order to win one must be inside one of the 61 participating merchants' business establishments at 2:30 p. m. when the siren sounds. Many special items are on sale in connection with Lucky Buck day throughout the town.

Free parking is provided by the city with all parking meters in the business district covered with Lucky Buck sacks for the day.



HERE ARE THE best cow cutters of the Wranglers Horse Show Friday, together with the grand champion performance horse and the reserve champion. Mrs. Mary Beamer (right) on Domino Melody won the cow cutting event, and the horse took reserve champion in performance at the show. Floyd Jones, who is rodeo chairman, won second in cow cutting and his noble horse, Hairpin Flash, was grand champion performance horse. Mrs. Ron (Judy Currin (left) on Bobbi won third in the cow cutting. (G-T Photo)

Jones Horse Rates Top In Wrangler's Show

Despite a chilly west wind and heavy skies, the Heppner Wranglers' Horse Show drew a record number of entries Friday with 240 listed in the official book. Fred Mankin, show superintendent, said.

Well-bred horses performed admirably in all classes, but Hairpin Flash, owned by Floyd Jones of Heppner, topped the field as grand champion performance horse at the show. Domino Melody, owned by Ralph Beamer, Heppner, was reserve champion.

The show got under way promptly at 9 a. m. and the morning was spent in judging conformation and halter classes. Performance classes took the field in the afternoon, and interest mounted to the climaxing cow cutting event.

Domino Melody, ridden by Mrs. Ralph (Mary) Beamer, placed first in the cow cutting, followed by Hairpin Flash with Jones riding. Third was Bobbi, owned and ridden by Mrs. Ron (Judy) Currin.

It was hard to pick a winner in junior calf roping. The contestants had trouble roping their calves Friday, and so the contest was carried over to Saturday night as an event on the rodeo program. Then Diana Fullerton won the event, receiving a beautiful belt buckle as a prize from Jack Van Winkle and \$10 in cash. Two other prizes, a Navaho blanket offered by Rod Murray and his Humphreys Drug Store, and a lariat rope from the Bank of Eastern Oregon, were not awarded because the other three contestants failed to rope their calves. The prizes will be retained for a future contest, but a \$10 cash award was divided three ways to Mark Murray, Marlene Fetsch and Sandra Eubanks.

Wranglers' girl barrel racing was also held in connection with the Saturday night rodeo program. Winner was Diana Fullerton with a time of 21.1; second was Pat Dougherty in 21.3; and third was Marlene Fetsch in 21.5. Diana won a headstall and bit.

Blakney Store Hit in Robbery

Approximately \$2500 was taken in a daring daylight robbery of the Tower Drug Co. in Prosser, Wn., Tuesday morning. Phil Blakney, former owner of Phil's Pharmacy in Heppner told the Gazette-Times Thursday. He purchased the drug store July 10.

Blakney said that two men entered the store at 9:15 Tuesday morning. They walked directly to the office, located in the middle of the large store. One entered the office, the other stood in the doorway talking to the first man.

Escape was made in a Canadian-made red and white station wagon with pink and black British Columbia license plate. An Oregon alert for the car has been issued.

Blakney said about half the money was thought to be in checks; payment had been stopped on only \$600 worth of checks as makers on others were not known. There was no insurance coverage.

Pat won a pair of spurs, and Marlene also won spurs, all donated by the Wranglers.

Ron Davis of Olex was judge of the show, and others assisting superintendent Mankin were Beverly Steagall, secretary; Sue Valentine, assistant; Harold Erwin, announcer; and Howard Bryant, ringmaster. In addition, there were chairmen for each lot in the show.

Officers of the sponsoring Wranglers are Bob Steagall, president; Harold Erwin, vice president; Marie Steagall, secretary; and Jim Valentine, Dimple Munkers, Ron Currin, Max Barclay and Fred Mankin, directors.

Complete results of the show are on page 10 of this paper with conformation and halter classes listed first.

Both Ione and Heppner high school football teams swing into action Friday with the Cardinals battling Culver at Ione in an afternoon game and Heppner traveling to Enterprise for a night game there.

The Ione-Culver game is a non-conference affair but local fans will have a chance to see the 1961 version of the 1960 state 8-man champion Cardinals for the first time. The Cards play four straight games at home, but the Mustangs of Heppner will make their first appearance here against Umatilla on September 15 and won't be seen again locally until September 29.

Details of the games and teams are on the sports page (6).

Council Eyes Willow Dam for Water Source

Possible use of the proposed Willow Creek reservoir as a future source of municipal water supply was discussed by the city council at its Monday evening meeting.

The matter came up when Mayor Al Lamb read a letter from Col. J. H. Beddow, district engineer, Corps of Army Engineers, asking if the city would be interested in obtaining water from the reservoir if it were constructed. Col. Beddow pointed out that in determining the feasibility of the project for multipurpose use, the municipal supply is one of the uses that should be considered.

Under Federal law, the recipient of storage water for municipal or industrial use must reimburse the Federal government for a fair share of the project construction cost, plus interest. Col. Beddow said that studies had not yet advanced to the point where a reasonable estimate of cost could be given.

In discussion on the matter, Vic Groshens, city superintendent, estimated that city's water needs would be double in 10 years what they are today. This summer water use has approximated one million gallons per day, he said, and it may be two millions per day by 1971. He based his estimate on the rapidly increasing consumption that has come here even though population has not increased measurably in the past 10 years.

Mayor Lamb suggested that the Boeing development might bring added population with greater water needs.

Councilmen concurred that the city should look to this possibility for future needs and agreed that the mayor should reply to Col. Beddow with an evidence of interest. Some expressed the hope that water from such a reservoir, if used, might be channeled to irrigation needs and well water reserved for domestic supply.

An old problem returned for consideration—the matter of the city dump. Councilman E. E. Gonty said that a letter from the State Fire Marshal had been enthusiastic about a landfill dump for Heppner but recommended a new site for the dump, possibly one that could be used jointly

by Ione, Lexington and Heppner. Mayor Lamb said that a conversation with a representative of the fire marshal's office brought out that landfill is not particularly suitable to this climate because papers and cartons do not have sufficient moisture to disintegrate but rather remain to blow around the countryside.

Councilman Carl Spaulding read from a letter from the State Sanitary Authority, holding opposite view and recommending landfill. They suggested that the council send a committee to Arlington to view the landfill dump there. Councilman Gonty proposed building another burner at the present site.

The matter was continued for study, and a committee will go to Arlington to view their operation.

The council heard a report on the Morgan street extension near the new Unit-A school. At a special meeting last Thursday, it was agreed to fill the street to a depth of 2 1/2 feet in front of the Nels Anderson place instead of the planned five feet in order to help eliminate a drainage problem there.



ONE OF THE BIGGEST attention-getters in the Fair and Rodeo parade Saturday was the old steam tractor entered by Cutsforth Enterprises. First place winner in the business floats, the tractor pulled hayracks filled with 23 grandchildren, one niece, one nephew, and two children of Orville Cutsforth, driver. The Gar Scott steam tractor was made in 1888 in Ohio. Orville saw a rancher near Newport using it to haul logs three years ago and purchased it "because I've always wanted a steam engine." The engine was in running condition when purchased, but has been worked over by the purchaser in his farm shop. In consideration of the city street repair crew Orville cut up the old tires and bolted them to the wheels which have steel rims and hubs cast in one piece. The tractor was brought by truck to town the day before the parade and Orville was here from his Lexington ranch home at 4 a. m. to get up steam. (G-T Photo)

Soroptimists Top Parade

Horses and bands, floats and marching children vied with other entries to make the big parade here a success Saturday at the beginning of Morrow county's 39th annual Rodeo.

Featuring the theme, "The Soaring 60's," space-age imaginative floats competed with that older method of travel, the mounted rider, for the attention of the crowd.

So many entries were made in the parade that those chosen as judges had a difficult time deciding winners, the committee reports. The Pacific Power and Light Company's outstanding float did not compete for prize money but was awarded special recognition by the committee.

Grand sweepstake winner was the Soroptimist entry, winning the top \$50 prize. The float was also judged best in the adult organization division, winning \$25. Second in this division was the entry of Degree of Honor, \$15; and third, Mother's Club for \$10.00.

The Rainbow Girls entry won first in juvenile organization division, \$25; the 4-H Club Council second for \$15.

Cutsforth's Enterprises entered an old fashioned steam engine, pulling wagons to win first in business floats, \$25; and Happy

Canyon entry second for \$15.

Heppner Wranglers won first prize and \$50 as the best riding club, and the Umatilla Sage Riders were second for \$25.

In the juvenile division of floats the Arthur Warren and Louis Carlson children of Ione, representing moon men, were first for \$7.50; Jim Barclay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Barclay, Heppner, was second for \$5.00.

Best pet was entered by Tom Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, Heppner, \$7.50; second by Becky Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb, Heppner, \$5.00.

Best comic was Lois Wincheter entry for \$10; best family group mounted was the Roice Fulleton family, Heppner, \$7.50. Diane Fulleton won \$7.50 as the best mounted cowgirl; Clarence Fredrickson, Heppner, \$7.50 as the best mounted cowboy.

Oldest cowboy was Lote Robinson, \$5.00; oldest cowgirl, Altha Kirk, \$5.00, both Heppner. Youngest mounted cowgirl was Teresa Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hughes, Heppner, \$3.50; youngest mounted cowboy was Charlie Sumner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sumner, Heppner, \$3.50. Best juvenile cowboy was Kyle Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson, Heppner, \$7.50; best juvenile cowgirl was Becky Fulleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fulleton, Heppner, \$7.50.

Best juvenile costume, boy, went to Matt Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren, Heppner. His robot costume brought him a prize of \$5.00. Second prize went to Mike Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hughes, Heppner, \$3.50.

Best juvenile costume, girl, was won by Sue Griffith, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Bowsby, Heppner, \$5.00; second was Amanda Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, \$3.50.

In the bands, Ione won \$15 as first place entry; Heppner second for \$10.

Water Skier Hits Hard

Jim Myer, owner of Phil's Pharmacy, is walking stiff this week. He has a reason. Seems Jim "hit something" in the water while water skiing at McNary Lake Labor Day, then "hit the water"—hard. The broken ribs are taped and expected to heal soon.