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Amateur Events Most Exciting

Even at this time of professionalism in sports, there is a great deal to be said for the amateur contest. The spirit seems to be more determined, the competition keener, and the incentive is the pure desire to win or better an opponent.

The amateur may not be quite as skilled, and he may make mistakes, but the urge and the desire are there, untainted by the hope of making a few dollars.

Thus, a high school athletic contest seems to us to be more intensely interesting than one of the college level, and the college game more interesting than the professional clashes. The very mistakes that are made by the high school teams add to the action and are soon forgiven. On the other hand, a professional athlete is not paid to make mistakes but rather to perform more as a perfect machine.

Maybe this explains why the Morrow County Rodeo was so enjoyable to watch this week-end. It was filled with amateurs. Morrow county people performed for the sheer love of participating and competing. This was true of young children to middle-aged businessmen, all taking part in something that they thoroughly enjoyed doing.

Their zeal and zest was reflected in the audience reaction. Catching the spirit of the contestants, spectators felt the keen excitement of the contests.

If, in some of the events, the local cowboy didn't rope his calf or bulldog his steer, it made no difference. The spectators admired him just the same for his effort and his courage in trying. The fact that there were misses made it a much more enjoyable event than if the participant had monotonously scored every time.

City Council Example of Democracy

Editors for years have urged citizens to show interest in their respective local governments by attending meetings of city councils and other local boards.

It would seem that this pleading has pretty well gone for naught because, when all is going smoothly, there is very sparse attendance at council meetings in most towns.

Only when trouble erupts, as it did in Stanfield recently, do many residents really show much interest. Then the council meetings are well attended with grievance-laden citizens.

It has almost gotten to the place that no attendance means that everything is hunky-dory—no cause for complaint. The councilman, mayor, and other officers, doing a good job, can toll meeting after meeting at their volunteer work, never getting a word of credit nor a pat on the back.

We of the newspaper here have appreciated the open and cordial reception given us by local agencies. They have not only indicated that we are welcome to attend to gather the news, but have invited us to come—and we have been going in order that we may, in turn, inform the public about its business.

In not all communities is this "Welcome" sign out to the press. Unfortunately, in some areas, some public officials have the erroneous idea that democracy can best be served by attempting to keep some of the public's business quiet from the people.

At the city council meeting Tuesday evening we thought again, "Here is democracy in action." The elected and appointed representatives acted on matters of vital importance to the people of Heppner. But where were the people?

We would make one more plea—take time out on the next month's first Monday night to go to the council meeting. You will enjoy the way they go to work on your problems, and you may be surprised how considerate they are of any individual problem that comes before them.

Parade Prize Winners



AMONG WINNERS in the rodeo street parade Saturday were these floats. At top is the Soroptimist club float, grand sweepstakes winner and first in the adult division for organizations, depicting planets encircling the earth. Second from top is the Rainbow Girls' first place float in the organizations division, juvenile, with a rocket set to blast off over the rainbow. Second from bottom is the 4-H clubs float, which won second in the organizations division, juvenile. At the bottom with another rocket and spacemen is the Mothers' club float that won third for organizations, adult division. A large crowd lined the entire parade route. (G-T Photos)

Chaff and Chatter

By Wes Sherman

WOW! How those kids can ride!

We're thinking of little Becky and Ruby Fulleton and others like them who performed so wonderfully in the Morrow County rodeo. The race between the young sisters, Becky and Ruby, was something to behold. Ruby edged younger sis, Becky, in the first race, but the determined youngster turned the tables in the Sunday race. Becky crowded in ahead and wouldn't relinquish that inside rail to come in first in a gallop.

HAVING spent our younger days in a logging camp, we weren't exposed to horses like Morrow county natives, but we certainly marvelled over the week-end at the performance of those who were born to the saddle. Sandra Eubanks, winner of the cowgirl race both days, seems to float effortlessly over her galloping horse. The crowd agreed that she was beautiful to watch. The fair and rodeo court here, it is obvious, is chosen not only for beauty but skill as well, and from Queen Joan through the court all are at ease on horse-back.

WE'LL have to doff a hat, too, to these businessmen like Jim Farley, Roice Fulleton, Rod Murray and Cornett Green who got in there and took an active part in the rodeo. One would think they would get so soft from inside work in their respective businesses that they wouldn't dare attempt to rope a calf or leap off a racing horse to attempt to bulldoze a racing steer. But they surely did, and we admire their courage. We can think of one local newspaperman who would be finished after one leap.

WHEN the announcer said that the rodeo is one of the roughest games known to man, he said a mouthful. Several of the visiting cowboys took nasty spills. One, Leon LeBlanc, suffered some cracked ribs but otherwise no one was hospitalized. Will O'Hara, hospital administrator, thought this a bit unusual. "One rodeo we had eight broken legs," he said Tuesday.

KIDS in the rodeo parade Saturday morning turned out in such numbers that the Chamber of Commerce men, headed by Pete McMurtry, ran out of silver dollars to give them. They had to borrow \$75 in greenbacks from J. C. Penney Co. to tide them over.

Seems to us that a dollar per youngster is pretty generous, indeed, although the kids love it, of course.

RODEO CHAIRMAN Floyd Jones and secretary Max Barclay felt very sorry when they discovered that in the confusion of running things off at the rodeo, the announcer failed to tell the crowd of the beautiful belt buckle donated by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke (Gilliam and Bisbee) to the winner of the girls' barrel racing, Jan Beamer. Max felt so remorseful that he called several times asking that we attempt to help him rectify the oversight. Claude had generously offered to donate a saddle if one were needed, but found that a prize was needed for the OBRA event and so very willingly put up the handsome buckle. It is a prize that is very much appreciated by the winner.

WELL, it was a wonderful week-end. When the Wranglers Horse show opened on the tall end of a rain storm, it looked rather threatening, but the show brought out a record number of entries despite the chilly day, and it was a very successful event. Saturday brightened, and Sunday was a perfect day, the brown hills surrounding the rodeo grounds looking picturesque under a cloudless blue sky. The parade went off in good shape, and the county picnic was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Episcopal church reported a fine turnout for its Saturday night barbecue and only 10 pounds of meat was left over. Saturday night brought a jam-packed crowd to the rodeo dance, and Sunday morning's cowboy breakfast was a scrumptious affair. The food tasted even better by serving in the open air.

WHEN SCHOOL opened Tuesday morning, one lady in town couldn't help but feel rather lost and lonely. She is Mrs. Lena Kelly who taught school for 27 years and was fourth grade teacher here for years until her retirement last year.

She dropped in to the Gazette-Times office and wistfully admitted that she missed starting with the youngsters once more. There are probably many budding young men and women to whom Mrs. Kelly can point with

pride and say that she had a hand in developing.

BY THE WAY, one thing we particularly like about Mrs. Kelly is that she keeps eight subscriptions on the Gazette-Times list, buying them for her sons, brother, and other relative—as well as herself.

WHEN the Sherman's youngest tot, Cathy, traipsed off to school with the rest of the first graders Tuesday, it was the first time in some 20 years that one young Sherman was not left behind when the school bells rang for our four children are each spaced about five years apart.

We quickly found, though, that we cannot claim any local record. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins have us beat. They, too, at one time had a child in college, one in high school, one in grade school and one pre-school, qualifying for all types and brands of PTA's. But their youngest is four and their eldest 24. So the little gal still has two years to sit out at home until she goes to school.

TO THE EDITOR . .

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Speaking for myself and I am sure, for the members of the school board, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the outstanding cooperation which the school district received from the Morrow County Court and especially the road department and the City Council of Heppner and the street and water crew.

It is due to the efforts of these people that it was possible for us to have an adequate road to our new school and water and sewer connections completed prior to the opening of school on Tuesday.

This kind of cooperation is what makes living so enjoyable in this community.

Robert Van Houtte
District Superintendent
Morrow County Schools

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gony and family motored to Spokane on Monday, returning his mother, Mrs. Ellen Wheeler, to her home there. Mrs. Wheeler has been making her home with her son and family here this summer, coming to Heppner in March.

Mrs. Mattie Green returned Friday from Gresham where she had attended the funeral of Wallace Green on Saturday, August 26, at the Gresham Methodist church. About 30 relatives from La Grande, Pendleton and Heppner made the trip for the funeral. Also present was the daughter who had made a special trip from Japan for the service. Mr. Green died suddenly on August 22 from a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cunningham and family, Pendleton stayed Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham, and all journeyed to Goldendale, Wa., for a week-end visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richards and daughter, Tamy, Pendleton, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Look, The Dalles, former residents, were up for the rodeo and parade.

STAR THEATER

Fri., Sat. Sept. 8-9

Last Time I Saw Archie

Robert Mitchum, Jack Webb, Martha Hyer, France Nuyen. Light-hearted comedy. PLUS

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Starts 7:30, feature break at 9:15, out at 10:50

Sun., Mon. Sept. 10-11

Wild in the Country

Elvis Presley, Hope Lange, Tuesday Weld, John Ireland, Millie Perkins. This good dramatic role should win Presley new adult fans—and it is adult.

Sunday at 5 and 7:10, Monday at 7:30

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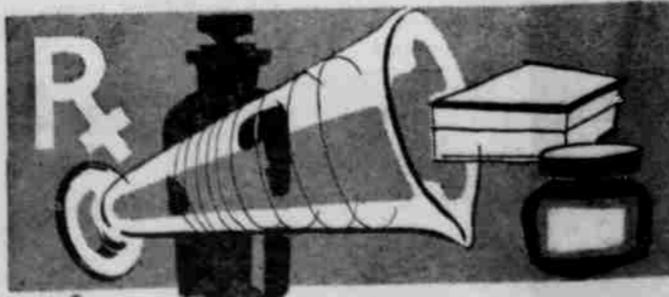
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