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Fair, Rodeo and the Eye of a Typhoon

There is a period between the time of last-minute preparations for the county fair and last-minute preparations for the rodeo that—for the newspaper at least—is like being in the eye of a typhoon. After the mass of information and work on the fair comes a foreboding calm, and then the rodeo hits. We realize that we're going to have to break out in the storm again—and this is happening now.

While we get into the deluge of heralding the rodeo with all its activities, we are attempting to cover the fair in progress. Yet we know that while the rodeo is underway, we'll be swamped with results on the fair.

Of course, many others connected with the events—those who make them possible—are in the same position. It all adds up to the fact that there is an abundance of interesting and exciting activity around.

The paper this year is undertaking a special rodeo edition, and this issue is the result. Intent isn't to give a complete rundown on the rodeo with all the facts, highlights and thrills that have accumulated in its 41 years, but to bring to memory some of the color and excitement that have made the traditional event a great institution in the history of the county.

At this moment our typewriters are almost covered with notes and papers for stories that we hope to get in. We can't use them all, but we hope to get most of them within the 18 pages that we are printing this week.

In our first year here we have reached the conclusion that Morrow county is somewhat like a bashful boy when it comes to extolling its virtues. Of course, that is part of the county's character and helps make it what it is. In its fair and rodeo, though, it has unique celebrations that can stand heralding far and wide, and we are taking the liberty of doing some of this.

One particularly good thing about fair and rodeo time is that it is a period when farmer and businessman work hand in hand. The fair and rodeo call strongly upon ranchers and rural people, but the business people are in there pitching, too, and certainly have a big part in the preparations and in supporting these events. To confirm this, one need merely to leaf through pages of this paper and read the advertising.

What research we have done on the rodeo for this paper has been rather impromptu, but we hope the result is interesting to our readers. In another year, we may be able to delve a little more deeply into the fair.

Although the rodeo is still some 10 days away, this special emphasis is made early so that it may give residents an opportunity to send copies to friends who may be interested in attending and also to help stimulate entries and attendance from the home folks.

Our little staff has had to "pick itself off the floor" to get this issue out—with no head start. If it turns out to be enjoyable, it is due to the fine work of the excellent crew that surrounds the editor—the gang that is willing to plunge out of the eye of the typhoon.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Editor:

Your letter writer from Bend appears to have missed the point of my criticism of his Pendleton speech. According to reports he stated that State Department policies caused other governments, especially India, to buy their wheat elsewhere whenever possible. He said India buys wheat first from Australia, then Argentina and finally from us. We are certainly not in disagreement as to India's preference for Western White Wheat.

Also we have no surplus of that variety in this country. Very likely before an other harvest rolls around we will be facing a definite white wheat shortage. What we face now is the fact that we could sell more white wheat if allowed to grow it. The market price is better than supports and has been for several years. The defeated Kennedy-Freeman farm program gave the Secretary of Agriculture power to remove acreage restrictions or market allotments on wheat varieties in short supply. Our white wheat would have qualified and this provision was defeated with the help of both Oregon Republican votes.

The 480 law was adopted as a relief measure to reduce surpluses. This law is administered by the Agriculture Department and Secretary Benson first set up the requirements of purchase of red wheat in greater quantities than white. This policy has not been changed by Secretary Freeman as it seems to be working fairly well. As this is a relief measure I see nothing wrong or immoral with restricting sales to varieties in actual surplus. All the taxpayers are footing the bill.

Sincerely,
Al Lamb

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MAX BARCLAY, member of the Morrow county rodeo committee, stands with trophies offered for the rodeo this year. Saddle on the left is presented by Hamley and Co. and the one at the right by Kinzua corporation. Boots, bottom right, are donated by Del Brown of Pendleton and Stetson hat (left foreground) is from Bill Blake of Wilson's Men's Wear. Belt buckles, offered by Gilliam and Bisbee and Herman Green, had not yet arrived when photo was taken.

Trophies to Go To Top Winners At Coming Show

Two handmade leather saddles, two pairs of handmade leather boots, a Stetson hat and two fine belt buckles are among trophies that will go to winners at the Morrow County Rodeo this year, in addition to purses to be won. The prize money totals \$1300.

Purses are on display in the window of Gilliam and Bisbee. Max Barclay, prize chairman, points out. First place in the Northwest Saddle Bronc Riding will win the champion, a fine handmade leather saddle from Hamley and Co., Pendleton, a traditional award.

Kinzua Corporation will give another fine handmade saddle for first place in the Morrow county Amateur Roping. Second place will be the fine leather boots made by Del Brown of Pendleton and donated by him.

Third prize in the amateur roping will win a Stetson hat as the gift of Bill Blake of Wilson's Men's Wear, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke of Gilliam and Bisbee will present the winner of the girls' barrel racing with a silver buckle and Herman Green will give another buckle for the cow riding winner in the Saturday night program.

Rev. Dixon Returns From Summer Camp
The Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church, returned Monday from Indian Springs Methodist camp near Medford where he was a counsellor in charge of crafts for ten days.

Mrs. Dixon spent the time visiting in Creswell and daughters Sharon and Martha visited friends in Medford.

The Rev. M. Carlton Sober, pastor of the Nazarene church, and The Rev. Walter Smith, pastor of Lexington Church of Christ, shared the pulpit at the local church during the Rev. Dixon's absence.

A very good camp was reported with 42 children in the junior high group attending.

Mrs. Ann Smouse returned last week after a few days visit with the Orlo Martins in Moro and she also visited in Portland.

Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

IT IS HARD to forget the startled look on the face of Mrs. Eva (Padberg) Griffith when we asked her for a picture of herself as she looked 40 years ago. She was rodeo queen in 1923. Perhaps no true gentleman would have been so undiplomatic in his approach as we were, i. e.: "Do you have a photo of yourself 40 years ago?"

She stopped abruptly and stared at us in disbelief. "It wasn't 40 years ago," she exclaimed. Well, Mrs. Griffith, unfortunately, didn't have a picture of herself when she was queen, and we regret this very much for we would like to have used it in this special rodeo edition. Pictures of queens earlier than the mid '40's appear mighty hard to find.

We apologize to Mrs. Griffith. She's right. It wasn't 40 years ago. It was 39. —And there's a big difference. From the accounts of the Gazette-Times of that vintage, she was a real queenly queen. The editor of that day wrote a glowing report of her.

GERALD SWAGGART, field man for the rodeo, was in quite a predicament. He was scheduled to take care of the flag duties on the field come Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, but found himself hobbled with a cast on his leg. He broke the leg a couple of months ago.

Floyd Jones, rodeo committee chairman, didn't know quite how he was going to replace him, but Swaggart appeared at the meeting Monday, cast and all, and said that it will be business as usual for him.

He has no other thought but that he is going to be field man, cast and all. In fact, he had the doctor rig the cast in such a manner that he can slip his foot in a stirrup, says he.

THE YOUNG in heart quite frequently take walks or hikes in the moonlight, but that isn't exactly what prompted Jack Loyd to go for a seven mile jaunt in the Monument area Sunday night.

He and wife Shirley took a trip to Ritter Springs to show Jack's elderly aunt, Jean Loyd of Portland, some of the country. Somewhere around Wall Creek, their auto decided to quit and

gasped a final breath in an alkali dust pit. This was about 7 p. m. Jack couldn't ferret out the trouble, and so he started off on foot, leaving Shirley and the aunt behind. There was only one way to go—up. And Jack went up to a place called Top, on the other side of which lies Monument. Well, he finally reached the place of Gus Peterson, who came to his aid. Gus took Jack to the stalled auto, tinkered around and found something wrong with the points. Finally got it going again.

The trio arrived home in Heppner about 2 a.m. Was the elderly aunt shaken and perturbed? No, she thought it was a real ball. —and Shirley declares that she was on her job at the county school office at three minutes until eight that Monday morning.

BETTY (MRS. PAUL) Brown isn't exactly like one of these contestants who wins a mink coat and then finds that she has to borrow money to pay the tax on it. However, at this time Betty is trying to figure out if

Harlan McCurdys Attend Elks Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr., attended the state officers' meeting of the Oregon State Elks association in Eugene Sunday. Matters on the agenda included emphasis on the eye clinic program and other state functions of the organization.

While there, the McCurdys also attended the annual picnic of the Eugene Elks. McCurdy is state inner guard.

Melbys Sell Home

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Melby have sold their home on Union Avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaiz, formerly of Kinzua. The Melbys have moved and are now living in a house owned by Mrs. Hene Wyman in the southeast part of town. Flaiz is shop foreman for Kinzua Corporation here. The new couple has two children.

It does pay to enter prize contests.

Lloyd Center, Portland, recently held a "Write a Birthday Greeting" contest to mark the center's second anniversary. Betty entered. No, she didn't win the first prize (3-day expense paid vacation at Surfside Motel Gearhart) but she did come in second. The prize: Two tickets to the movie "Westside Story," in Portland. She got a nice congratulatory letter, and the management of the theater said to call collect on the day she wanted to use the tickets and everything would be hunky dory.

The thing that has Betty guessing, though, is how much she is going to have to spend making the trip to Portland to use the tickets that are worth a few bucks.

WERE REAL proud of Bert Huff,

Mike Whitesmith, Don Turner and all the boys and gals who had a hand in preparing the Queen's Coronation Saturday night. They did a real fine job. Everything was ready to go, and it proved good fun for all who attended. The crowd was in goodly numbers and a lot of enthusiasm was generated before the evening was over. Those Squared-up Rounders surely aren't squares and they don't act like rounders. We'd say they are mighty smooth. Gordon Grady's gang performed very well, too. Wish we had the names of all those who took part to give them a little well-deserved credit. And when it comes to crowd pleasers it is hard to beat the Leonnig's. Home folks have heard them a lot but they always have a willing ear for the Leonnig's. It is interesting to watch the looks of admiration on the various faces in the audience as they watch Pappa Leonnig and his youngsters.

Make Portland Trip For Business, Pleasure

Sharing a car, driven by Mrs. E. E. Gonty, several motored to Portland on Sunday. Mrs. Carey Hastings and Mrs. Max Buschke, owners of Miladies Apparel shop, went in for the fall apparel showing. Mrs. Gertrude Applegate, on vacation from her work at Columbia Basin Electric, went to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Peggy) McCabe, and will then continue on to California with Mrs. McCabe for a visit with relatives in the San Francisco Bay area.

Bob Aylesworth, who was returning to his home in Seattle after working here this summer and staying with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Blevins, was also a passenger.

Mrs. Gonty spent the week-end visiting her mother near Portland.

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