

Weekend Bills Rodeo, Horse Show, Parade

Fair Concludes As Big Success

Four-H horse club members competed Friday in horsemanship and showmanship contests to wind up the Morrow County fair here with more exhibits in all 4-H and open class sections and record crowds viewing all events throughout the 4-day event.

Only the 4-H style revue remained for the evening Friday. Blessed by fine weather, it was witnessed by a large crowd. Story is elsewhere in this paper.

Thursday night the 4-H auction sale broke all speed records as it moved along at a fast clip and was concluded after one hour and 15 minutes. A total of 73 animals sold through the ring with the grand champion lamb, owned by Terry Greenup selling for \$1.00 a pound to Bill Kilkeny, Pendleton. The grand champion steer, owned by Roland Ekstrom, sold to Morrow County Grain Growers for 55 cents per pound. Cheryl Smouse, Ione, showed the grand champion and reserve champion hog and sold only the reserve champion for 30 cents a pound to Morrow County Grain Growers. She is taking the grand champion hog to the state fair this week. Besides the 68 market animals sold, five dairy heifers belonging to 4-H members were sold.

Preceding the sale, seven youngsters entered the pig scramble which caused much excitement for the spectators as they chased, grabbed, and stumbled after the slinky hogs. After some time both hogs and children gave out, with the little pigs being dragged out of the pen. The youngsters catching the pigs must care for them. Each lucky child must show it or one of its litter at the fair in 1963.

Those catching the pigs were Virgil Morgan, Cheryl Savage, Earl Pettyjohn, Nicholas Marick all of Ione, David Franke and James McGinnis, Irrigon.

Also awards were presented to the outstanding 4-H and open class winners following the scramble.

Ether Kirmis, county agent, states that many stopped to watch the 4-H flower arranging promoted by a new club this year. Also new exhibits were 4-H Rockhounds club and 4-H Electricity club entries.

The open class sections of garden and flower exhibits were larger this year, as well as the open class beef exhibits. A new award was presented to open class home economics exhibitors. A special sweepstakes ribbon went to the over-all winner, Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, Ione, won this award in the clothing group; Mrs. Bob Davidson, Lexington, in the knitting group; Mrs. Norman Florence, in the adult flower division; Kim Hill in the children's division; Mrs. Kethley Blake, in the canning division; Mrs. Nellie Anderson won in the hobbies, arts, and craft group; Mrs. Verle Fredrickson in the

needlecraft group; and Mary Alice Bauer, baking.

The McCabe brothers ranch won the wheat sweepstakes award in the open class wheat entries. Herbert Ekstrom ranches won the beef premier award and a trophy from the Morrow County Cattlemen's Association.

Vickie Barratt won the grand champion horsemanship award with Dick Struckmeier reserve champion. Queen Marlene Fettsch won the grand champion showmanship award with Vickie Barratt as reserve champion in the 4-H horse contest.

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End of Harvest Appears in Sight; Rainfall Delays

Rain again interrupted remaining grain harvest this week, but it was not enough to stop it for long. Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, estimated that about 100,000 bushels of wheat remain to be harvested but this week should just about clean it up.

Heppner and Ruggs elevators of the Grain Growers were the only ones still receiving wheat as of Wednesday.

Predictions by Lamb and County Agent Neils Anderson run about the same—that the county average will be between 30 and 32 bushels per acre, well above that of the 1961 harvest. Barley is running about 40 bushels per acre, although weight was down.

The forecasts made at the start of the season have held fairly true throughout harvest, despite the rain, Lamb said.

Some growers reported late harvest yields of as much as 45 bushels per acre on wheat and Gaines wheat hit as much as 65 bushels per acre.

It appears that will total almost twice as much yield as last season despite a lesser acreage, Lamb said. He expected that he would have more definite figures available next week.

Elevators of the Grain Growers are "fairly full" and the grain is moving out well, he said.

Friday Horse Show To Start at 9 A. M.

One of the top attractions of the busy week-end ahead is the Wranglers club horse show, which is actually a part of the county fair, but by time is tied in with the rodeo. It will be Friday at the rodeo grounds starting at 9 a. m. with Fred Mankin, superintendent, in charge.

With better weather in prospect this year than the blustery day of last year when a record number of 240 entries took part, indicates that this year's horse show will set new marks.

Seventy-five dollars in additional prize money and some fine trophies and merchandise prizes are offered. A new event this year will be open class barrel racing. Conformation and halter classes will be in the morning and performance classes in the afternoon. There is no admission charge for the spectators.

Swimming Pool To Close Friday

All youngsters and oldsters have one day left to take advantage of the warm weather for a dip in the Heppner pool as it will close Friday evening following the evening hours.

Because of the poor attendance during the evening hours and the Rodeo in full swing over the week-end, it was decided to close the pool for the summer, according to the Swimming Pool committee.

Columbia River Fowl Refuge Brings Protests

Proposal to establish the John Day Waterfowl Management area of nearly 30,000 acres of land and water in an 18-mile long strip embracing 11 miles of Columbia River water frontage met with strong protests from Morrow county officials and organizations as well as other groups of the area, at a hearing in Boardman Tuesday afternoon.

Resolutions from Morrow county included those in opposition to the proposal from the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, the Morrow county court, and the county planning and zoning commission. Others came from the Hermiston and Umatilla Chambers of Commerce, and the Space Age Industrial Association.

County Judge Oscar Peterson was spokesman for the court, and he stated that the county's feeling is that best use of the land would be for industries rather than wildlife. He also pointed out that it is the county's understanding that a large tract has been reserved for wildlife on the Washington side and that this should be adequate for the needs.

Oliver Creswick represented the Chamber of Commerce after that body had passed a resolution

Monday "in opposition to the reservation of any lands in North Morrow County for wildlife refuge." He also told of the bearing that the federal area would have in taking more property from the county tax rolls. The Chamber resolution also pointed out that the refuge would encompass a large area of potential industrial or river development sites and "would have an adverse effect upon the future of North Morrow County."

District Attorney Bob Abrams, at the Chamber meeting, said that he is opposed to turning over any more private lands to the federal government.

Represented by Clarence Rosewall, the planning and zoning commission also brought to the attention of the hearing, conducted by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, that the industrial phase of the county economy should be bolstered rather than decreased.

William Belt, Hermiston attorney, who represented the Space Age Industrial Park association, pointed out that the proposed management area would not be compatible with the intended use of the industrial park.

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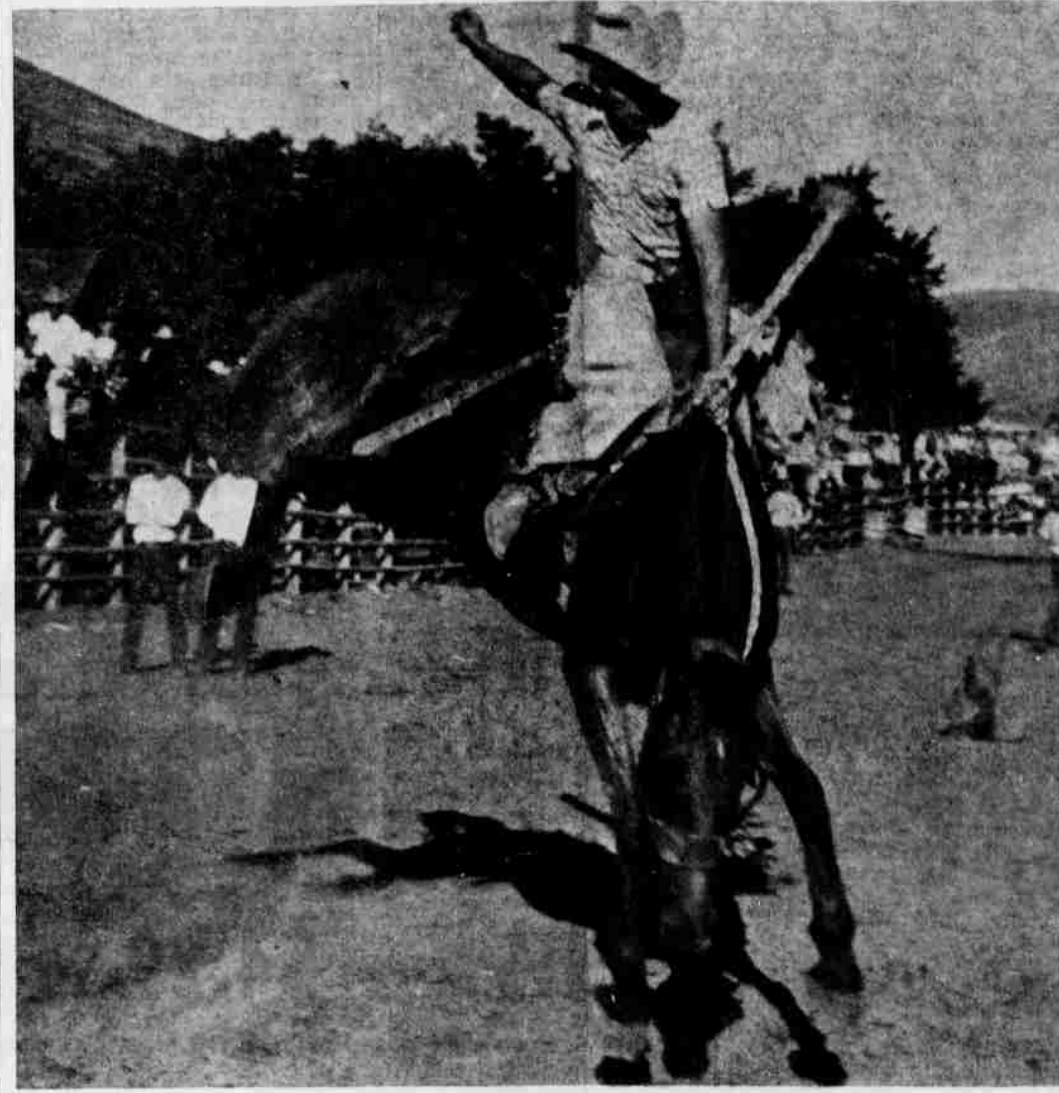
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BUZZ SEELY of Arlington, second in the competition for Northwest Amateur Saddle Bronc Riding here last year, shows a sample of the action that will be seen in the rodeo September 1 and 2 of this year. In the photo he is absorbing the best that Ambush has to offer. Both horse and rider are airborne in this picture, the front hoofs being well off the ground.

County Schools To Start Tuesday

There will be a full day of school for all students in Morrow county when they return to classes for the school year Tuesday, September 4, starting at 9 a. m. Robert Van Houte, county superintendent, announces.

Bus routes will be similar to last year and notices have been sent to all families where changes have been made or where children are entering school for the first time, Darel Reisch, director of special services, states. Any who have questions on the busses are asked to call Reisch at the Heppner high school.

In Heppner, the bus shuttle service between the high school and Unit-A will operate as it did last year. The last bus will leave for Unit-A in the morning from the high school at 8:40 a. m. Hillard Brown, Heppner elementary principal, states. Four busses will make the morning run.

Brown asks that as many Heppner elementary children as possible be on hand at Unit-A

Second Meeting Set to Consider Dam, Irrigation

A second meeting to consider the irrigation aspect of the proposed Willow Creek dam will be held Thursday night, September 6, at 7:30 o'clock in the county courthouse.

All ranchers who may be affected by the proposal and others interested are urged to attend. Some decision needs to be made in the near future as to whether ranchers are interested in the irrigation feature.

County Judge Oscar Peterson has written a letter of invitation to all ranchers who have property on Willow creek between Heppner and the Columbia River, but the meeting is open to all who would like to hear of preliminary work or who would like to express themselves on the matter.

Men from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation will be present to give the latest figures on what cost might be as well as information on benefits.

About 20 attended the meeting two weeks ago. Despite the small attendance, discussion brought out many points and ideas on the matter.

Picnic Saturday To Honor Guests; Open to Everyone

Bands, visiting royal courts and dignitaries will be guests at a county-wide picnic to be held after the street parade Saturday at the courthouse picnic grounds, Ralph Richards, committee chairman, states.

All food for the visitors will be furnished. The event is open to everyone, and all are invited, but home folks are asked to bring their own picnic lunches. Coffee, punch, and ice cream, however, will be furnished to all who attend.

Time for the picnic is set at 11:30 and it will continue until about 12:30. Food is donated by the Chamber of Commerce, by the county court, and by the Elks lodge. The schools are assisting with the preparation of the meal which will include meat loaf, salad and rolls, as well as the coffee, punch and ice cream.

Bands and visiting royal courts are given a special invitation to attend, including Morrow county bands. There was some disappointment last year when more band members did not attend, perhaps being unaware that they were invited.

Entertainment will be furnished during the picnic, including musical numbers by the bands. Working with Richards on the committee are Neils Anderson, Oliver Creswick, Judge Oscar Peterson, Hillard Brown and D. E. (Shorty) Hudson. Robert Van Houte is also helping the committee.

The picnic is an annual feature of the rodeo.

County School District Asks New Bids

School district R-1 this week called for new bids on the construction of the Heppner-Lexington high school in Heppner after the directors had rejected all bids received earlier this month as being more than funds available for the project.

Bids on the second call will be opened September 18 at 8 p. m. At a special meeting Monday night the directors set up five alternates that will be included in the bids submitted. If none of the bids cover the entire construction for the amount of funds available, the directors may elect to eliminate any one or more of the alternates.

The alternates and estimated costs for each are as follows: 1. The agricultural and vocational shop, 4,000 square feet at an estimated \$10 per square foot, or \$40,000. 2. Acoustical ceiling tile in the gymnasium, 12,200 square feet at 30c per foot, or \$3,660. 3. Leave the band and conference rooms unfinished,

3,150 square feet at \$6, or \$18,900. 4. Leave the kitchen unfinished, 936 square feet at \$9, or \$8,500. 5. Leave the multipurpose room and platform unfinished, 4,560 square feet at \$4.50, or \$20,000.

The directors agreed to eliminate a dry transformer that had been proposed to step up voltage for the home economics department. This saved an estimated \$1,000.

They rejected ideas of deleting the gym balcony and the possibility of deleting the kitchen, multipurpose room and platform shell, each of which would involve some design and structural changes.

"We had need to improve the educational program when we asked for the bond issue, but if we go too far, we create the same condition that we sought to correct," Director L. E. Dick said.

As set up with the plan of alternates, the board will be free to choose which it considers advisable to leave undone at this time if it again is apparent

Top Cowboys Due For '62 Show Here

All the thrills and excitement that can be packed into two days are forthcoming in the 1962 Morrow county rodeo that will open Saturday with the first afternoon show at 1:15. The performance will follow the great downtown street parade that will begin at 10 a. m. and the countywide picnic at 11:30 on the courthouse lawn.

Bronc riding, bulldogging, racing, roping and all manner of events are scheduled at the rodeo which will bring some of the northwest's best cowboys to Heppner. The Saturday afternoon show will be followed by the special night show at 8 p. m., and the new head and heeling event will be included on the evening's program.

Rodeo dance will be at 10 p. m. in the fair pavilion with Queen Marlene Fettsch and her court to be especially honored. Cowboy breakfast of the Wranglers with Mrs. Lowell Gribble in charge, and all members having a hand in the work, will take place at 7 a. m. Sunday and will continue until 10 a. m. Last performance of the rodeo will be at 1:30 Sunday with the finals presented in the various events and trophies being awarded.

All Plans Made For Big Parade Here Saturday

All plans have been completed for the big rodeo street parade in downtown Heppner Saturday morning starting at 10 o'clock, according to Randall Peterson and Orville Cutsforth, heading Chamber of Commerce committees in charge.

Peterson, who is in charge of prizes and judging, issued a last call for entries and especially urged kids of the county to rig up a float, decorate bikes or trikes, dress up pets or don costumes and get in the parade.

Gene Teague of Stayton, who has represented Governor Mark Hatfield in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade for several years, will be grand marshal, mounted on his champion palomino, Mr. Chevrolet. Gov. Hatfield was invited but sent his regrets because of another commitment.

Among late entries announced by Peterson include those of the Pendleton Jaycees with their Paddy Wagon, Jan Beamer ("Miss Rodeo Oregon"), the Main Street Cowboys of Pendleton, a float from Happy Canyon, Pacific Power and Light Co. float, Heppner fire truck, and Riverside High school band. These are in addition to the many others previously announced. Also, there will be dozens of entries which will arrive without advance notice, since it is not necessary to register for the parade.

Route of the parade, as announced by Cutsforth, will be south on Main street through the business district, east on May to Chase, south on Chase to Cannon and north again on Main to the point of beginning. In this manner the parade will pass the crowd twice. It may be possible to award prizes at the reviewing stand on the return trip. A total of \$475 in prizes is offered to the best entries.

This year, dollars will not be given to each child in the parade, but rather, prizes for winners have been increased to stimulate better entries. Each one in the parade, however, will be given a treat by the Chamber of Commerce, the rodeo committee and Hager's dairy.

Assembling point for the parade will be in the area near the city park, on Main street and on side streets to the west. Members of the committee will be on hand to show arriving entries where to line up and they will be in contact with each other by walkie-talkie radio, Cutsforth said.

One of the outstanding features of the rodeo will be the Northwest Amateur Bronc Riding championship with the trophy being a handmade saddle from Hamley and Co. of Pendleton. Another fine saddle will be presented by Kinza corporation for the winner of the Morrow county amateur roping. Several other fine trophies will be offered in addition to the purses going to the winners.

Kok Kokel, the clown, of Molalla, whose antics were enjoyed so much by crowds last year, will be on hand again this year to spice up proceedings.

Many of the rodeo events are local contests with riders and ropers well known to the home folks, adding particular interest.

King Carnival, which had agreed to appear at the rodeo, will not be on hand, but Cascade Amusement Co., which has been appearing at John Day, has some of its rides and concessions here. The rodeo committee had counted on the King Carnival after Al Fettsch, chairman of the fair board, had signed a contract with their advance man some time ago. However, late last week the local committee was notified that the King Carnival had gone to Nevada for another event, and the owner of the Cascade Amusement Company agreed to bring in part of his carnival for the rodeo, en route from John Day to Wapato, Wn.

Little Leaguers will sell programs at the rodeo, giving complete rundown of events, horses and other information to make the event more enjoyable to spectators.

Snack Shack will be operated near the fair pavilion by the American Legion auxiliary, and hamburgers, chili, soft drinks will be available for refreshment. They will also sell soft drinks through the grandstand. Popcorn and cotton candy will be available also for the crowds.

If weather is good, indications are that the crowd may be of record-setting size. The Rodeo committee, headed by Floyd Jones, has been working on the event since early this year, and plans have been perfected for one of the finest shows in its history.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Horse Show—Rodeo, Week-end

9:00 a. m. Friday, August 31, Wranglers Horse Show on Rodeo Grounds all day.

10:00 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 1, Street Parade, downtown Heppner. Forms in vicinity of city park on Main and side streets. Entrants should be on hand at 9:45 a. m. (Consult map elsewhere for assembling areas.)

11:30 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 1, Countywide picnic on courthouse lawn. Bands, visiting courts and dignitaries as guests (full meal furnished). All others invited (coffee, punch and ice cream furnished).

1:15 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 1, first performance of rodeo at rodeo grounds. General admission: Adults, \$2; students, \$1. No reserved seats.

8:00 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 1, special night show at rodeo grounds. Admission: adults, \$1; children, 50c.

10:00 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 1, rodeo dance in fair pavilion. Admission: \$1.50 per person.

7 a. m. to 10 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 2, Wranglers Cowboy Breakfast at Wrangler clubhouse near fair pavilion. Everyone invited. Adults: \$1.50 per plate; students, 75c; children, 50c.

1:30 p. m. Sunday, Sept. 2, final rodeo show at rodeo grounds. Admission: Adults, \$2; students, \$1.

Cascade Amusement Co. carnival will furnish rides and amusements during the week-end. American Legion auxiliary will operate Snack Shack near the fair pavilion with food and drinks throughout the horse show and rodeo.

eventual cost of completing the work later.

Bechtel Bros. had the low bid submitted earlier this month on the project at \$609,000, some \$35,000 over estimates on the basic job, excluding furnishings, architect's fees and contingencies.

If the forthcoming bids are too high for the entire job, the board expects to eliminate as many of the alternates as are necessary. If the band room were left unfinished it would be "roughed in" with wiring provided but no fixtures installed. Studding and rafters would be left exposed. If the kitchen were not completed, it is deemed feasible to prepare food in the cafeteria at the present high school building and transport it for serving in the new school.

Superintendent Robert L. Van Houte suggested that unfinished facilities could possibly be completed at the school within a reasonable period by using a considerably low figure than the

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