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Rodeo Spirit in Evidence Here

With the big event just two days away—one for the Wrangler Horse Show—the spirit of the Rodeo is in evidence everywhere. Indications are that there is more advance interest than ever this year.

It isn't hard to tell when Rodeo time is approaching because horses are in evidence everywhere. As this is being written, youngsters are riding by on their steeds, evidently getting imbered up for the week-end event.

The Chamber of Commerce showed unusual spirit by participating in its "ride-in" to the regular meeting Monday, and this rather spontaneous event elicited a great deal of spectator interest, again showing that the scene is set for the Rodeo.

Bert Huff, secretary, brings out another indication of advance interest when he said Wednesday that he already has 50 entries for various events in the show, an unusually high number for three days ahead of the Rodeo. Cowboys have until 5 p.m. Friday to enter, and in the past a large percentage of them have waited until the last minute. Last year there were 147 participants, but the advance registration this year might mean that the number will be topped for the 1963 show.

As has been said before, one of the strengths of the Morrow County Rodeo is the willing participation by local residents. Some of our people rank right along with the professionals, but quite a few are strictly amateur, and it is possible that these elicit the most delight from the crowd. In the realm of the strictly amateur, certainly, are the business people who have volunteered to take part in the cow rides to open the afternoon shows. These gentlemen certainly manifest the spirit of the Rodeo, and it may be wagered that this attitude will be contagious, spreading to make a more enjoyable event for all.

Bully for them! They deserve a place with the most gallant of matadors, even though they may ride the lowly bovine!

So the stage is set—Horse show all day Friday, grand parade Saturday morning starting at 10, afternoon Rodeo show at 1:15, evening show at 8, dancing at 10 p.m., Wranglers breakfast from 7 to 10 Sunday, and the concluding rodeo performance at 1:30 Sunday. Carnival will play all during the rodeo. Again, it all adds up to a most entertaining week-end.

It's a great home show, and the participation of the home folks give it a touch that is missing in the bigtime professional shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott returned Sunday after nearly a month's stay with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nisbit and family, Wasco, to help with their remodeling job.

Mrs. Ann Fehmerling, accompanied by Mrs. Jerry Buschke and children and Mrs. Nona Leathers and children, went to Seaview, Wn., near Longview, to see her new home under construction and enjoyed some fishing there over the week-end.

Television Viewers Have It Good

With the addition of KOIN-TV, Portland, to the cable system of Heppner TV, Inc., this seems an appropriate time to point out that residents here enjoy television comparable to that in many large cities and far surpassing that in many areas less remote from population centers than Heppner.

The cable now brings programs from every major network, including those of CBS, ABC and NBC. In addition to the four regular stations—KGW-TV, Portland, channel 8 (seen here on 6); KOIN-TV, Portland, channel 6 (seen here on 5); KEPR-TV, Pasco, Wn., channel 19 (seen here on 4); and KNDU-TV, Yakima, Wn., channel 25 (seen here on 2)—the cable system provides one entirely audio station, bringing music throughout the day over channel 3, Portland.

The cable system here operates excellently in view of the considerable care that it requires to keep it in adjustment. There are times, of course, when reception is a little below par, but few of those times can be attributed to local trouble. Don Wise, maintenance man for Heppner TV, is on the go most of the time replacing tubes in amplifiers, repairing cables and getting the system in good order.

Whatever criticisms anyone has of television—and there are many—the fact remains that it is one of the most wonderful inventions of the age. It does supply entertainment and communication in this area where it should be most appreciated.

That Heppner TV, Inc., of which each certificate holder is also a stockholder, functions so smoothly is a compliment to the management under Carl Spaulding, secretary-manager, and the board of directors with Ed Gonty as president.

It would certainly be hard to offer any better programs and service than Heppner TV now offers, and it is done at low expense to viewers.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

NOW THAT the editor has ridden a horse five blocks, and, with the other Chamber of Commerce "cowboys," qualifies as an expert, we have a few recommendations to make. We'd like to suggest to Floyd Jones, John Eubanks, Rod Murray, Max Barclay and all other well-known Morrow county horse-raisers that they develop a new breed with concave sides that would allow more comfort and convenience to the rider.

Even after the short ride on the beautiful little animal that Cheryl Bellenbrock so kindly loaned us, we felt the legs bowing slightly. Now if Floyd and John, et al, would just breed a horse that would have some dips in the sides of its tummy, it would be a great boon to horsemanship. And just think how these bronc busters could wrap their legs to the side of the horse and cling on, then!

ANOTHER SMART fellow might invent stirrups with some kind of a built-in hoist so that they could be lowered to the ground and lift the rider to the saddle. After all, that's only right in this pushbutton age. Think what that would do for those with creaky bones and stiff joints who'd like to enjoy horseback riding.

We wouldn't go quite so far as to suggest innerspring foam

rubber saddles at this point for, after all, if it is to be any sport at all, there must be some challenge and discomfort involved. However, had we ridden five miles instead of five blocks, this, too, might be included in the recommendations.

WE DON'T know what Cheryl calls her horse, but we couldn't help but feel some sympathy for it when we lumbered aboard. If a horse can groan, this brave animal certainly did. There must have been one moment of sheer terror when it surmised that Cheryl was deserting it to this big old 200-pounder, and it was rather a joy to notice at the end of the ride how it frisked about and responded when its owner, some 100 pounds lighter, took to the saddle again.

QUITE A FEW CONFESSIONS came out at this "ride-in." We'd figured that Al Lamb was an old timer in the saddle, but we found out he wasn't. Ed Gonty, who was born and raised in this horse and cattle country, hadn't been on a horse in some 20 years. We're a little suspicious about Oliver Creswick and some others, too.

Fire Chief Charles Ruggles said that he got three calls to be certain that he didn't blow the usual noon fire whistle. This might have caused the horses to shy, and with the amateur riders, pandemonium might have broken loose. It might have been a worse disaster than the 1903 flood.

IT WAS MIGHTY fine of the girls and others who loaned horses to be so nice and generous about it. The little event, conceived by Dr. C. M. Wagner, Chamber of Commerce president, proved lots of fun and added a little pre-rodeo interest for the community. It wouldn't have been possible had it not been for the girls who loaned their horses.

FRANK PARKER must be having a real thrill about now. He is back in the Yukon territory on a trip that takes him to the area where he panned for gold many years ago. He should have some interesting comments and comparisons when he gets back in a few weeks, and we're anxious to hear them.

TO SOME of our readers who feel that our news coverage of the county fair may leave something to be desired, we'd like to give a little explanation. The fair occurs right in the peak of the week so far as the paper is concerned, and the first story of results can only be a pickup of what comes readily available to give some of the highlights to that time. The staff is so busy getting the paper out that it is difficult for us to get out to the fair at all until Thursday night.

On this week after the fair comes the second punch with the rodeo, and this still makes it rough to cover the fair in depth. Our good friends on the county agent's staff help a great deal. The fair results comprise a great deal of copy and take many hours to set into type. Where that time will come from to get them in the Gazette-Times we cannot say at this moment. We'll do our best.

WE WOULDN'T be surprised to see little mountains springing up around that acreage of Claude Cox in the flat below the new high school. His potatoes are so big that they will be causing upheavals all over the place. Claude brought in one the other day that weighed 2 1/4 lb. and was about 18 inches around. When we saw him coming we weren't sure he could get it through the door!

He said it was of the Irish Cobbler variety. Never heard of it, but it couldn't be more appropriately named. That spud would feed a whole family of Irishmen.

AMONG the very interesting parts of the fair were the community and organization exhibits. Some were very cleverly done and were sure prize winners. One particularly novel was the "Litter Bug Tree" of the Ione Garden club. They just about proved that you can make beauty out of most everything—

Junior Tourney Popular Event For Young Players

Interest in junior golf play was shown Sunday when 23 boys and girls showed up at the Willow Creek Golf course to participate in a tournament for players of ages 6 to 18. Players were divided into Peewees, Little Leaguers and Juniors.

Experience paid off for many of the players, children of club members and non-members, who have been spending several hours during the summer months in serious play on the course.

Winning in the girls' division was Barb Gribble, with low gross score of 86 for 18 holes, with Leslie Meador as runner-up.

Tom Green completed his 18 with a 73, to take low gross honors for the junior boys. Runner-up, with one stroke more at 74, was Roger Leoning.

Barb and Tom each received golf equipment for their prizes, with golf ball prizes going to Leslie and Roger.

Other prizes went to Barb for both long drive and closest to the pin for girls, Lee Daggett had long drive for the boys and Jim Doherty closest to the pin for boys.

Kent and Kevan Pratt, identical twins, also ended with identical scores in the Little Leaguer's class, tying for low gross honors with 43's for a nine. In sudden death playoff, Kent won on the first hole, taking home a gold plated putter, which undoubtedly will be shared with equal pride.

Shan Applegate, just out of the junior age group, played for company, scoring a 67 for overall low gross.

Only one player, Doug Gunderson, was entered in the pee-wees, required to play only the first three holes, but enjoyed it so much he continued through the first nine.

Each player who entered was given a golf ball for his participation.

Others playing, not already mentioned, were Tim Driscoll, Bill Klinger, Jeff Turner, Rick Johnson, Terry Hutchins, Lee Padberg, Carl Bauman, David Gunderson, Jim Schaffitz, Bill Beaver, Steve Hutchins, Tim Loyd and Ginny Lou Turner.

Official starter and director of the tournament was Don Turner. Score keepers included Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pratt, Mrs. Ed Gunderson, Mrs. Lowell Gribble and Gordon Hutchins.

Club members who served as sponsors and contributed for prizes were Gordon Pratt, P. W. Mahoney, Maurice Brown, Lowell Gribble, Don Turner, Clint McQuarry and Turner, Van Marter and Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Case, Joyce and Claudia Nolan and Ronnie Case, all of Poulsbo, Wn., were week-end guests in Heppner with friends and relatives. They arrived Friday evening and stayed until Tuesday morning.

even old paper plates, milkshake containers, cigarette wrappers and beer cans.

THE HOME RUN kids of the Little League, Kevan and Kent Pratt, identical twins, had identical scores in the junior golf tournament Sunday, each with a 43 for the nine. There had to be a sudden death playoff to break the tie and Kent won. These two lads, nip and tuck in their abilities, have built-in competition to stir them to higher achievement.



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Rodeo shows, Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon.
Rodeo Dance, Saturday night after the evening show.
Wrangler Cowboy Breakfast, Sunday. Serving from 7 to 10 a.m.

BEEF BARBECUE DINNER
All Saints' Episcopal church, Saturday, August 31, from 5 p.m. All you can eat.

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Over The Tee Cup

By DEE GRIBBLE
Man alive—the golf course was a busy place Sunday. The old golfers gave way to the junior tourney (results elsewhere in the paper.) My personal "thank you" to the ladies that gave up their precious game and time to help in scoring, and to the men, bless 'em, for sponsoring (financially) our prizes, and to Don Turner for thinking up the event. We felt it was very successful.

Ladies play Tuesday was uneventful for nine holes. Winning golf balls were Cork Norene for low gross and Kay Robinson for least putts. Fourteen turned out, with Cora Mae Ferguson and Inez Meador providing our coffee break.

Playing were Cork, Kay, Cora Mae, Leslie Meador, Barb Gribble, Hazel Mahoney, Donna McCurdy, Marie McQuarrie, Hester Creswick, Phyllis Hutchins, LaFyrne Pratt, Janet Turner, Juanita Carmichael and Dee Gribble.

No planned play for Sunday. Since Rodeo is only once a year, let's all turn out and watch the events planned for the Sunday Go-Around!

Doaks Return For Short Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Doak of Green Acres, Wn., attended church services at the Christian church in Lexington on Sunday, August 25, and visited with many of their friends here over the week-end.

A surprise potluck dinner was given in their honor in the church parlor after the services, with about 30 of their friends of former years present to greet them.

Those coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. (Jim) Ritchie of Salem, Mrs. Maude Pointer of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson of Hermiston.

Mr. Doak was superintendent of the Lexington school from 1915 to 1917, inclusive. He then farmed north of Lexington for several years before moving to the Spokane valley in 1924. They now live on a small farm near Green Acres, Wn.

They stayed overnight in Heppner and were breakfast guests of Mrs. Edna Turner on Monday morning, and at homes of other friends during the day.

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