

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Schools Register 1194 on First Day



BEAUTIFUL SETTING FOR a beautiful girl is the Soroptimist club float, grand sweepstakes winner in the 1963 Rodeo parade. The big heart forms backdrop for Jan Hager, daughter of Mrs. Jim (Jewel) Hager, president of the club. Featuring the song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," the float also won first in adult organizations division. (G-T Photo)

## Count Tops Last Year By 38 Pupils

Thirty-eight students more than last year registered in Morrow county schools on opening day, according to figures released through the office of Wayne Brubacher, county school superintendent.

The total Tuesday was 1194 as compared with 1156 on the first day last year, including both grade and high school students. Heppner showed a total gain of 48, of which six were listed as special students. The total enrollment in Heppner was 678 as compared with 630 last year. In the grade schools, a gain of 25 was noticed, climbing to 453 from the first day's 428 last year, and in the high school, 17 more were on hand this year at 219, compared with 1962's 202.

Ione's total this year on the first day was 203, of which 150 are in the elementary school and 53 in the high school. At the same time last year, the figure was 217 in the two schools, with 55 in the high school and 162 in the grade school.

Boardman's student population was down by only two this year despite the fact that the fifth and sixth grades were moved to the A. C. Houghton school, Irigton. Total enrollment in Boardman is 128 as compared with 130 last year. Pupils in the grade school numbered exactly the same as on the first day in 1962 at 55, even though the fifth and sixth grades have been changed to Irigton. The Riverside High school enrollment showed just two less—73 as compared with 75 last year.

At Irigton the number at A. C. Houghton school increased by 10, going to 142 from 132 last year, the figure for this year including the fifth and sixth grades. Lexington elementary shows a drop of seven pupils, declining to 40 from last year's 47.

With the exception of some confusion on the bus runs, school's opening seemed to proceed smoothly around the county, and classes started at once on regular daily schedules. Heppner and Lexington students in the new high school enjoyed its spacious facilities and started getting acquainted with the new building.

With some students probably still at work on summer jobs, it is expected that enrollments in some of the schools will increase in the first few weeks.

## Soroptimist Club Wins Sweepstakes in Parade

Unusually colorful entries, highlighted by beautiful floats, delighted a crowd of several thousand persons who lined Heppner's Main street Saturday morning to watch the 1963 Fair and Rodeo parade.

Precise mounted groups, snappy bands, a liberal participation by costumed kids and some entries of days of yore blended with comical groups and individuals to make a well-balanced and thoroughly enjoyable parade in perfect weather.

Heppner's Soroptimist club won sweepstakes honors with its lavish float that followed the theme, "Songs—Old and New." It was an interpretation of the song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Fashioned with pink tissue fringe and yellow facial tissue around a curving framework, the float highlighted a large lattice heart in front of which sat Jan Hager in white bouffant formal dress. The Soroptimists won \$25 first prize in the adult organization division as well as the \$50 sweepstakes.

First in the juvenile organizations' division was the multi-colored float of Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, that had as its backdrop a large rainbow. Riding on the float were Diane Schaffitz, Rogenia Wilson and Brenda Young, members of Rainbow. Perennial winners in the parade, the Rainbow Girls' entry showed the same work and effort that has marked their floats in past years. The song that it featured was "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Second in adult organizations was the Heppner Mothers' club, using the song, "South Pacific," as a theme. It depicted a South Pacific setting with bamboo hut, driftwood, flowers, fruit, leis and a palm tree contributing to the idea. Riding the float in costume were Jean and Joan Stockard and Bobby Abrams. The float won a \$15 prize.

"I'm Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage" was the song title for the Degree of Honor float, featuring a big stuffed bird in a large cage mounted on a trailer. This won a \$10 third prize for adult organization floats.

Hermiston's Chamber of Commerce beautiful float, featuring "Indian Love Call," took top prize for the best float from out of the county, winning \$15. Girls dressed as Indian maidens rode on the float, and a huge background representing a colorful feathered Indian headpiece was the center of interest. Joe Burns, former president of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, drove the auto towing the float and Mrs. Marge Bartlett, current president, was also here for the parade.

Umatilla Army Depot's patriotic float, "Power for Peace," on which were mounted weapons of various types and bearing two soldiers standing rigidly at attention contributed a great deal to the parade. It won second prize for floats from out of the county and received \$10.

Pacific Power and Light Company's float, not in the competition by its own request, was another crowd favorite with its animated circus.

Reminiscent of a bygone era and adding humor as well was the Ione Fire Department entry, an old horse cart bearing the words, "Pride of Ione Fire Department 1905." Seating in a tiny fire truck pulling the rig was Chief Eldon Tucker. This



IT WOULDN'T be a Morrow county Rodeo without Bill Smethurst, member of the rodeo committee and for many years chairman of the parade. This year Bill was grand marshal of the parade and had a busy role at the rodeo grounds through the two-day event. He is shown just as he was about to start the parade. (G-T Photo)

entry received a fourth place ribbon. Umatilla Sage Riders topped the field of mounted groups as it won first place in the district ahead of the Heppner Wranglers. First was \$35 and the Wranglers won \$20.

The Bob Steagall family of Lexington won \$7.50 as the best family group, mounted, and Mrs. Don Robinson also won \$7.50 as the best mounted cowgirl. As best mounted cowboy, Parade Grand Marshal Bill Smethurst won \$7.50, and Frank Turner received \$5 as the oldest cowboy. Many friends may not have recognized him as he was one of a comic group, made up with black faces. Oldest cowgirl was Mrs. Lois Winchester, winner of a \$5 prize.

Winning as the best comic entry was the "Ford or Bust" outfit of Condon Auto Sales and assisted by Heppner Auto Sales. It was designed around the Beverly Hill Billies and used a 1930 Ford truck, loaded with all man-

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## Extension Drive Hits \$2700 Mark

As of Wednesday, the drive to supplement the budget of the Morrow county extension service stood at \$2700, just \$700 short of its \$3400 goal. Mrs. E. Markham Baker, one of the leaders in the campaign, said.

It is expected that the campaign, which is aimed at retaining all three county agents here in the face of a budget cut by the county budget committee, will be concluded this week.

Those soliciting for the drive are Andy Van Scholack, Bernard Doherty, Walter Wright, Dick Wilkinson, Doug Drake and Raymond French; Heppner; Kenneth Peck and Norman Nelson, Lexington; Bob Jepsen, John Jepsen, Louis Carlson, Herman Bletzell, David Baker, Eulenna Corley, Paul Tews and Mrs. Baker, all of Ione; Weldon Witherrite, Pine City; Andrew Skiles, Irigton; and Mrs. Bill Seehafer, Boardman. Some of these had yet to report and may have funds to add to the \$2700 total.

They are all urged to report to Kenneth Smuse, treasurer, at once so that the committee may know how much farther it has to go. Deadline was originally set at September 1 but it has been postponed for a short time.

## Skate Rink Opens On Friday Night

Grand opening of the Morrow County Roller Rink, located in the fair pavilion, will be Friday evening at 7 o'clock, Glen Ward and D. E. (Shorty) Hudson announce.

Free coffee, doughnuts and punch will be served on the opening night.

Rental skates are available with a total of 215 pairs on hand, Ward said.

Season tickets, one type good for 12 skates and another good for 25 skates, will be on sale at a savings.

The rink will be open on weekends throughout the winter months. It is also available at other times for parties.

Visitors are welcome at the rink, the operators state.

## Breakfast Serves More Than 600

More than 600 persons were served at the Wranglers Cowboy Breakfast at the Wrangler clubhouse Sunday morning, Mrs. Lowell (Dee) Gribble, chairman of the affair, said.

A representative of at least one of every one of the 79 Wrangler families probably had a hand in the work of organizing or preparing the breakfast, she said. Work started at 5 a.m. on the breakfast itself and continued past the 10 a.m. closing time. Harold Erwin, however, got up early and had all the fires going around the rest of the workmen arrived.

Bob Steagall provided some excellent firewood, which made the job considerably easier, Mrs. Gribble said. Cooperation and help was tremendous on the "terrific" job, she declared.

# Jordan, Healy Capture Rodeo Championships



Gene Jordan of Mancos, Colo., scored 508 points in the Northwest Amateur Saddle Bronc Riding in two days of competition at the Morrow county rodeo Saturday and Sunday and thereby captured first place in the feature event. He won with it the Hamley and Company handmade saddle, an annual award to the winner from the Pendleton firm.

Of perhaps even greater interest to local rodeo fans, though, was the Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping contest which brought unusually keen competition this year. Bill Healy of Heppner was the happy winner after total figures were compiled, by losing and tying calves in 34.4 seconds the first day and 36.4 the second for 70.8. He won the Hamley saddle given by Kinzua Corporation and joined the elite list of amateur ropers who have earned the coveted prize during the 14 years that the event has been held.

Bob Steagall, second place winner, posted the best time for a single calf in the event with 24.4 on Sunday, but he took twice as long on the opening day with 48.9. He received a pair of handmade boots from Del Brown, Pendleton, with his total of 73.3.

Cornett Green, a crowd favorite as he took the field with a brace on his neck—broken in an accident several months ago, finished third on times of 42.5 Saturday and 41.6 Sunday, total 84.1, and won a Stetson hat from Wilson's Men's Wear.

Tad Miller was second with 38.2 on opening day but failed to make a catch Sunday, and Jim Steagall was second Sunday with 33.9 but failed to rope his calf Saturday.

In winning the saddle bronc event, Jordan was first in the finals at the conclusion of the program Sunday with 171 points after finishing in a tie with Jack Thrasher of Klamath Falls for first Saturday, each with 170, and with Thrasher for second on Sunday, each with 167. Top man in the go-around Sunday before the finals was Hap Tegart of Invermere, B. C., with 172.

In the finals, Jordan was the only one to stick on his bronc, thereby outpointing his nearest competitor, Thrasher, by 171 points. The Canadian cowboy, Tegart, was third with 332 and Jim Van Belle of Richland, Wn., was fourth with 322. Thrasher received a pair of chaps from Severe Bros., Pendleton; Tegart won a pair of spurs from John Van Belle; and Jim Van Belle won a buckskin rein.

Exciting contests from the top to bottom of each day's and Saturday night's program featured the 1963 rodeo. The rodeo committee, headed by Floyd Jones, was virtually swamped with the record-setting number of entries this year, totaling 192, and parts of several events had to be run off outside of the shows. Even so, the afternoon shows each ran over four hours in length.

Near perfect weather prevailed for other events held through the rodeo and only a rather stiff breeze coming late Sunday kept it from being ideal. While good crowds were in evidence throughout the shows, it appeared that the Sunday afternoon crowd was down somewhat from last year. The dance brought a large turnout Saturday night, one of the best in the history of the rodeo.

Sid Britt was top hand in bareback riding, winning the first go-around with a score of 163, and tying for first on the second with 165, and thus taking first in the average. Second on average was Bill Herrera with 162 Saturday and 158 Sunday, good for second and fourth on the two go-arounds. Averaging third was Tegart, who also won third in each go-around with 152 and 163. Others finishing in the money were Fred Harkreader, fourth Saturday with 150, and Jim Carter of Long Creek, tied for first Sunday. Carter had fourth in the average.

Marvin Bothum of Woodburn topped bull riders, each of whom had only one go-around, with 168. Second was Jim Starr with 163, and tied for third were Andy Conforth of Hermiston and Forrest Rinehart of Ukiah.

One of the greatest crowd pleasers in the rodeo, but not so pleasing to the participants at the moment of performance, was the new event—the Chamber of Commerce cow riding event. None of the game entrants stayed on their unpredictable bossies, but all gave it a real try.

Rex English, new high school English teacher here, came close to making the time Sunday in an exhibition but was ineligible for the competition because of his previous experience. Bert Huff was the top performer among the merchants but his cow didn't carry him across the dirt track before depositing him solidly on terra firma. He won the trophy buckle given by Howard Keithley, Jim Myers was second and Bob Mahoney third.

Others in the Saturday go-around were Ralph Marlett, Fred Gimbel and Herman Winter and Jim Myers, and on Sunday were Don McClure, and Dave Barnett. All started on a cow's back and all finished on the same place in approximately the same position.

Wrangler Cow Riders on Saturday night did a little better with Joe Yocum outpointing the field at 158, English winning

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BIG GRINS radiated both ways when Dave Hamley (right) of Hamley and Co., Pendleton, presented the handmade saddle to Gene Jordan of Mancos, Colo., at conclusion of the Morrow county Rodeo Sunday. Jordan won the 1963 Northwest Saddle Bronc championship and with the title went the traditional prize from the Pendleton firm. (G-T Photo)

## Frank Turner In Auto Mishap

Frank Turner and Mrs. Virginia Turner of Heppner suffered only minor injuries in an auto accident at Buck's Corner, near Hermiston on Labor Day. An occupant of the other car involved, however, was seriously hurt. He is David Haupton, 22, of Corvallis, who was taken to Good Shepherd hospital with head injuries.

Turner said that he and his sister-in-law were going to the Labor Day program at the Yacht Club on the Columbia. After reaching highway 30 on the Butter Creek highway, he stopped and waited for several cars to pass, then proceeded across the highway. The little foreign car, driven by Mrs. Doris Haupton, 22, wife of the injured man, hit the Turner car on the side.

Turner said that he realized that Haupton was seriously injured and helped remove him from the car. Both autos involved were badly damaged.

## Clarence Rosewall Named to Council

Clarence Rosewall, a former member of the city council, will be pressed into service again if he accepts the position.

He was appointed at the Monday evening meeting to fill the vacancy left by Conley Lanham who resigned prior to leaving on a trip to Europe. However, Rosewall had not been contacted, and the appointment was made contingent upon his acceptance.

Under terms of the city charter, a councilman who is out of the city for more than two months continuously is ineligible to serve.

## 41 in Royal Courts Attend Luncheon

Queens and courts and a few of their parents, numbering 41 in all, attended a luncheon Saturday in the Elks club room under sponsorship of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce to entertain the courts during the rodeo.

County Judge Oscar Peterson was toastmaster at the luncheon, and he and Mayor Al Lamb extended welcome to the courts. Queen Sandra Eubanks was introduced, and in turn introduced her princesses and queens from neighboring cities. Each of them introduced her princesses.

It was pronounced a very nice and pleasant affair. Hillard Brown, chairman of the Chamber's banquet committee, was given the credit for arranging the luncheon which was prepared by Mrs. Fred Ott.

## WEATHER By LEONARD GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	83	56	—
Thursday	87	54	—
Saturday	88	51	—
Sunday	84	49	—
Monday	80	46	—
Tuesday	85	50	—
Wednesday	90	54	—

## Information Needed On College Students

Is your son or daughter going to college this fall?

If so, the Gazette-Times would like to hear about it. In an ensuing issue it would like to print information about all those in the area who are either returning to college or entering as freshmen.

It is difficult to learn of all those college-bound unless parents inform the paper, and so a call to the Gazette-Times office would be appreciated (676-9228).

## 40-Year-Old Horse In Rodeo Parade

Old "Brownie," about 40 years old, must have been the oldest horse in the rodeo parade Saturday.

The horse is owned by Larry Gentry and was ridden by Mrs. Gentry, who appeared as "Old Black Joe" in the colored riding group.

"Brownie," who saw service in rodeo roping in former years, has been in nearly every parade.



RAYMOND FRENCH



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## Heppner Soil District Named for Grand Award

The Heppner Soil Conservation District has been named Oregon's grand award conservation district for 1962-63.

This district was chosen by state agricultural leaders who reviewed the work of farmers and supervisors entered in the 16th annual Soil Conservation Awards Program of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

Garland Swanson, Ione, selected by the company as the state's outstanding farmer conservationist, and Raymond French, Heppner, chairman of his district conservation board, will be guests of the rubber company on a four-day tour to Goodyear Farms, near Phoenix, Ariz., in December. There the two men, along with 102 others representing top districts throughout the United

States, will study conservation practices on the 14,000-acre desert farm.

Swanson recently was chosen Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year.

The men will be flown to Arizona for the visit and will stay at Goodyear's resort, the Wigwam. They will study irrigation and cropping practices which changed barren desert into productive farmland.

Second place honors in Oregon were won by the Upper Willamette Soil Conservation District, which named Charles F. Jensen, Springfield, as the outstanding farmer-conservationist. The Heppner district won the award in the year 1953-54 and Louis Carlson and Newt O'Hara made the trip to Arizona. The district was runnerup in 1958-59.