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County Takes Brunt of Another Severe Storm

Fair Hits Peak

Morrow county's fair, undampened by intermittent rains, was in full swing by mid-week and judges were hard at work awarding premiums.

In a way, the rains were an asset to the fair since vegetable and flower entries looked fresher and better than they would in a dry summer. Good crowds were on hand, and the 4-H Snack Shack reported another brisk season.

Mrs. Avery Taylor of Heppner tallied a perfect 110 points to win the cake baking contest sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Second was Mrs. Jack Healy, and Mrs. Dean Hunt of Lexington was third.

Mrs. Doug Drake, chairman, said all were judged on the standard recipe for this year, a spice chiffon cake with creamy nut icing. Eleven entries were judged, and Mrs. Taylor is now eligible to compete in the state bake-off at the annual contest in Pendleton in December.

Winners of community booth awards were released Thursday morning by Mrs. Lenna Smith, fair secretary, as follows:

YOUTH booths—First, Sew Along 4-H sewing and flower club; second, Teen Seamers 4-H club; third, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Heppner.

Grange and farm organizations—No first place awarded; second, Lexington Grange; third, Willows Grange.

Hobbies—No first place; second, Morrow County Rock club. Social clubs—First, Mother's club, Heppner; second, Morrow County CowBelles; third, Wranglers club.

Community service—First, 4-H council; second, Rhea Creek home extension unit; third, Irigon home extension unit.

Churches—First, Seventh-day Adventist, Heppner; second, Assembly of God.

Morrow County Grain Growers received a special first place recognition as a commercial entry.

Gail McCarty, county extension agent in 4-H and livestock, announced some of the early major winners in 4-H livestock:

Horsemanship, Gale Malcom, Heppner, grand champion; Paul Healy, Heppner, reserve champion.

Horse showmanship, Ruby Fullerton, grand champion; and George Kenney, Irigon, reserve champion.

Beef, Herb Ekstrom III, grand champion; Eric Anderson, reserve champion.

4-H lamb—Sue Greenup grand champion; Nancy Doherty, reserve champion.



THIS WAS the scene after an errant pickup truck, accidentally started by John Harris, 13, while parked at the curb, made a driveline drag out of Phil's Pharmacy Tuesday morning. Chief of Police Dean Gilman starts to take parking meter away while Dave Barnett (left) and Rod Murray (by pickup) watch. In background is Darrel Harris, owner of the pickup. A lad at right also watches proceedings. (G-T Photo)

Phil's Pharmacy Front Damaged By Errant Pickup

Plate glass front of Phil's Pharmacy was demolished Tuesday morning when a pickup truck, owned by Darrel Harris, jumped the curb from its diagonally-parked position in a freak accident.

It occurred when John Harris, 13, son of the pickup owner, turned on the ignition while he was sitting alone in the parked vehicle. He had intended to turn the switch to "accessory" position, but instead turned it to "start" position.

The motor started instantly, and the vehicle went over the curb, knocked down a parking meter and plunged across the sidewalk and into the store front. It came to rest with the hood inside the store and store merchandise around it.

Plate glass shattered over the vehicle and inside the store, but no one was hurt and the pickup took only slight damage.

Jim Myers, store owner, was standing near the front when the accident occurred. He saw the entire incident but said he never moved from where he was standing.

"I thought sure it would stop before it hit the front," he said. Myers said that despite the clutter caused by the accident there was very little loss to the merchandise. An insurance adjuster was due Wednesday to fix the amount of damage to the building.

Harris had just purchased the pickup, he said.

Though outwardly composed after the mishap, John was a pretty stunned young fellow after the accident, but all realized that it is one of those freak things that could happen to anyone. Everyone was grateful that none was hurt. Heavy sheets of glass, clinging delicately in the frames at the top of the front could have become guillotines had they dropped at the right moment.

Gene Pierce was another close witness. He was walking down the sidewalk only about 10 feet away when it occurred.

Front of the building was patched with plywood and an old door temporarily by Ray Ayers and Matt Hughes of M & R Company, and Phil's Pharmacy continued business as usual.



Farms Hurt; Loss to Roads Set \$25,000

(Also see Page 1, Sec. 2) Flash flooding, following on the heels of heavy downpours of rain, ripped summer fallow, washed out roads, caused some damage to the Union Pacific roadbed, and wrecked ranch buildings and equipment in the county Sunday evening.

The sudden storms covered an area from Blackhorse canyon through Lexington to the north and in another area at lower Eightmile. Several ranchers said that waters exceeded those of last winter's floods.

Mrs. A. G. Pieper, who lives five miles northeast of Lexington, said that the storm hit at their place about 4 p.m., apparently ahead of the severe downpours in most places.

"It was the most water we've ever had," she said. It hit southeast of the house, took out both culverts on the road at their place and stranded them there. She said that she called neighbors some distance below and warned them that a flood was coming, but it was hard for them to believe.

"Then the heavens opened up," she said.

Roy Martins Hit The Roy Martins who live along the highway from Lexington to Butter Creek junction, took heavy damage. The Don Pointers and Irvin Rauches experienced the flooding.

Katherine Lindstrom, Gazette-Times correspondent at Ione, tells of other places in that area that were hard hit in her news on page 1, section 2.

In the Willow Creek canyon, many ranchers lost hay. Cecil Jones said that he lost 20 tons at his place and took damage to a field that had just been leveled. Fences were also washed out.

Orville Cutsforth said that his rain gauge holds six inches and it was running over after the storm subsided. It may have had some water in it at the start, but he believes that five inches at least came down at his place.

The Don Linnells, about whom Mrs. Lindstrom reports in her article, said that rain at their place exceeded three inches.

Covers Highways Water, which inundated the highway from Lexington to Echo particularly at the Martin place to a depth of several feet, also covered the Willow Creek highway in several places. At the flat near Kenneth Palmers', north of Lexington, a quarter-mile was covered in the flash flooding and (Continued on Page 5)

Anderson Family To Leave Sunday For African Post

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson and four of their sons will leave Sunday morning on the first leg of their journey to Niger, Africa, where he will be instrumental in setting up an agricultural extension system patterned after those in this country.

With sons Doug, Dave, Kit and Ricky the family expects to fly from Pendleton to North Dakota, where they will visit relatives before continuing east. They are to be in New York on September 3 and according to latest word, will depart from there by air on September 4.

From New York it will take them 7 hours and 35 minutes to reach Paris, where they will continue to Niamey, Niger. Their present schedule calls for them to arrive on Monday, September 6.

Anderson, who served as Morrow county agent for 19 years before receiving a leave of absence to accept this position, will be in Niger with his family for two years on the assignment.

This week the family has been busy disposing of possessions which they are unable to take with them and making last minute preparations for departure. They have sold their home place to the Bill Scott family.

Kit, who is a sophomore in high school, expects to attend school at Ibadan, Nigeria, some 300 miles from Niamey. Doug and Dave, both of whom graduated with the Heppner High class of 1965, may attend International School at Ibadan, particularly studying languages. Doug said.

The address in Niger will be: Messrs. N. C. Anderson, Foundation du Proche Orient, Boite Postale 578, Niamey, Niger, Africa.

Nels returned last week after completing examinations on the French language in Washington, D. C.

Schools to Register

Morrow county's school population still has 11 more days before school starts on Tuesday, September 7, the day after Labor Day, but teachers will be on the job in the system next week. Plans for registration have been outlined by the five principals in the district.

Supt. David Potter states that a teacher inservice workshop will be held for all teachers in the district on Tuesday, August 31, starting at 9 o'clock. It will deal with preparation and use of audio-visual materials, and at work sessions the teachers will actually prepare materials to use in the classrooms.

Demonstrations and speakers will feature the workshop, and Mick Tolar, principal of A. C. Houghton School, Irigon, and Ron Daniels, principal of Riverside High school, are in charge of arrangements.

On Wednesday, September 1, teachers of Boardman and Irigon will visit the central office at Lexington; on Thursday, September 2, Ione Elementary and High school teachers will visit the office; and on Friday, September 3, Heppner High teachers will visit the office in the morning and Heppner Elementary teachers will visit in the afternoon.

All freshmen and new students of Heppner High school are asked to register at the high school on Thursday, September 2. Clayton Norton, principal, announces. They should come to the school between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., exclusive of the noon hour.

Pre-registration was held at the school before the end of the last school year and those who are pre-registered need not appear until Tuesday, September 7, at 8:45 a.m., which will be regular starting time on the school's daily schedule.

Any who attended Heppner High last year but who did not pre-register, for any reason, should appear next Thursday. Classes will start immediately after a short assembly on the morning of September 7. Principal Norton states. The assembly will outline school procedures for the year and explain payment of school dues.

Fee schedule at Heppner High is as follows: Student body ticket, \$6; textbook rental (takes care of all texts), \$8; towel fees—for physical education, \$3.50, and towels for sports, \$1.50 each sport; and annual fee (for high school yearbook), \$3. The annual fee is optional.

Student body tickets make the holder a member of the student body, admit him to all home

Rodeo President, Bill Ward, Looks Forward to Event

Secretary, Rodeo Committee

Bill Ward of Athena, who is president of the Northwest Rodeo association, will be one of an estimated 180 entrants performing in the annual Morrow County Rodeo in Heppner on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.

Ward is currently the high money winner for the Northwest Rodeo association in the calf roping event and is also the present leader for the NRA All-Around championship. Bill ended the 1964 rodeo season in first place of the NRA in calf roping and in second place in the all-around championship.

In a telephone conversation from Athena Tuesday night Ward mentioned that he had rodeoed for a number of years and had participated in the Heppner show several times.

"The Morrow county rodeo rates real good with the cowboys," Ward said. "Monies to be won are as good as you will find at any of the other shows and cooperation with rodeo management is very good."

It was also added that the cowboys were looking forward to competing for the All-Around Saddle, which is new for the Heppner Rodeo this year.

Besides participating in rodeos, Bill Ward is foreman for John Smith-Beamer Feedlot located in Athena.

Other well-known NRA participants who often accompany and compete with Bill and who are also entered in the Morrow rodeo are: Dean Longgood, who is currently first in the NRA for bulldogging, second in team roping, and second in the All-Around; Darrell Waddill, who is second in wild cow milking; and Billy King, who is second in calf roping.

Ward has won \$3,506 so far this year in working NRA-approved rodeos.

You'll see him in fast-paced action at the rodeo here Saturday and Sunday.

Episcopal Church Sets Beef Barbecue

For those who are too busy with rodeo events to cook at home, the Episcopal church will hold its annual beef barbecue for the public Saturday evening from 5 until 8 p.m.

The barbecue will be served at the Episcopal parish house, on Gale street near Church.

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Rush of Entries Brings Northwest's Best Hands; Parade Looms as 'Great'

Morrow county presents its big package of entertainment this week-end with the staging of the 41st annual Rodeo. Top performers of the Northwest Rodeo Association will come to join local entrants in the competition at three big shows—Saturday and Sunday afternoons and Saturday night.

Thousands are expected to watch Heppner's grand parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, and advance entries guarantee that it will be a great one.

Morrow county's Horse Show, under the direction of Fred Mankin, will be the big event of Friday. The all-day show at the rodeo grounds will have both halter and performance classes with trail ride, barrel racing, cow cutting and junior calf roping set for the afternoon.

Because of keen interest in dances this year, two are scheduled for rodeo week-end. Archie Munkers, chairman, states. Dances will be on both Friday and Saturday nights, starting at 10 p.m. with Dick Desler's Dartell Five of Pendleton playing Friday night and the Western Gentlemen of Condon furnishing the music Saturday night.

Breakfast Planned Wrangler's cowboy breakfast, an ever popular event of rodeo week-end, will be near the Snack Shack at the fairgrounds Sunday, starting at 7 a.m. Many hands will join to prepare the eggs, ham and hotcakes for the large crowd expected.

E. H. (Tad) Miller, Jr., chairman of the rodeo board, said Wednesday night that everything is ready for the week-end with the possible exception of the weather. However, after unusually heavy summer rains early in the week, it should settle down to bring a warm, bright week-end.

Rodeo shows start at 1:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and conclude with the 1:30 p.m. show Sunday.

Entry List Big Jack Locke, rodeo secretary, said Wednesday night that 80 entries were already on the books to compete for the \$1550 in purses. This is probably the highest number of advance entries in recent years, and it was a virtual certainty that by closing time Thursday night the entry list would reach somewhere in the neighborhood of 200, including the top NRA money winners.

A report from Secretary Locke near presstime Thursday said that entries had climbed to 102, and that the bull riding event had to be closed early because of the number of entries in it. Twenty-two had signed.

An unusually large number of outstanding performers had entered by that time, Locke said, with five ex-Northwest Saddle Bronc champions among them.

Attracting keen interest this year is the Champion All-Around with its custom made saddle offered as a trophy by four Lexington firms. Northwest Bronc Riding championship has been discontinued. Under the rules of the Northwest Bronc championship, those who had won previously could not compete, and this cut down the number of top performers. The Champion All-Around is wide open, and the competition will be keen and exciting for this new award here.

Morrow county calf roping, strictly for local performers, is another top event of interest with the Kinzua Corporation

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'Good Old Days' To Live In Heppner Street Parade

"Good Old Days" will live again in Heppner when the big Rodeo Parade starts Saturday at 10 a.m.

This is the theme of this year's parade, and advance indications are that it will be a dandy.

Randall Peterson of the sponsoring Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce said that 19 floats are expected as of this time. Twelve visiting courts or "royal" representatives are planning to take part, three bands are to be included, and four riding clubs were definitely confirmed as of Wednesday.

Four local floats entered are the Rainbow Girls, Entomologist club, Mother's club and Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. From out of town will be the float of the Umatilla Ordnance depot, and the Union Pacific miniature train is also scheduled to be present.

Riding clubs include the Umatilla Sage Riders, and those from Salem, Hermiston and Heppner. Bands are the Pendleton Drum and Bugle Corps, the Heppner High school band, and the Ione High school band.

Joining the Morrow county fair and rodeo court will be the courts from the Deschutes county fair, the Umatilla county

fair, the Pendleton Round-Up, Happy Canyon princesses, Miss Northwest Rodeo Association, the Arlington rodeo, Chief Joseph Days, Umatilla Sage Riders, Spray Rodeo, John Day and Fossil.

Floyd Jones, rodeo chairman for many years and now a member of the county fair board, will be grand marshal. Announcers will be Harold Erwin and LaVerne Van Marter.

Many children's floats and entries of all kinds are expected, and there will be entries of old cars, new cars and surreys.

Floats are to assemble in front of the library-museum. Children are to gather at Ford's Tire Service lot by 9:30 a.m. to be judged, and bands will be in the same area.

Riding groups and the queens and courts will be on the back and side streets during the assembling. A map elsewhere in this paper gives an outline for the assembly plan.

The parade will go south on Main, east on May, south on Court, cross bridge west on Matlock, cross bridge west on Cannon, go past the swimming pool, and back down Main street, Peterson said.

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