

# Many Events on Program for Big Rodeo Weekend

Best Northwest Rodeo association cowboys will join familiar local competitors here Saturday and Sunday afternoon in Morrow county's big show, the 1967 Rodeo.

Probably some 200 contestants will take part in the event which features all the popular attractions—bareback, bull riding, calf roping, bronc riding, team roping, bulldogging, wild cow milking, and races of various kinds.

Secretary John Venard said Monday that he had already received 46 entries, 23 of them in bull riding. Traditionally, entries to the rodeo come in late as the cowboys arrive just before deadline. Closing time for entries here is at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the rodeo office. Programs will be printed following the draw late Thursday afternoon for the Saturday afternoon performance, which starts at the rodeo grounds at 1:15. The Saturday evening show will be at 7:30, and the finals will be Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

Champion and reserve champion performance horses will be chosen. Barrel racing, cow cutting, and the trail class are other popular events of the day. The public is invited to attend the all-day show, which starts at 9 a.m. There is no admission charge.

### Horse Show Proceeds

On Friday prior to rodeo, the annual Morrow county horse show will be held at the rodeo grounds with Fred Mankin, who has devoted a great deal of time to the show over the years, again in charge as superintendent. This is essentially a part of the Morrow county fair and carries premiums for the best of Morrow county horses in open classes. Many special awards are also given by businesses and individuals interested in the event.

Tom Currin, publicity director of the rodeo, announced Tuesday night that the Morrow County Derby has been withdrawn from the rodeo program because of lack of needed entries. A minimum of four had entered but it was necessary to scratch one horse which has gone lame, and this leaves only three. Other publicity, already out, has advertised the derby, but it will not be on the program this year.

### Derby Withdrawn

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Some three-fourths of the 200 entries expected will be from out of the county, he said. The campground and trailer parking space will be set up again across from the school bus shops to provide for the visitors.

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COMMEMORATING the 450th Reformation, this float of Lutheran churches will come from Milton-Freewater for the Grand Rodeo parade here Saturday. Lutheran churches of a wide area contributed to the float which cost some \$1250 to build. It has been a top prize winner in many parades. (Valley Herald Photo, Milton-Freewater.)

## Big Parade to Start Saturday at 10 O'clock

With Grand Marshal Lewis Cason leading the way, Heppner's big Rodeo parade will get underway promptly at 10 a.m. Saturday, Randall Peterson, chairman, announces.

Beautiful floats, a number of which will come from out of town and others entered by local organizations and businesses, will be seen in the parade, which has as its theme "Fashions and Flowers."

Mounted groups, bands, children's entries, old cars and many other types of entries will be included, all in competition for a share of the \$475 in prizes being offered. Prize money comes from the Morrow County Fair Board and the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

Peterson, who has been chairman of the annual parade for several years, urges children's entries in the parade. All are asked to come in costume, decorate their bikes, dress up their pets, or assemble some appropriate entry for the occasion. Liberal prizes are given in a variety of children's categories, as listed following in this story.

Grand sweepstakes in the parade again brings a \$50 prize, and first, second and third cash prizes are also offered in several categories for adults.

### Lutheran Float Coming

A float of the Lutheran church from Milton-Freewater will be one of the top outside entries. It was constructed at considerable expense and commemorates the 450th Reformation. (Continued on page 4)

### Guests' Luncheon To be in IOOF Hall

Luncheon for royal courts and other distinguished guests of the Morrow county Rodeo will be Saturday, starting about 11:30 a.m., in the Odd Fellows hall with Rebekahs preparing and serving the luncheon. Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce sponsors the luncheon.

A program, which will recognize the guests, is being planned by Queen Verina French, her princesses, and Mrs. Archie Munkers, chaperone, all of the Morrow county rodeo court.

So, You Think We Set a Record?

## Oh, No! Other Summers Were Hotter and Drier

By WES SHERMAN

So you think the summer heat wave set a new record here!

Not so, says Don Gilliam, official weather observer for Heppner, who has scrutinized the records that he, his father and grandfather have kept here for years.

As the area passed 60 days without rain on Tuesday, some thought this might be a record—as it was in Portland. But this is far from a record. In 1929, there were 95 days without measurable precipitation, starting June 19 and running to September 22. Traces were recorded on July 13, August 20 and August 25.

In 1931, there were 70 days without rain, from June 29 to September 7, with traces recorded on June 30 and August 18. In 1949 there were 75 straight days without rain, from June 27 to September 9.

Well, then, maybe this has been the hottest summer?

Oh, no, not by a sunburn.

The highest recorded temperature in Heppner was 110 degrees in 1910, exact date unknown, Gilliam states. This was prior to the time the Gilliam family kept records, but Bob Jones found the figure in weather bureau records.

Of more recent date is the 108 degrees recorded on July 25, 1928. Then there was the 107 degrees on August 5, 1961.

The current week brought two days of temperatures of 102 degrees. This was the highest since 1961.

Last Wednesday soared to the 102, followed by Thursday at 100 and Saturday at 101 degrees. Then it cooled way down to 96 on Sunday, followed by an almost chilly (by comparison) Monday at 87.

So! Perhaps these four days over 100 set a new high mark for the number of consecutive days over 100.

Wrong again!

In the blistering summer of 1928, the records reveal, four days registered the following totals in a row: 106, 106, 108, and 103. Now, folks in that day had something to complain about!

But here is one possibility for a record that would take some considerable research to determine for sure: The 12 consecutive days from August 9 to 20 of this memorable summer of 1967 might have set an all-time mark for the continuous number of days 90 degrees or above. Beginning on August 9, these ran consecutively as follows:

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## Prairie Site Winning Favor

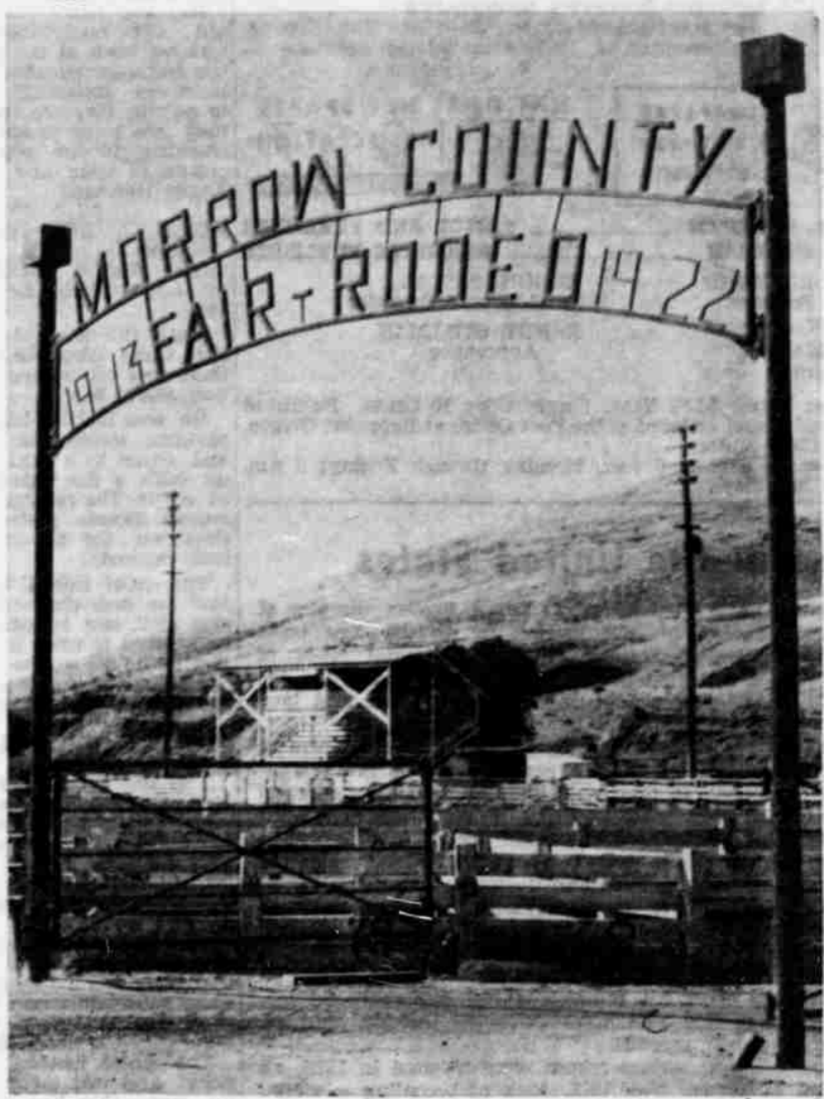
Kelly Prairie is winning favor as a site for a fish impoundment in Morrow county. County Judge Paul Jones said Monday after he had gone over the site with Cliff Lemons of the real estate section of the State Game Commission and George Klernan, engineer with the commission.

A survey of the site was to be undertaken very soon to determine if construction of a reservoir there is feasible.

Judge Jones said that it is possible for the fish impoundment to be as large as 300 acres, but the commission representatives said to "think in terms of somewhere between 100 and 300 acres."

The site, though on private property, is expected to be available for purchase. The site is being favored, the judge said, because it would make a beautiful artificial lake, it is easily reached, its elevation is not too high, and it lends itself to fairly easy development.

Motorboats would be permitted on the lake, he said. One side of the development would border on U. S. Forest Service lands.



THROUGH THIS new ornamental gate at the Morrow county fairgrounds will pass thousands of persons this week to the county fair and rodeo. Framed by the arch is the buckaroo stands of the rodeo which will be a beehive of activity during the coming weekend. Ross Machinery and Iron Works of Hermiston constructed the ornamental gate. (G-T Photo.)

## Joe Balfie Signed For Cow Riding; Challenge Issued

John Venard, Morrow county Rodeo secretary, confirmed Tuesday that Joe Balfie, prominent Heppner attorney, is signed for Wranglers Cow Riding at the Saturday night show of the Rodeo.

The secretary said that Balfie's name is entered and that his \$5 entrance fee is paid. His participation in the event will add considerable interest to the night show.

In addition, Secretary Venard said that he had heard it reported that Balfie is challenging all other business and professional people in the area. It was further reported that he had wagered with some other individual, 10 to 5, that he would last three jumps on the back of the critter he draws, or even will go all the way.

E. H. (Tad) Miller, Jr., rodeo chairman announced at Heppner Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday that Attorney Balfie had signed for the cow riding event. The attorney denied this, but Venard called the G-T Tuesday to confirm that Balfie's name was entered and the fee paid.

## Fair Opens Amid Hustle and Bustle

(See pictures on page 8)

Hustle and bustle characterized the opening of the Morrow county Fair Tuesday as exhibitors made final preparations on their displays, and 4-H and FFA entries were brought to the grounds. Judging of 4-H home economics exhibits got underway, and judging contests were scheduled in 4-H and FFA livestock, and in 4-H foods, home economics, clothing, knitting and home improvement.

Open class flower and vegetable entries started coming in during the afternoon.

Results of all contests were too late to include in this week's paper. Dress Revue was to be a highlight of Wednesday's program, scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Work was continued in late afternoon Tuesday on many of

the booths being set up at the fair. Mrs. Lenna Smith, fair secretary, said that all booth space was taken, and some very fine ones were being readied for display.

Boardman Soil Conservation district and Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district each have set up booths, with the Heppner district featuring "America the Beautiful." Another booth, presented through the State Game Commission with Glen Ward as state game agent, features wildlife. Another eye-catcher was the Willows Grange booth, featuring both grains and grange in an attractive display.

A booth of the Heppner Methodist church, "Are You Thirsting for Living Water?" had a small stream running through a rustic scene, and a booth of the Morrow county CowBelles featured the promotion of beef. Wranglers club of Heppner had another interesting booth, and the Lone Garden Club was working on an exhibit that will feature "keeping America beautiful."

Mrs. Smith said that Randy Lott of Lott's Electric was furnishing stereo music again. Commercial displays included Amway Corporation, Keller Roofing, Avon Products, two machinery companies and others.

Certain to be one of the most popular spots of the fair is the Children's Corner, which will include all types of entries in the same categories as in the open classes for adults.

Any child from 6 to 14 is eligible to participate in the Children's Corner.

Today's (Thursday) events are highlighted by the Pet Show at 10 a.m., the parade of pets at 11:30 the All-Around 4-H Champion Showmanship contest at 1 p.m., the 4-H livestock awards program at 7:30 p.m. followed by the annual pig scramble and auction sale.

Judging of all livestock and virtually all exhibits will be completed by this afternoon.

## 25 Miles of Road Oiled in Summer

Some 25 or 26 miles of road in the county have been oiled this summer, County Judge Paul Jones told the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Attention has been devoted to connecting existing oiled roads and to oiling graveled roads in front of farm homes in the county.

The judge said that it is possible that all farms in the county may be reached on oil roads within the next 10 or 12 years. This is contingent on passage of the serial road levy which is presented to the public every three years. It is scheduled for vote of the people again this fall.

Cemetery road from the highway to the lone cemetery has been oiled, and 1300 feet of additional runway will soon be oiled at the Lexington airport, the judge said.

## Wheat Total Tops 1966 Despite Low Yield in County

Tentative average on wheat production in Morrow county for 1967 is approximately 19 bushels per acre, according to "rough" figures compiled by Harlan McCurdy, Jr., general manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, this week.

Despite the low average yield, though, total wheat production is up in the county. The elevators of Morrow County Grain Growers have received approximately 1,400,000 bushels as compared with 1,200,000 bushels last year.

At the same time, barley production is far below last year with only about 170,000 bushels being received as compared with more than 620,000 bushels last year.

More acres were seeded to wheat this year because of the substitution clause, McCurdy said.

The total figures on production include grain coming to the MCGG elevators only. They do not include that going to farm storage and some being shipped out direct.

Average barley yield was figured at about 24 bushels. The wheat production could not be considered a good year unless the yield approximated 25 bushels to the acre more. In the early spring, it appeared that the county would have an exceptionally good yield, but a spell of hot weather and lack of moisture at a crucial time abruptly changed the outlook.

As of Tuesday, harvest in the county was nearing its end. A few were still harvesting in the Ruggs and Heppner areas but they were expected to finish before the week is out.

## Kinzua Loggers On Hoot Owl For First Time in History

Because of the critically dry situation in the woods, Kinzua Corporation's logging operations are on a hoot owl shift for the first time in the company's history, Allen Nistad, general manager, said Monday.

The logging crews go to work at 5:30 a.m. and are out of the woods by 1 p.m. This puts them out of the forest areas before humidity drops to dangerously low levels in mid-afternoon.

Meanwhile, lands of the company are closed to entry by the public except by permit under order of the State Forestry Department. Permits will not be issued for recreational or pleasure purposes, according to Knox Pipkin of Fossil, warden for the Central Oregon district.

A fire in the Walla Walla district of the U. S. Forest Service took virtually all Forest Service personnel from the Heppner district Sunday, and Kinzua men were on standby in case of fire in the forest district here.

Twenty-eight men of the Heppner district were called to the Bear Canyon fire on the east side of the Walla Walla district, leaving only five or six as the total potential fire fighting force in the district here, W. S. (Sam) Miller, ranger in charge of the district, said.

However, the men returned Monday night and Tuesday morning after the fire there was controlled. It was only about 35 or 40 acres but was (Continued on page 8)

## 'I Couldn't Get Out of Anyone's Road!'

## Terryl Bumped, Banged, Run Over in Dense Smoke; Many Turn Out Sunday to Help Quell Grass Fire

Terryl Greenup, 19, was back at her job in the First National Bank here Monday with a series of almost incredible experiences that occurred during a grass fire Sunday afternoon still fresh in her mind. If they weren't, all she had to do was look at her black and blue legs to remember.

In a series of freakish circumstances, Terryl, who was a rodeo princess three years ago, was hit by a Jeep in dense smoke at the fire, then she was hit by a pickup truck, and finally her left leg was run over by a rear wheel of the pickup. And not a bone was broken!

Terryl was helping to fight a grass fire that covered some 200 acres on the Don Bennett place and 50 acres on the place of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenup.

Many volunteers came to fight the fire. Pickup truck of Harry O'Donnell was left at what was thought to be a safe place, behind the fire

line. But the fire jumped the line, and dense smoke engulfed the area around the pickup. It was lost in the smoke, and the fear was that it might be destroyed by the blaze.

Terryl went out in a Jeep with Debbie Bennett, 17, and Terryl's sister, Susie, also 17, to try to find the pickup in the billowing smoke. They located it, and Susie jumped in to drive it.

Terryl was on foot in the smoke, Debbie, in the Jeep, couldn't see where she was headed and struck Terryl in the hip with the front of the vehicle. This spun Terryl into the path of the pickup, driven by Susie, and the buffeted young lady was hit again.

Susie saw Terryl's glasses fly up above the hood of the pickup and stopped immediately. Terryl was lying between the front wheels of the pickup. Not seriously hurt, she got up and sought sanctuary on the running board of the rig, and the vehicle

was set in motion again. But the running board gave way, and Terryl fell to the ground again. The rear wheel of the pickup ran over her left leg.

Undaunted, Terryl continued to help fight the fire. Later she was taken to Heppner doctor for X-rays. He marvelled how she escaped without serious injuries. No bones were broken.

At her work in the bank this week Terryl was still black and blue from her calves to her thighs. She was still a little dazed about it. "I just couldn't get out of anyone's road," she said.

A "tremendous" crew of volunteers, together with eight men and trucks of the Heppner Rural Fire district, fought the fire. Many of the volunteers were high school youths, and even younger children, Mrs. Greenup said.

"They deserve special thanks for their help," she added.

The fire started on the Bennett place near a country road. It is theorized that it was ignited by a cigarette tossed from a passing car.

A high wind at the time caused the fire to spread quickly and made it difficult to fight.

"We tried to get to the head of the fire," Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine said, "but it was so hot and smokey, we couldn't find it."

Mel Boyer came in his airplane to dump a load of water on the blaze, and this effort helped.

Within an hour and 20 minutes the fire was controlled, but the Heppner firemen stayed around for some time to see that it didn't flare up again in the high wind.

The Greenups and Bennetts were amazed at the number of volunteers who came to help.

"Everyone in Heppner was here to help," Mrs. Greenup said.