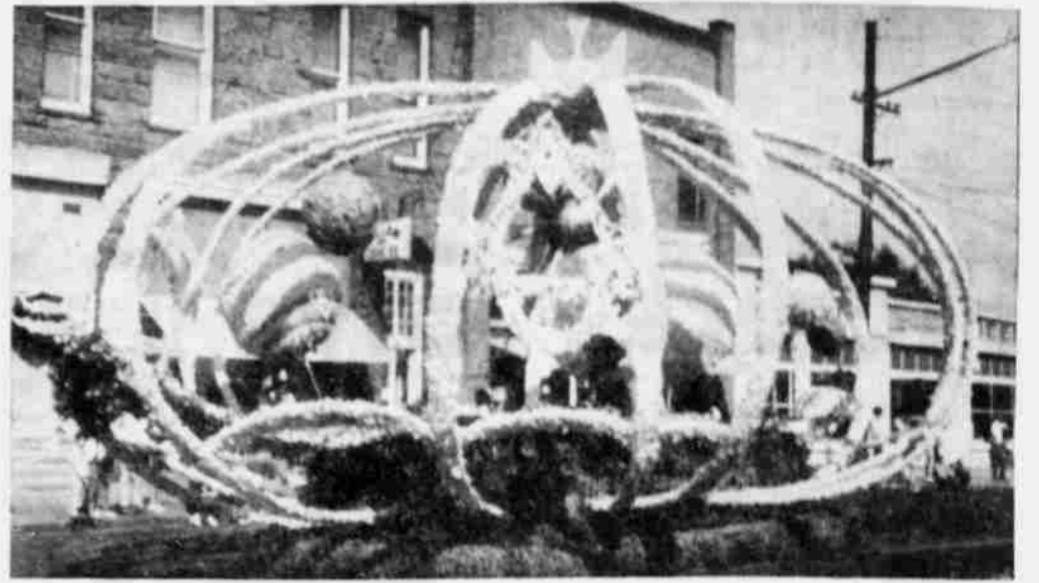


# Rodeo Parade Declared to be 'Best Yet'



**RAINBOW GIRLS**, one of the perennial winners with their floats in the rodeo parades, again won a first place in the youth organizations division (left). Girls riding on their beautiful float are Linda Heath (left), Linda Orwick, Patti Howell, Jill Padberg and Jana Lee Scott. The float depicted an "Old-Fashioned Garden."



**MOST SPECTACULAR** entry in the rodeo parade was that of the Lutheran churches of eastern Oregon and Washington, coming from Milton-Freewater (right). The float commemorated the 450th Reformation. Brought to Heppner by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ringhand, the entry won first place in the out-of-town division. Lutheran churches of a wide area contributed to cost of construction of the float which is appearing in nine celebrations this summer. It folds into a very small "package" for traveling. According to the parade rules, it is not eligible for competition in sweepstakes, which is limited to local entries.



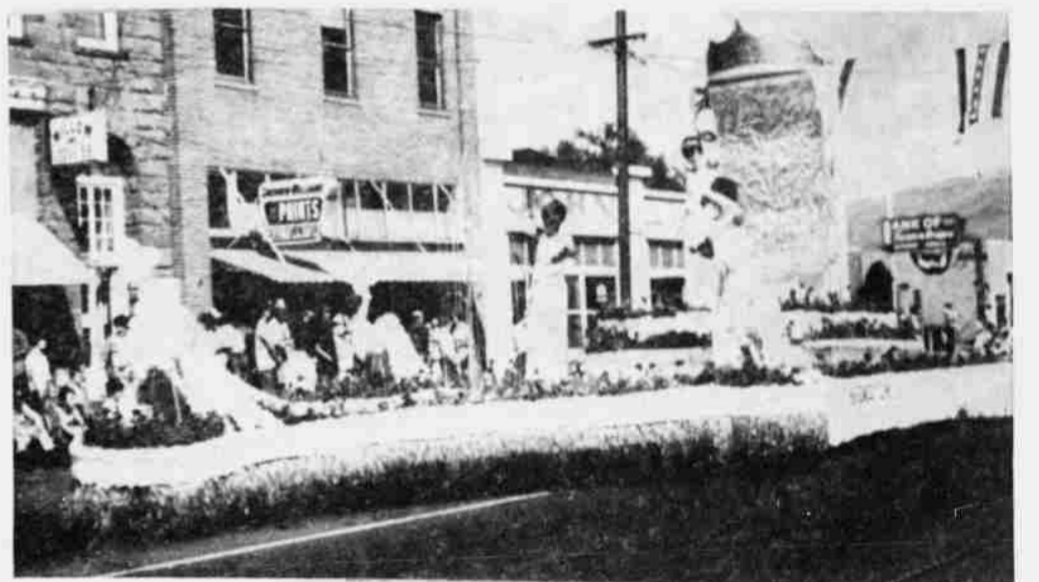
**STEVE WAGENBLAST** (left) shows his grand champion Black Angus steer that brought him top honors in Future Farmers of America competition at the county fair. Steve, like his older brother, John, is compiling an outstanding record with the fine stock that he is raising. The 965 lb. steer brought 62c per lb. at the livestock auction and was sold to Highland Machinery Co., Condon. In the background is Dave Hall, who won many FFA awards at the fair.



**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**, Heppner branch, again underwrote the livestock auction sale at the county fair, and the crew is shown in this picture. From right are Pat Wonsler, Jim Wishart, Mrs. Jim Lovgren, Norman Supple, and Mrs. Dean Gilman. Mrs. John Venard, who also helped while her husband was working on details of the rodeo as secretary, is not in this picture. Mrs. Venard (Clista) performed yeoman service both on the fair and rodeo.



**MOTHER'S CLUB** float (left), took third place in adult organizations division. Children of many lands were featured. On the float were Joe Stephens (Mexican), Sally Wishart (Chinese), Bobette Jones (American Indian), Evelyn Lucore (Dutch), Ricky Anderson (African), in authentic costume that he brought from Africa; and Susie Wishart (Japanese).



**ANOTHER** of the four self-propelled floats that were outstanding and brought delight to crowds at the parade was that of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce (right). This took second place in the out-of-town division against the tough competition of the Lutheran church float.



**HEPPNER POST**, American Legion, stirred patriotism in the hearts of parade watchers with their float (left), first that they have entered in recent parades. Servicemen and ex-servicemen represented were from World War I to the Vietnam conflict. Color guard is Ed Baker and Jim Driscoll; from World War I are Earl Gilliam and Frank Hamlin; from World War II are Riley Munkers and Bill Heath; from the Korean war, Joe Yocom and Clayton Sweek; and from the Vietnam war, Larry Heath and Bob Kindle.



**ONE OF THE** very interesting exhibits at the county fair was the booth of the Oregon Game Commission (right), which featured fish hatcheries. Fifteen hatcheries produce 25 million fish for release in Oregon lakes and streams annually, the booth showed. Glen Ward, state game agent, was responsible for getting the booth set up at the fair.

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