

Morrow County Fair to Open Here Tuesday

Supt. Mankin Expects Many Horse Show Entries

An excellent turnout of entries is expected for the annual Morrow County Horse Show on Friday, August 23, according to Fred Mankin, who is in his 20th year as superintendent of the show.

Mankin predicts a record or near-record number of entries because of the increasing interest in horse breeding in the county.

The show will start at 9 a.m. at the rodeo grounds and continue throughout the day with conformation and halter classes in the morning and performance classes in the afternoon.

The various divisions are listed in the Morrow county fair premium book.

Sponsored by the Wranglers club, the show is for Morrow county horses only. In addition to the premiums offered through the fair, many prizes have been donated for additional incentive to the participating owners.

Supt. Mankin has donated two sets of saddle bags and a stable horse blanket for the first three places in the barrel race.

Murray's Rexall Drug has given a grazing bit and Heppner Lumber Company, by Mary Malcom, two bridles.

Other prizes donated as of Tuesday include many cash awards and gift certificates among them being the following: Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, \$10; Bank of Eastern Oregon, \$15; Elma's Apparel, \$5 and \$10 gift certificates; ner's Men's Wear, \$15 gift certificate; First National Bank, \$15; Gard-tifficate; Dr. Jim Norene, \$10; P. W. Mahoney, \$25; Columbia

Basin Electric Co-op., \$10; Van Winkle's Motel and Chevron Service, \$15.

Bill Farrel of John Day will be the judge again this year, and Howard Bryant is listed for ringmaster once more. Gene Pierce will be announcer and Mrs. Alice Vance will be secretary.

Officers of the sponsoring Wranglers are Bill Healy, president; Donald Hough, vice president; and Mrs. Ron Curran, secretary. Directors include Art Vance, Norman Nelson, Rolce Fullerton, Bob Bergstrom and Mankin.

Entries for the show close at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, without exception, the superintendent states.

Principal Sets New Student Registration

It seems impossible but summer is rapidly nearing to a close and registration of all first grade students and students new to the school district will begin August 28-29, according to an announcement by Alan Martin, principal.

Registration hours at the Elementary school will be from 9-12 a.m., and 1-4 p.m., both days. Registration fees are broken down as follows: registration for all grades, \$1; insurance fees, all grades, \$1; towel fees for grades five through eight, \$1; and athletic fees for grades five through eight, fifty cents.

All students entering first grade will be required to present a birth certificate and all first and ninth grade students must present medical and dental examination forms.

In previous years, the students' insurance fees have been paid by the district, but due to reduction in school budget funds this year, parents will pay \$1, and the district will supply matching funds by paying the additional \$1.

Towel fees for grades five through eight participating in P. E. programs are used for laundry fees and towel replacement. Athletic fees are used in part of cost of supplying equipment and uniforms for elementary school sports and also provide admittance for the student into all grade school home games.

Lunch tickets may be purchased at the time of registration and cost will be the same as previous years, daily tickets, twenty-five cents or \$5 per month.

National Forest Lands Stay Open

Lands in the National Forest remain open to the public despite closure of lands under state protection recently, Loren Lucore, fire control officer of the Heppner Ranger district, Umatilla National Forest, said Tuesday.

Many of the lands under state protection are privately owned, and when fire hazard becomes serious, private owners often seek closure, Lucore explained. Since national forests are publicly owned, closure is necessary only when conditions become acute.

Since the closure of state lands, however, many have asked whether they may pass through state-protected lands to reach the national forest areas. Lucore said that this may be done on county roads and main-traveled roads only, and then through travel only.

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Event Offers Premiums Of \$5,500

Morrow county's 1968 Fair will swing its doors open wide Tuesday to greet the public at the start of its four-day stand. It will continue with a program full of events through the Morrow county horse show on Friday, August 23.

Preparations are now underway at the fairgrounds, and community booths and exhibits will be going up this weekend. All must be ready by opening time of 9 a. m. Tuesday.

Premiums totaling \$5,500 may be paid at this year's fair, Gail McCarty, county extension agent, told the Chamber of Commerce in a "fair preview" talk Monday. Last year a total of \$4,713.63 was paid, but indications this year point to more entries. The larger sum was budgeted for premiums this year.

FAIR PROGRAM PRINTED ON PAGE 1, SECTION 2

Complete program for the Morrow county fair is printed in the display advertisement on page 1, section 2, of this paper, together with other information.

Other fair messages are also included in section 2.

"There have been more registrations than ever," he said. There is a 40% increase in community booths; there will be more home economics demonstrations; and more livestock is expected.

"It isn't just farmers that exhibit now," McCarty said, pointing out how the fair has expanded to include arts and crafts, Children's Corner, Collector's Corner, more interest for home-makers, and features of interest for young and old in all walks of life.

New this year is the sponsorship of the canning contest by the Ball Company with fruit jar prizes offered. Back again after a year's absence is the Thursday evening dinner being sponsored for the public by the Rhea Creek Grange.

The 4-H Snack Shack will operate throughout the duration of the fair, offering food and refreshment for all.

Many annual popular features are back—the Style Revue, the Pet Show, the Pig Scramble, Livestock Auction, Cake Baking Contest and others.

After the fair concludes on Friday, August 23, the events of the rodeo will swing into action, starting with a dance Friday night at 9:30 p. m. with music by the Henchmen.

The Big Street Parade will take place in downtown Heppner at 10 a. m. Saturday, August 24, and the first rodeo performance will be at 1:15 the same day. Evening show will follow at 8 p. m. Saturday, and the Saturday night dance will start at 10 p. m. with music by the Shamrock Trio of The Dalles and featuring Joe McConnell.

Wranglers Cowboy breakfast will start the day right Sunday, beginning at 7 a. m., and the finals of the Rodeo will conclude the weekend Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

4-H Demonstrations Tuesday, Thursday

An event especially attractive to young 4-H members or prospective members at the Morrow County Fair each year is the 4-H demonstration contest.

In this contest, 4-H members stand up before an audience and show and tell the "how and why" of a skill related to their 4-H project. Home economic members might explain how to make a cake, the use of honey in meals, how to press clothes, the making of flower arrangements, or many other topics.

Agricultural members might demonstrate how to build a pig feeder, how to fit a lamb for show, how to saddle a horse, how to feed a steer, or other related subjects.

Any demonstration, regardless of topic, provides the 4-H demonstrator the experience of sharing his knowledge with others by preparing his talk, using visual aids, and answering questions from the audience.

The agricultural demonstrations begin at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, August 20, on the west end of the show barn.

The home economic demonstrations begin at 1:00 p. m. Thursday, August 22, in the fair annex. The public is invited.

Oiling to Close Bull Prairie Week

Bull Prairie Recreation Area and Forest Road S-542 from State Highway 207 to Bull Prairie will be closed to all use from 8:00 a. m. on Monday, August 19, 1968, through 5:00 p. m. Friday, August 23, Wright T. Mallory, forest supervisor, announces. This closure will facilitate road oiling operations designed to improve road surfaces in the campground and access road.

Five Combines Used To Finish Harvest For Ill Neighbor

Friends and neighbors used five combines to finish the job of harvesting for Dean Hunt of Lexington last week when he was hospitalized because of a blood clot in his leg.

Among the volunteers were Gene Majeski, Paul Brown, Roger and Bob Campbell, Ken Peck and Ed Hunt. They covered about 900 acres to finish the harvest job and hauled the grain to the elevator.

Hunt had started the harvest but became ill and had to go to the hospital. The neighbors rallied last Thursday with the harvest equipment and finished the job for him.

The stricken man returned home Saturday but is expected to be confined for some time yet.

Through the kindness of his neighbors, he is not worried about getting his harvest completed.

Sen. Wayne Morse Expected Monday

Senator Wayne Morse is expected to arrive in Heppner some time before noon Monday and to remain for a visit of three or four hours, County Judge Paul Jones states.

NON-MEMBERS INVITED WITH RESERVATIONS

Non-members of the Chamber of Commerce are invited on a "dutch-treat" basis to the luncheon Monday at which Sen. Morse will speak as long as space is available, Wes Sherman, Chamber president said.

Those non-members wishing to attend must make reservations by Friday at 6 p. m. by calling Sherman at the Gazette-Times. The meal will cost \$1.50 per plate. Since only a limited number can be accommodated, those wishing to hear the senator are urged to make reservations immediately. Chamber members do not need to make reservations.

Announcement was made last week of the forthcoming appearance of Oregon's senior senator, contingent on the possibility that a change of plans may be necessary because of the impending Democratic National Convention in Chicago. However, as of Tuesday no information had been received cancelling the visit, and so the senator is still expected.

It is expected that he will visit various persons prior to luncheon Monday and at the noon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be speaker. For about an hour after the luncheon he will visit with the county court and others about projects planned in the area.

'Happening '68' Style Revue Theme

There's going to be a happening at the Morrow County fair this year—its the Style Revue with the theme "Happening '68'".

Wednesday evening, August 21, at 8:00, the Style Revue stage in the Little League field will be filled with many lovely girls showing the articles they have made this year in 4-H. The narrator for the show is Jean Stockard. Decorations for the stage are being done by the Empire Builders 4-H club.

Part of the entertainment provided will feature Queen Bernice Matthews and her court, consisting of Sue Ellen Green-up, Sheila Luciani, Marcia Jones and Kathy Hinton.

With all the beautiful fashions and entertainment, too, the Style Revue is an event at fair that shouldn't be missed.

Ah, Raindrops!

The week brought .34 inch of rain with .08 falling Saturday evening and .26 Tuesday, Don Gilliam, weather observer, reports. Temperature Tuesday was the coolest for some time, dropping to a maximum of 71. Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	86	50	—
Thursday	98	52	—
Friday	91	60	—
Saturday	92	66	.08
Sunday	91	60	—
Monday	86	57	—
Tuesday	71	56	.26



MANY BUSINESSES support the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo in many ways, not the least of which is donating prizes and trophies. This group includes some of those who are giving prizes to the rodeo, as well as some of the fair and rodeo officials. Standing from left are Oris Padberg, Padberg Machinery, Inc.; Herman Green; Harlan McCurdy, Jr., general manager, Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.; Terrel Bengte, representing the Heppner Elks lodge; Jim Farley, Farley Motor Co.; P. W. Mahoney, Mahoney and Abrams, attorneys; Mrs. Nonna Sowell, Kinzua Corporation; and Earl Ayres, Heppner Auto Sales, Inc. In front are (from left) Archie Munkers of the rodeo committee; Paul Hiner, chairman of the fair board; John Venard, secretary, fair committee; Charley Daly, vice chairman of the rodeo committee, who is in charge of trophies and prizes; and Red Murray of Murray's Rexall Drug. The saddles pictured are two of the major prizes, one going to the all-around cowboy and the other to the winner of the Morrow county amateur calf roping. (G-T Photo).

'Dry Storm' Sets Fires in Forest

Three forest fires on the Heppner Ranger district were started in a "dry storm" early Tuesday morning, Loren Lucore, fire control officer reported.

The lightning started about 1 a. m., routing men to fires in the Potamus creek area and the Lovell Corral area. Two were reported at the latter place.

The three fires were quickly extinguished, all before reaching one-tenth of an acre. Rain followed, and "soaked in" the area so that planes could not be used to attempt to locate more fires.

The rain brought 36 inch between 7 a. m. and 2 p. m. Tuesday at Madison Butte, and .56 inch at Tamarack.

Man Hurt in Fall

David Hanna, employee of Heppner Lumber Company, was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital Tuesday morning after he fell from the barker at the mill.

He dropped about six feet in the fall and struck his head on a block of wood, according to information from the company management.

Hanna did not appear to be seriously hurt, but he was knocked unconscious and was sent to the hospital for observation.

Mosquitoes Bad

"It would be a pretty terrible country to be in alone," he said. The mosquitoes are voracious and will cover a man's arms while he is working. Repellent is essential.

In entering the country, the men are required to carry survival kits and mosquito "dope". If they had to make an emergency landing with their plane, a person would live only three or four days without the survival kit, Cutsforth said.

Businesses Give Awards, Prizes for 1968 Rodeo

Trophies, prizes and awards totaling an estimated \$1300 will be given to winners at the 1968 Morrow county rodeo, according to Charley Daly, vice chairman of the rodeo, who is in charge of trophies. Cash purses for events in the rodeo total \$1785.

Heading the list of prizes again are the two custom made saddles. One is presented to the champion all-around cowboy and is donated jointly by Morrow County Grain Growers and Padberg Machinery, Inc., Lexington. The other is given by Kinzua Corporation to the winner of Morrow county amateur roping. Both of the beautiful hand-tooled saddles were made this year by Severe Bros. Saddlery, Pendleton.

The Morrow county all-around cowboy will receive a leg on the revolving three-year trophy presented by the Orville Cutsforth family as well as a \$50 cash award from the family. Sid Britt was last year's winner of this event.

A total of \$100 in cash will go to the winner of the Morrow county derby, \$50 of which is donated by the Heppner Elks lodge and \$50 by P. W. Mahoney, attorney.

The "hard luck" cowboy again will receive fine consolation in the prizes given by Jack Saul of the New York Store, Pendleton. A Bailey fur felt hat will be given each day to the cowboy who is judged to have been victim of the poorest luck.

Second place finisher in the Morrow county amateur roping will receive a gift certificate for a pair of handmade boots from Heppner Lumber Company. For a number of years this has been donated by Del Brown of Pendleton, but illness has prevented him from making the offer this year. Heppner Lumber Co. kindly offered to give the prize.

Third place finisher in the amateur roping will receive a gift certificate from Gardner's Men's Wear, Heppner.

The Wagon Wheel, with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Palmer as new owners, will give a pair of spurs for first place in bull riding. Severe Bros. of Pendleton is giving a set of bareback rigging for first place in bareback riding.

First place bulldogger will receive a silver buckle from Cornett Green Feed, and first place winner in saddle bronc riding will receive a pair of chaps from Heppner Auto Sales, Inc.

Twenty-five dollars in cash will go to the winner of the girls' barrel racing from Murray's Rexall Drug, and Jim Farley of Farley Motor Co. will give a trophy to the winner of the flag race.

Herman Green will present a trophy buckle to the winner of the Wranglers cow riding, and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman of The Gazette-Times will give a trophy buckle to the winner of the novice bronc riding, new event this year.

Most of the trophies are now on display in the window of Gardner's Men's Wear.

Purses for the rodeo, as announced by John Venard, secretary, are as follows: Saddle bronc riding, \$250; calf roping, \$100; bull riding, \$175; cow milking, \$100; bulldogging, \$100; bareback riding, \$175; wild horse race, \$100; OBRA girls' barrel racing, \$100; Morrow county registered quarter horse race, \$100; Morrow county derby, 3/4 mile, \$100; team roping, \$100; quarter-mile open race, \$50; flag race, \$100; other races \$235.

In addition, there will be a \$50 donated prize for novice bronc riding.

Hardman Rural Postal Service Ends This Month

Hardman rural postal station will be closed at the end of the business day on Friday, August 23, 1968, according to James H. Driscoll, Heppner postmaster.

Patrons of the station will be served by Star Route delivery service, which has been extended to the Tom Huston ranch on Highway 207. Those desiring service are asked to place their box on the existing route, or on the extension.

Since September 1, 1957, Mrs. Marie Lesley has operated the postal unit at Hardman as a contract rural station for the Post Office Department. Prior to that date, Mrs. Lesley held the position of postmaster at Hardman, having been appointed to that position in April, 1946.

During both her tenure as postmaster and contract station operator, the Lesleys have provided space for the postal unit in their country store. Mrs. Lesley's decision to retire as operator of the contract station was personal, in order to take advantage of certain retirement benefits.

The post office department has decided that the erection or remodeling of other quarters is not feasible, and that efficient service will be provided by the Star Route carrier, according to Postmaster Driscoll.

Dr. Jones Chosen Hospital Staff Head

Dr. Gerald Jones was elected president of the medical staff of Pioneer Memorial hospital at the regular monthly meeting of the staff.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo was nominated for the position, but declined in favor of Dr. Jones.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles was elected vice president and Dr. H. S. Huber was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Mosquitoes Wage Voracious Battle, But . . .

Orville Cutsforth has returned to Heppner from a five weeks trip in Alaska, bearing a small "pot" of gold, but he didn't find it at the end of a rainbow.

He got it the hard way — by painstakingly sluicing in Weisse creek after removing some four feet of overburden with D-8 Caterpillars, at the same time fighting "clouds" of hungry mosquitoes and trying to get around on tundra so deep and soft that a man can't walk on it.

The gold he brought back — some 26 ounces of it—filled a jar about the size of a jelly glass. It was of high quality, mostly small nuggets ranging up to the size of the tip of a man's little finger. He values it at \$2500.

He said that this type of gold is in demand from jewelers who will pay \$100 an ounce for it, considerably above the \$32 per ounce that one would get from the government.

Cutsforth Brings 'Pot of Gold' Back from Alaska

Cutsforth and two other men, Ed McCasne of La Grande and Gary Dedeest of Minneapolis, formed a company that centers its operations at Clary Creek where a dredge is located. They have taken leases on 700 acres of land for the gold operation.

The community of Clary Creek consists of a number of tarpaper shacks around the dredge, which was brought in during the winter of 1941 when the ground was frozen, eliminating the problem of battling the soft tundra. A man ran the dredge for 16 years before giving up the operation.

Weisse creek is over the mountain from Clary Creek, perhaps 10 miles, and the only way they made it there was by hooking two D-8 Cats together and working 16 hours to get there.

An airstrip was built with the Cats on which to land their light planes.

Cutsforth reported on his venture at the Chamber of Com-

mence meeting Monday. He said that one day reached 104 degrees and another was 98 degrees.

"It would be a pretty terrible country to be in alone," he said. The mosquitoes are voracious and will cover a man's arms while he is working. Repellent is essential.

In entering the country, the men are required to carry survival kits and mosquito "dope". If they had to make an emergency landing with their plane, a person would live only three or four days without the survival kit, Cutsforth said.

An emergency radio is also an essential item. He had one that would send an SOS for 24 hours and carry for a distance of 200 miles.

Without the tundra, the mosquitoes and the heat they experienced, the country is "otherwise pleasant and good," the Heppner man said. He was im-

pressed with "hundreds of millions" of acres of grass standing three feet high.

"There is a potential for thousands — millions — of steers," he said. Eighty percent of the land is covered with grass.

In flying back to Bettles from Kianna, located in the northwestern part of Alaska, Cutsforth and his wife and daughter, who had flown up to meet him, covered 440 miles and crossed about 50 forest fires. Some 1200 men were said to be fighting one of the fires which was burning in spruce. These trees average only about five inches in diameter even though the trees are about 200 years old. Cutsforth wondered why they are worth the effort of saving.

"They are good only for log cabins," he said. Hundreds of unthought forest fires have oc-

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