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Fair and Rodeo 'Fever'

Many, by now, have experienced the fair and rodeo "fever".

These two events, together, bring fun and activity to our community. It is good to welcome visitors with a proud "howdy, friend", and invite them to return again. Congratulations go to efforts displayed in all the fine work at the fair, to ribbon winners and those who entered "just for the fun of it".

A hearty hand of greeting goes to those who return year after year because they enjoy the neighborhood spirit and the good shows for which our rodeo has gained recognition. The fact that top-hand cowboys make such a strong effort to compete adds glory to the good work of Charley Daly and his line rodeo committee.

It continues to live up to its name, "the fastest show in the West", and if the committee has its way it will be again this year. Entries are expected to come in fast to compete for the coveted purses and prizes.

This will be the second anniversary for the new all-steel grandstand, providing more comfort for the crowds of the three big shows and putting spectators down closer to where the action is. A good all-around show is promised for all ages both Saturday and Sunday.

Plan now to attend the big Saturday parade, the afternoon and evening events, the church barbecue, Friday and Saturday dances, and the cowboy breakfast Sunday morning. This is a chance to display the old-fashioned western-style hospitality.

Student Involvement

As the time for college students to return to the books nears, it is interesting to note a release from the office of the Chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

The release from Chancellor Roy E. Lieuallen's office says state institutions have taken "positive action to involve students in numerous areas, such as curriculum planning, housing, student conduct, financial aid and admissions."

The State Board encourages this, and we think it is a good decision.

Oregon State University has followed the trend, and the formation of a Human Rights and Responsibilities Commission last spring to deal with the alleged discrimination by football coach Dee Andros took the students' view into account.

That commission has six faculty members and three student members, giving the students ample voice.

Another area of student involvement at the University was the formation of a Student Bill of Rights. That involved students and faculty alike.

Oregon state institutions have not been like those in other parts of the country, disrupted by student unrest. Oregon State and the University of Oregon have had incidents, to be sure, but nothing on the scale that have occurred nationwide.

Much of the reason for this stems from the universities' willingness to involve students.

Most of the responsible students at our state colleges realize this, and will be patient as they gain more and more rights and responsibilities.

Generally, the atmosphere within the university community is one of cooperation among students and administrators. Many problems that arise, such as the one which occurred last spring, can be dealt with on the campus, by campus officials.

This fall, however, a law is in effect that will allow the governor to declare a state of emergency on campus and declare it off limits to non-students.

We hope the citizens of the state will not call on the governor to use the law, but rather let the individual administrators decide how to handle any situation. The president of the institution keeps a much closer tab on what's happening on the campus than does the governor.

Students will be happy to gain rights slowly, and most of them will not tolerate violence or unrest by a small majority.

But they will resent outside action that is not in the best interests of their university.

We hope this will be kept in mind.

Summer Tragedy

It is always sad to note at this time of year that one can tell the progress of the summer season by the growing heaps of litter alongside our highways and streets.

Often the same people who complain about the lack of adequate recreational facilities unwittingly destroy that chance to build new campsites and improve old ones when they litter.

For every dollar that is spent cleaning up the mess Oregonians leave in natural beauty spots, a dollar that could have been spent to improve our outdoor recreation is wasted.

Littering our scenic areas is a deplorable abuse of our natural environment and the livability of Oregon.

Laws now provide for suspension of fishing and boat licenses from persons convicted of littering streams and waterways, while fines of \$10 may be levied for highway littering, and \$500 charged for throwing burning materials from automobiles. It might not be such a bad idea to see drivers licenses lifted, the same as fishing and boating licenses for the same offense.

Some years ago the state of Washington had a case where a man convicted of littering the countryside was sentenced to clean up a mile of highway on both sides.

It seems only fitting that punishment match the crime, and in this case, it served as a deterrent to future offenses.

Unless you'd dump all that garbage in your own backyard, there is no moral justification for littering Oregon's landscape, the literal backyard of us all.

(FROM DALLAS ITEMIZER-OBSERVER)

TO THE EDITOR...

Facilities Underway

To the Editor:
The Board of Directors of the Boardman Park & Recreation District is fully aware of the inconvenience caused by lack of rest room facilities at Boardman Marine Park.

This park is being constructed by the Corps of Engineers, and will be leased by the Boardman Park & Recreation District when it is completed. At a meeting held July 22, the Corps of Engineers advised us that funds are not available to complete the park at this time, and could not state definitely when funds will be available.

At this meeting a tentative agreement was reached whereby the Park and Recreation District will enter into a service contract with the Corps of Engineers which will allow the rest rooms to be opened. Every effort is being made to expedite this contract, and the rest rooms will be open as soon as possible.

We thank you for your patience, and urge you to make use of the park and those facilities which are usable.

Harold Baker, Chairman
Board of Directors
Boardman Park & Recreation District

Not 'Entertainment'

To the Editor:
It is disappointing to animal lovers throughout the world that this country continues to exploit cruelly to animals under the guise of entertainment. We refer, of course, to the forthcoming rodeo in your area.

Long ago compassionate men spoke out against bear-baiting, cock-fighting, dog pits and other such forms of animal "entertainment." Unfortunately, rodeo has escaped being legislated out of existence because it hides its true face in a masquerade of western legend. This is pure hoax. Rodeo is not a romantic link with the old West. Many of today's rodeo events never had a place on the ranch. Our forefathers thought too much of their livestock to maim them.

Injuries to animals in rodeos are not accidents. Injuries are caused by the deliberately violent nature of the action. If animals cannot be used in a sport without the presence of fear, pain, and suffering, then restrictions must be placed on such a sport.

It is interesting to note that injured rodeo performers receive

the best of care. Badly injured animals often remain for hours, sometimes days before they are destroyed. Of special note is the fact that Oregon is one of the few states in the United States to permit steer busting.

It is tragic that a new means has not been found to raise needed money at fairs and other celebrations except through the torment of helpless animals. Perhaps, the declining gate at many shows featuring a rodeo could be an indication that people are fed up with Roman coliseum-type events. It is something to think about, isn't it?

Very truly yours,
Elizabeth A. Sakach (Mrs.)
Assistant Secretary
Friends of Animals, Inc.
New York, N. Y. 10023

Horse Refuge

To the Editor:
In the Bookcliff Mountains of Colorado, on the public lands range a small band of wild horses. This band of horses is among the most cruelly treated animals in the entire United States.

Often a horse is shot and killed on the spot for animal food, or left on the range to rot. Late last summer a sadist caught one of the horses in a snare. Then this man beat the horse over the head with a stick until the animal broke its neck. Over the years many of the Bookcliff horses have found their way on the long cruel journey east to the dog food factory.

In an effort to bring conservation, pity and clemency to the Bookcliff wild horses, the Colorado Branch of the International Defenders of Animals, Inc. has petitioned the United States Department of the Interior to set aside in the Colorado Mountains, on the public lands, a wild horse refuge. The numbers to be kept under very strict humane controls.

Please help us in our efforts to bring clemency to the Bookcliff horses by writing to: The Hon. Walter J. Hickel, Secretary, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.; and to: Mr. R. Keith Miller, District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Box 1509, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501.

Write today and help bring clemency to this small part of our fast fading Old West.
Howard H. Caudle,
Vice President
International Defenders of Animals, Inc.
449 N. 18th St.
Grand Junction, Colo.

Former Queens Express Regrets

Contacts with former queens of the Heppner rodeos, inviting them to be honor guests in this year's "Yesteryears of Morrow" events, have brought interesting correspondence to Mrs. Sharon Gorman, chairman.

Early this week about 15 have replied that they would be on hand to ride in the grand parade, with a number of others sending regrets. At least 10 will ride horses and several will have places of honor on floats.

Following are parts of three interesting letters received by Mrs. Gorman from three of the first five queens, now living out of the area.

Mrs. Marjorie (Clark) Ridings, first rodeo queen in 1922, writes from her home in Ardsley, N. Y.:

"My sister forwarded your letter to me, and I wish more than anything in the world that I could come out for the Rodeo Parade. I really do! I have never been able to get Heppner out of my blood — even after all these years.

"This year it's impossible for me to be with you — next year I'm hoping to come west to spend the summer at our place at Neskowin. If the Rodeo is in August, I'll be there — parade or no parade! Best wishes for a great celebration."

In 1924, Alice Rietmann was queen. She is now Mrs. Vic Peterson, and extends her regrets from her home in The Dalles: "It was very nice to hear from you and to be invited to the Rodeo parade in Heppner. It

doesn't seem possible that so many years have gone by since I had a part in the Rodeo festivities.

"I am afraid it will be impossible for me to come as the dates are the same as the Wasco County Fair, and Vic is secretary-manager there and would be unable to come with me. Then, too, all of the children will be home for the first time in many years and I expect to be pretty busy.

"Thank you very much for remembering me."

A third ex-queen promises to take part next year. In 1926, Eva Wilcox, now Mrs. Edwin Brosten, reigned as rodeo queen. She sends the following greeting from her home in Potlatch, Idaho:

"Thank you for the invitation to the parade August 23, however our county 4-H horse show is on that date so will not be able to attend the Heppner Rodeo.

"How about a rain-check for next year and I'll ride my horse — you won't need a car for me. I might be 62 years old, but am still on top of the horse. Thanks again for the invite."

In checking the list of past queens, Mrs. Gorman discovered an incorrect name among the list printed on the official rodeo program. Ilene Kenny served as queen in 1935, and not Ilene Kilkenny as is printed. Kilkenny was represented, however, by Mae Kilkenny in 1925, and Colleen Kilkenny in 1945.

The Rhyming Philosopher

SUFFICIENCY

Simply ridiculous, with income so low,
Just barely enough for the taxes and bread,
We're still buying walnuts and oatmeal to feed
The squirrels and chipmunks; and packets of seed
For linnets and sparrows. So can it be said
We're crazy? Yet hunger is something we know.

The chickadees must have their walnuts chopped fine,
And flash in and out of their own feeding box,
But ev'ry so often some bird has the guts
To try to make off with the squirrels' whole nuts;
Like humans at times in that strange paradox
Of quitting good sense for the sheer asinine.

Our bushy-tailed squirrels come down from the trees
To peer through the pane if by chance we forget
To furnish their quota of luxury fare
Like children expecting with confident stare
Their promised allowance; reminder of debt
We owe for the pleasure of friends such as these.

Our progeny left us far foreign scenes,
But all the wild creatures stay home, thank the Lord,
While dogs and the cats help inhabit the place,
What more can one ask? We enjoy breathing space
Which never a millionaire more could afford
Or purchase more peace than our limited means.

HARRY W. FLETCHER

PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to Morrow county special assessor Joyce Rich, under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX." Please ask only one question per sheet.

QUESTION:
I will be 80 years old August, 1969, and I understand I'll be exempt from property tax. Will I receive a receipt to that effect, or will I have to get one each year?

ANSWER:
ORS 307.350 provides for a Senior Citizen's Residence Exemption; however, it is not automatic. The provisions are that you must be more than 65, with some proof of birth to be filed with the Assessor. The property must be owned by you and used as your home. The adjusted gross income of you and all others residing in the house can be no more than \$3,000, effective January, 1970. This includes Social Security payments. You must file every year prior to April 1, but after January 1, in order to supply the income information required as to the previous year. The amount of exemption varies from 10% of the first \$10,000 value at age 65 to 100% of that amount for those 80 and over. This is an exemption and never has to be repaid. For further information ask your Assessor for a copy of STC Form VD-C-49 which more fully explains the law.

MEETING CALENDAR

Monday, August 25—
Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel Dining Room, 12 noon
Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27—
Willows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.
Jaycees, 8 p.m.
Royal Arch Masons, Chapter 26, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.

Packwood Feels \$50 Million Enough

Senator Bob Packwood has announced co-sponsorship of an amendment to The Defense Authorization Bill which would reduce the amount of the research and development emergency fund from a proposed \$100 million to \$50 million.

The current fiscal year budget has only \$50 million allocated for emergency purposes by the Defense Department. Secretary of Defense Laird requested that the amount be doubled to \$100 million and the request was approved in Committee.

But Packwood believes "\$100 million to pursue unforeseen research developments and to solve newly developed problems is unrealistic."

"I am not opposed to a strong military system," Packwood added. "But we must retain some controls over the spending of millions of dollars. The military is not always the best judge of where the money should be spent. Money does not grow on trees and sometimes the military gives me the impression that it does not fully realize this."

"But more basic to my argument is that this amount should be reduced so that it is the responsibility of the Congress of the United States to make certain that tax dollars are spent wisely. As a duly elected public official, I cannot exercise that judgment if the monies are placed in what amounts to a secret fund."

Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cuffler

Quiet Time Precedes Next Year's Choices

Now is a quiet time of the year, a time to reflect on the trout biting, the corn ripening, and the moon having moved next door.

Next year is an election year, of course. But nobody is campaigning too actively, and public issues are on vacation. Oregonians do not now think of the many decisions they must make next year at the polls.

Behind the calm, however, battle lines already are forming on the 19-year-old vote question. There is talk of initiative petitions to get other controversial issues before voters; a property tax limitation, "right-to-work" law, reversal of the statewide zoning law passed by this year's legislature.

These may not materialize, but there already are 14 issues for sure to be decided at 1970's primary and general elections. Reducing Oregon's minimum voting age from 21 to 19 will be considered in May. If approved, the younger voting right will apply to local, state and national elections, but the measure does not bestow legal rights beyond voting.

Also looming large on the May ballot will be the new Oregon Constitution, referred by the legislature after nearly a decade of consideration. With state government reorganization now a fact, the new Constitution is mainly just streamlined to integrate many amendments made over the years, and is cut nearly in half in length.

It does include significant provisions to strengthen Oregon's legislative branch. These include increasing the membership in each house by five and permitting the legislature to call itself into special session by a majority vote of both houses. Another primary election measure provides for issuance of pollution control bonds for municipal sewers up to 1 per cent of the true cash value of all property in the state. Use of the state's credit would result in a lower interest rate and make funds more easily available.

Financing state buildings and other construction costs is the object of another proposal to issue general obligation bonds, up to one-fourth of 1 per cent of all property in the state. Repayment would come from gifts, rentals, parking and other building fees, or from property taxes if these sources were insufficient.

Another May money question provides for an exception to the present 6 per cent limitation on property tax levy growth. It is intended to give the legislature more leeway in its task of equalizing school taxes within counties or other taxing districts.

A sixth primary ballot measure asks voters to repeal a portion of state law concerning immigration regulation. Present law is considered to be archaic, and is in conflict with the U. S. Constitution.

Eight more ballot titles have been released for the November, 1970 general election. One of these may again presage annual legislative sessions, by proposing a Constitutional amendment allowing lawmakers to call themselves into special session.

Another measure provides that changes in computation of federal personal income taxes would automatically become state law for purposes of figuring the state income tax. The 1969 legislature already correlated the two up to now; passage of the ballot measure would keep them uniform.

If voters approve another measure referred by the 1969 legislature, the State Corrections Division will be allowed to establish branches in regions of the state outside Marion county.

Voters also will be asked to unravel an election law kink by providing that a defeated incumbent cannot stay in office beyond his current term. This measure, on the fall ballot, provides for the appointment of a temporary successor if an election result question is pending in court.

Lower interest bonds for school districts will result if another measure gains approval. Proposal is to allow use of the state's credit for funds to purchase bonds of local, union high school or area education districts.

Other money questions to be decided involve increasing bonding limits on funds for veterans' home and farm loans from 3 to 4 per cent, and permitting the state to invest funds bequested for higher education in stock of any company, corporation or association.

And finally, unless initiative drives make the grade, voters in November will be asked to rule on an amendment to the restriction on county indebtedness. Counties presently may not incur an indebtedness over \$5,000.

The amendment would exempt debt limitation contracts for services with state government and contracts to purchase or lease property for up to ten years and up to total payments in all contracts of \$50,000 annually.

These issues and probably others of course will be widely discussed and examined before next year's two elections. Some no doubt are bound to generate a lot of heat and stir many a politician to explain positions. After the quiet time.

Physicals Necessary For 1st, 9th Graders

Parents are again reminded of the need for physical and dental examinations for incoming first graders, and ninth grade pupils of Morrow county schools. These completed forms should be presented the first day of school, August 29.

Birth certificates are also required for registration of first graders.

Forms for either the physical examination or for birth certificates will be mailed upon request from the Morrow County Health Office, Box 662, Heppner, or telephone 676-9911 between 8:00 a.m. and noon daily.

Film Open to Public

"Man's Search for Happiness," a film shown at the New York World's Fair, will be shown at the American Legion Hall Sunday, August 24, at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited. According to Mrs. Paul Warren, this is an excellent non-denominational film for any age. There is no charge for the film which is sponsored by the Latter-day Saints' church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sharp went to Weston Fri., Aug. 1, to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grogan and on to Wallowa to take Verle Prince to his home after having spent the past two weeks visiting the Sharps.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SENIOR CITIZENS
Afternoon Social Meetings
Each Friday, 2 p.m.
Neighborhood Center
Bring a friend!

HOLLY REBEKAH LODGE
Regular Meeting, Thurs.,
Sept 4
Lexington IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.
Plan for convention

WESTERN STYLE BARBECUE
Saturday, Aug. 23, 5 to 8 p.m.
Episcopal Parish Hall
All you can eat, adults \$2,
grade school, \$1.25

COUNTY FAIR and RODEO PET SHOW—for children 5 through 14 and their pets
Thurs., Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Parade at 11:30 a.m.

PIG SCRAMBLE AND AUCTION SALE—Thurs., Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Big Street Parade, Sat., 10:00 a.m.

Cowboy Breakfast, Sunday, 7 a.m., City Park

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