

RODEO - PARADE THIS WEEKEND

Top cowboys are due in Heppner this weekend to compete in the Morrow County Rodeo. The rodeo will feature three RCA approved shows. Saturday shows begin at 1:15 and 7:15 p.m. Sunday's afternoon performance will be held at 1:15.

Contestants will compete in bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping. Cowboys will add their entry fees, ranging from \$20 to \$30 a man, to bring the total purse to near \$11,000.

Top hands sometimes compete in 150 or more rodeos annually and win upwards of \$30,000. Reigning world champion all around cowboy Tom Ferguson won nearly \$67,000 in the arena last year, plus another \$20,000 in bonus money. Ferguson, of Miami, OK, also reigns as world calf roper.

Stock contractors for the RCA shows is Stevens Bros. Rodeo Inc. of Middleton, ID.

The Morrow County Rodeo will feature local cowboys performing in several

events. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top performers in each event. The Wranglers Horse Show will run all day Friday, Aug. 22 at the fairgrounds with a starting time of 9 a.m.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. the street parade will get under way with a variety of riding units, floats and individual participants. Nine rodeo queens and their courts are scheduled to appear in the parade along with a stagecoach driven by John Hoskins. Several organizations have entered floats and Oregon High School

Rodeo Queen Reta Ericksen will be in attendance. Probably the oldest participant will be Ethel Lehman, 83, from Echo. Participants will share in the nearly \$475 of parade prizes.

Dances will follow the Friday and Saturday night rodeo performances. Music for the dances will be provided by The Muddy Creekers and feature local singer, Sandy Matheny.

Queen Mickey Hoskins and her court will reign over the activities.

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1975 county fair figures show growth

The number of commercial exhibitors has increased; all community booth space is filled, individual entries are up in number although the actual number has not been totaled at this time.

Liz Curtis, Morrow County Fair Board Secretary, says the board and fair committee are very pleased with the response from the county this year. She points out that the number of commercial booths this year is more than double last year's number.

Fair goers are remarking at the quality of the displays. Each department has done a special job of decorating in line with the Bicentennial theme. Many of the exhibits also stress this year's 200 year theme.

County Extension Agent Harold Kerr remarks enthusiastically that "this is a great

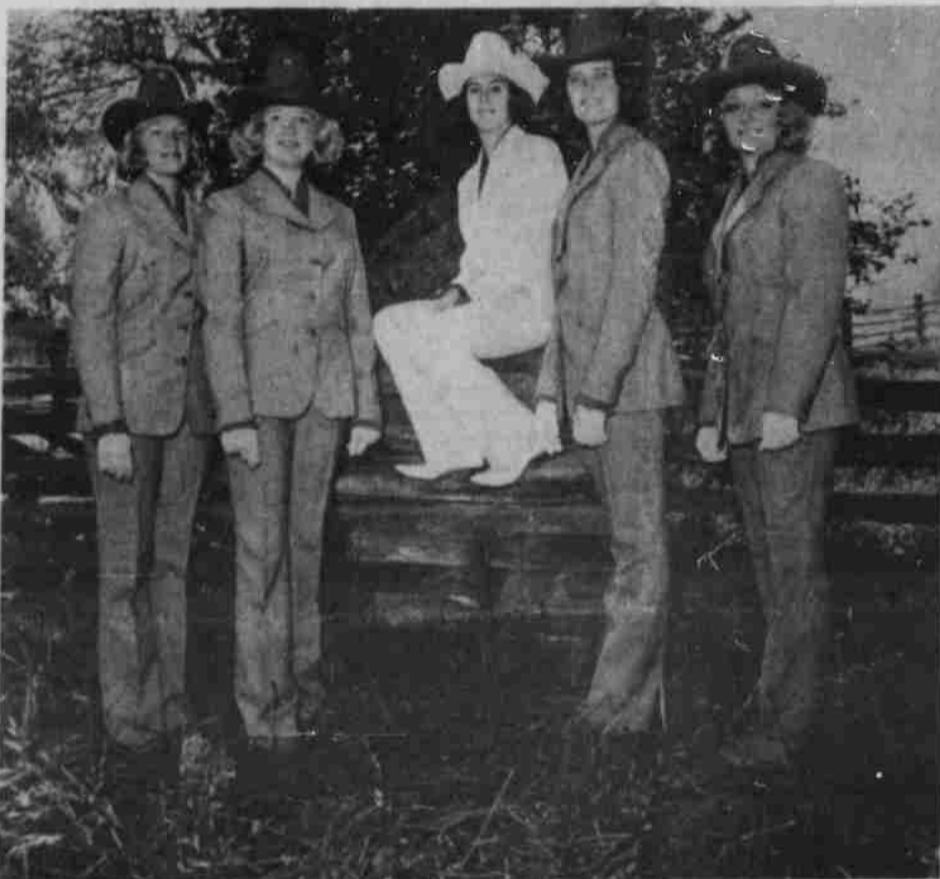
fair. The grounds have never looked better! The buildings are all in good shape. The staff and work crews are to be commended for their excellent work."

Other random comments include: "I like that music outside and inside—it really sounds like a fair this year." "Look at the kids with balloons—that is the carnival look." "All the red-white-and-blue looks super!" "This feels like a really successful fair."

FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS AUG. 22

Heppner High School football players are minded to check out their football gear Friday, Aug. 22, from 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

The first practice will be held Monday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.



MORROW COUNTY'S FAIR AND RODEO COURT. From the left, June McLean, Barbara Palmer, Queen Mickey Hoskins, Donna Rea and Mary Ann Proctor.

New conservationist for Morrow County

Bob Adelman will assume the duties of district conservationist for Morrow County on September 15. Adelman replaces Dave Franzen who has held the position for a little more than two years.

Franzen will fill the same position for Harney County and will move to Burns over the Labor Day weekend. Franzen's training has been more in the field of range management and his duties in Harney County will center around this area of work.

Adelman is presently soil conservationist at Tangent in Linn County. He has been there for the past two years. Prior to going to Tangent he worked two years at The Dalles.

He is a graduate of OSU where he majored in agriculture engineering and technology. He graduated in 1967 and spent the next two years with the Army.

Adelman has a wife Chris and a 1-year old son Ryan.

History of fair given at Lions meeting

Heppner Lions held their regular meeting at the fair grounds on Tuesday morning and enjoyed breakfast from the 4-H Snack Shack. The meeting was held at that location to support the 4-H and fair opening. Twenty attended in the brisk morning air.

Guest speaker for the morning was Floyd Jones, a long time member of the Morrow County Fair Board. Jones told the group the fair had its beginning in 1913 and was held where the library and museum are now located. It was held the third week in September as harvest was usually over by that time.

Entries at the first fair included such items as home cured meats, canned fruits and vegetables. Most of the exhibits were home made or home grown. Several of the larger producers of sheep and cattle exhibited. In all there were about 200 entries and no premiums were paid and only a few ribbons were awarded. The exhibitors paid a small entrance fee and admission was charged as this was the only financial support for the fair. Entertainment included such activities as a tug of war, foot races, horse shoes and a baseball game.

In 1915 some horse events were added to the fair. An arena was made by parking the cars, wagons, hacks and buggies in a circle. The horses were brought into the circle, snubbed, saddled and then would be ridden. Some rode until the time was up, others rode until the horse quit bucking. If the horse should

break out of the arena the rider got off the best he could. 1916 through 1919 there was no fair held because of World War I. In 1920 the fair resumed with an addition of a carnival. In 1921 saw the addition of boxing and wrestling matches that pitted local talent against the carnival pros. In this year more rodeo events were added and the site of the horse events was moved to where Kinqua

Mill is now located. The arena was made in the same manner it was in the past years.

The next year some important changes were made. The fair was still held at the library site with more and better exhibits. The rodeo was moved to what is now the fair grounds location. The land was donated to the city by C.W. McNameer. The arena

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FLOYD JONES

For school use

No decisions on mobile homesite

A variance permit requested by the School District, allowing them to place a mobile home on school property, was tabled Monday night at a special meeting of the Common Council. The issue was referred to the City Planning Commission.

Superintendent of Schools, Matt Doherty, requested placing the mobile home on the Heppner High School property stating the following reasons: there is an increase in vandalism on the school property, especially glass breakage; with the shortage of homes in the Heppner area this would also create a place to live for one of the new teachers.

Reasons for referring the issue to the Planning Commission are: although the mobile home would be on School District property, the mobile home would be owned by an individual, rather than the School District; three letters of protest from adjacent property owners had been received by the City protesting the mobile home.

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It was pointed out that a commercial building now exists within the residential area. At the time of the hearing for the commercial building although it met with objections from residents in the area, the objections were overruled and the commercial building was constructed.

Prior to tabling the request, Doherty was asked if the school district could locate the mobile home on another site where it could not be seen by the objecting property owners. Doherty replied, "This is the most suitable location on the 36 acre site that can be served by both sewer and water. If the site has to be changed we would not have sewer and water facilities without added expenses, making the site economically unfeasible." In some areas blasting has to be done prior to the installation of the sewer line.

Councilman Mills asked for an explanation for notifying property owners within a 500 ft. area. According to the present standards the 500 feet is not from the building site but rather from the exterior property line.

A portion of the school district property is within the

city limits while the remaining portion is in the county. Last year the school district asked to be annexed into the city. The city refused on the basis that it could not furnish adequate police protection to the school because of the lack of police officers. Since that time the city has acquired two more police officers and while the city cannot promise the school district 24 hour protection, it was suggested that perhaps the school district re-apply for annexation. This was taken under advisement by Superintendent Doherty. He also remarked, "School property requires 24 hour surveillance at all times. He pointed out that team members have had their cars vandalized while they were playing ball games away from home.

In lieu of the complexity of this situation, the common council moved and unanimously approved the following motion: in the future all permits requiring either a conditional use permit or a variance shall be referred to the City Planning Commission for their approval.

In other business the council granted Hene Wyman a 60 day extension on her building permit at South Chase St.

Approved an alteration permit for Larry Anderson, 363 No. Elder to place a foundation and insulate his existing structure.

Referred a renewal for a variance application on the McEwen property to the Planning Commission for their decision.

Approved five liquor renewal applications: Central Market, Court St. Market, J.G. Thomson, Jim Rogers, and Ron and Olivia Palmer.

Accepted the recommendation of Division of Highways to have preliminary plans drawn for the construction of a new bridge at Morgan St. The cost to the city for the plans amounts to \$1,168 or 22 percent of the total cost. The State will pay the remaining 78 percent. This is a preliminary engineering survey, however, it is the opinion of the engineer that the State will accept the plans once they are completed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Heppner Common Council will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2, because of the Labor Day holiday.

As previously reported the City of Heppner had plans of installing their own gas tank for city vehicles. However, the city was contacted by gasoline distributors in the area who agreed to sell the city the gasoline at a discount.

The council voted to accept the gas at a discount rather than spend the money putting in the necessary tank and related equipment.

HORSE SHOW FRIDAY

The Morrow County Wrangler's Horse Show will be held at the fair grounds, Friday, Aug. 22.

The halter classes will start at 9 a.m. with the performance show beginning at 1 p.m.

Anyone wishing to enter the horse show is asked to contact Mrs. Dick Sherer, 422-7428.

Merchants have donated prizes to be awarded to winners of the events.

All Wranglers planning to participate in the Saturday morning parade are asked to meet at Becket Equipment wearing white shirts, dark pants and a hat.

Award winning booth

The Grand Sweepstakes ribbon for community booths was awarded to the Heppner Garden Clubs entry that features a mixed flower arrangement in the style of 1776 and a modern arrangement ala 1976.

Other winners included: youth organizations—1st Heppner Future Farmers of America; 2nd, Assembly of God Youth; 3rd, Merry Mixers 4-H; Morrow County CowBelles won 1st for farm organizations and Morrow Soil and Water District was 2nd.

The large group of community service and social organizations saw its blue ribbon go to the Heppner Garden Club; 2nd place went to the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary; 3rd place was awarded the lone Garden Club.

First for church organizations went to the Seventh-day Adventist Church; 2nd was won by the Heppner Christian Church.

Prizes for commercial booths went to Oregon State Forestry Department, First; Kinzua Corporation, First; Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, First; Artex Decorating System, Second.

Actually each organization was a winner as each was awarded \$10 for entering. Mary Lindsay, Lexington, a fair volunteer with many years of service, was the superintendent of this division.

Fair records show that in 1973 there were 15 community booths; in 1974 only 13, and this year there were 20 carefully arranged booths.



BOB ADELMAN