



Allen Nistad and the Morrow County Queen and her court present a saddle to Ken Belcher, Heppner, winner of the Morrow County calf roping contest. The event took place at the Rodeo grounds Sunday.

Biggest yet

Attendance records set at fair and rodeo

Not all the figures are compiled but indications are this year's fair and rodeo attendance was the largest ever.

Gate receipts for the fair was up about \$300 and this year was the first time 4-H and FFA exhibitors and senior citizens had free passes. Gate count shows that over 7,000 persons entered the fair grounds from Tuesday through Friday.

The three-day Morrow County rodeo attracted 235 RCA cowboy contestants and 50 Morrow County ones, plus 40 girls who participated in the GRA barrel races. This compares to the 294 entries last year.

Some of the cowboys had to perform during the special slack time following the Saturday night show.

Rodeo secretary Dennis Doherty, remarked that the total purses paid to the contestants was over \$11,100. The exact total will be released after the receipts are audited.

The inclement weather played an important factor in Saturday afternoon's gate receipts, however, the total attendance for the 4 shows is estimated at 2,500 people paid attendance.

Winners in the barrel races were Barbara Rucker, Sandy Curcio, Kathlene Anderson and Sandra Rodriguez.

Bronc bareback riding, Dale Trotter, 71, Rawley Stanley, 70, Royce Smith and Pat Kelly tied at 68 each.

Calf roping: Tom Ferguson, 9.7; Larry Ferguson, 10.0; Bud Lytle, 10.1; Sam Kayser, 10.3.

Steer wrestling: Larry Ferguson, 4.2; J.D. Mathews, 4.5; Gary Walker, 4.8; Phil Dean, 5.1.

Saddle bronc riding: Chaney, Weldon, 73; Steve Schnable, 72; Jim Kelts, 72; Bud Monroe, 72.

Bull riding: Steve Neely, A.J. Swain, Ted Neely, Larry McConathy.

Team Roping: Ace Berry and Larry Davis; Bill Ward and Lee Kamm; Darrell Broadhead and Dale Rucker; Hohm McKay and Jim Kittle-son.

About 50 of the top ranking RCA cowboys participated in the events along with 10 of the top money winners in the nation.

While plans are not under way for next year's rodeo, it appears as though the same format will be used.

RESULTS OF HOME EC. LEATHERCRAFT JUDGING

Results of the judging contests in 4-H Clothing, Knitting and Foods and Leathercraft were announced on Tuesday as follows:

Senior Clothing Judging: 1st, Janet McElligott, 2nd Kristy Edmundson, 3rd Terry McElligott, 4th Jan Peterson, 5th Julie Grieb. The first four are from Lone, Julie is from Lexington.

Junior Clothing Judging: 1, Ann Lindsay, Lexington; 2, Sarena Panter, Heppner; 3, Tara Mahoney, Heppner; 4, Geri Grieb, Lexington; 5, Jyl Hobbs, Irrigon.

Senior Knitting Judging: 1, Ruth Ann Kiethley, 2, Linda Keithley, both Heppner.

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Methodist church float sweepstake winner

A sudden down pour of rain dampened the parade but not the spirits of the participants or the spectators. The spectators sought shelter to watch the balance of the floats, riding groups and antique cars.

Randall Peterson, parade chairman, expressed his pleasure at seeing an increase in the number of floats in this year's parade. "It's great to see so many local groups participate," he added.

Sweepstake winner was the Methodist Church float depicting a church service. Those riding the float were wearing clothes following the Bicentennial theme. Morrow County Search & Rescue float placed second in this adult category with the American Legion third.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Dean's Second Hand Store

tied for honors in the business division. Winner of the juvenile division was the 4-H group with the swim team second and Boy Scouts third.

The best float for out of county entries went to the Baker Livestock Co. for their stagecoach pulled by 20 head of matched mules. ARZ Farms placed second, Ray Kalal Construction third and Oregon State Forestry was fourth.

For riding groups the Umatilla Sage Riders placed first with the Wranglers taking second honors. Wayne Wilson and family were the best mounted family group and Ethel Lehman was best mounted cowgirl. Best mounted cowboy was Paul Hisler. Kathy Moore was best mounted Indian.

At 83, Ethel Lehman was oldest cowgirl and Zeal

Gillespie was oldest cowboy.

The only band to liven the parade was the Hardman Opera house float that took honors in the band division.

The Pendleton Round-Up court placed first for the queen and court section and was followed by the Crooked River Round-Up court. The Boardman Harvest Festival Court placed third.

A number of beautifully, refurbished antique cars purr down Main Street and top prize went to Walt Skuzeski of Yamhill. Second was Clifford Clark with D.O. Nelson third.

Everett Keithley driving his Morrow County covered wagon won top honors in the wagon division.

Andy Gorman was first in children's floats with Steve Groce and Curtiss Lynch second.

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PGE man foresees growth

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He spoke of both the Carty and the Pebble Springs sites and remarked the Carty site is considered the best site in Oregon. Speaking of the delay at the Pebble Spring site, he added, "This will be the first nuclear plant in Eastern Oregon, but PGE is now busy with appeals of the site."

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He spoke of the impact study made by PGE, although another study was made of the area to include the new Alumax project. He commented that the completed study was an open end study and could be revised from the proposed projection date of 1977 to 1978 depending on the decisions by the court.

Speaking of the Carty coal fired plant he remarked, "The entire project will cost an estimated \$332 million dollars and will employ 900 workmen

at the peak of construction. When completed the project will need 200-300 men to operate the plant.

Most of the personnel will have to be imported from various cities throughout the United States with about 25 per cent of the workers being hired locally. The other 75 per cent of the workers are considered specialists in their fields and are not available within the area.

During the peak of construction in 1978, Alumax and PGE will employ an estimated 3,740 workers. Construction of the three projects will be completed by 1982. Should PGE continue to construct nuclear plants in the area as proposed, construction will continue until the year 2,000.

Clough said, "Some of the older construction men are looking for places to settle in the Heppner-lone area. Many of these men have 5-10 years of work ahead of them and they would like to retire in this area. They are not looking for mobile home parks but would rather find a single family dwelling with three bedrooms. This type of home is in demand at the present time."

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With the population of Heppner at 1590 people at the

present time, the Heppner, Lexington and lone area will be faced with an increase of 159 persons by 1977. The geographical location of the area limits the number of workers to the Carty site. While Heppner has the water and sewer facilities to meet the expansion program, the distance to the proposed site is an important factor. At present there is no direct route of travel to the work site. Boardman should have a population of 3,220 by 1977. If the estimate is correct, Heppner will need an additional 50 new homes including apartments and trailer spaces to house the workmen. The Heppner schools will increase by 30 students requiring an additional two new teachers.

The Boardman-Irrigon area will increase by 832 students and will require an additional 34 new teachers.

The Boardman Coal plant will be the first to be constructed and a tentative date of five years for construction has been estimated. Work is scheduled to start in 1976 and some of the materials are now being stockpiled. Some of the preliminary work has started and foundations are scheduled for the coming year.

Clough was asked as to the amount of coal required to maintain the Boardman plant and he remarked that an estimated 100,000 tons of coal would be required every 30

days to keep the plant in operation. PGE has secured a 20 year contract for the coal. Clough stated, "Prior to completion of the Boardman Coal Plant, coal will be stockpiled for its immediate use."

A saddle dam creating a 1,400 acre lake will be constructed at the site. In future years if the U.S. Navy moves from the Boardman area the saddle can be removed and the lake size will be increased.

In other business to come before the Chamber, Ray Boyce expressed his thanks to all who helped take tickets during the rodeo shows.

Randall Peterson also expressed his thanks to everyone who helped make the parade a success, with a special thanks to Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. "This year we had almost as many floats as we had horses in the parade," said Peterson. Although worried about the rain at the time of the parade, he said, "The people just seemed to back up against the buildings to watch the parade, rather than leave."

There will be no Chamber of Commerce meeting next Monday due to the Labor Day holiday.

Superintendent of Schools Matt Doherty will be guest speaker at the Chamber, Sept. 8, and he will discuss the new \$1.1 million school bond issue to go before the voters Sept. 16.

\$25,116 paid for 4-H-FFA livestock

\$25,116.62 was paid to FFA and 4-H Club members for their animals at the livestock auction Thursday night at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

For the first time in many years there was no ceiling price on the animals other than the price established by the sale of the champion and reserve champion.

Robert Richards sold his grand champion hog for \$1.10 per pound and Karen Richards sold her champion for .90 per pound. Kimee Haguewood sold her reserve champion for .95 per pound and Coleman Devine received \$1 per pound for his reserve champion. The remainder of the 13 hogs sold at the auction brought between .75-\$1.10 per pound.

The 17 hogs sold at auction averaged .92 per pound, including the champions and reserve champions.

Mark Sargent received \$1.50 per pound for his champion lamb and Mary Ann Greenup received \$1.30 per pound for her grand champion. Nancy Miller received \$1.45 and Mary Ann Greenup received \$1.10 per pound for their reserve champions.

Of the remaining blue and

red ribbon winners, no animals were sold for less than .75 per pound. The sale price per pound for the 21 sheep sold at the auction averaged \$5.07 per pound.

Wayne Huwe sold his grand champion steer for \$1.05 per pound. Mary Daly received \$1 per pound for her champion and Dawn Peterson also received \$1 per pound for her reserve champion. Scott Acocak was paid .95 per pound for his reserve champion. Of the 31 animals sold at the auction only one animal brought .50 per pound. The average price of all the beef sold was .59 per pound.

Last year's sale netted the FFA and 4-H members a total of \$25,258, or a difference of \$142. However, at last year's sale, 13 more animals were sold. By comparison, this year there were more beef sold than last year, 33 as compared to 29 for 1974. Both sheep and swine were on the decrease when compared to last year. This year there were 23 sheep sold as compared to 28 last year and 21 swine were sold this year as compared to 32 last year.

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Lunches-milk for students

"All Morrow County schools serve good, nutritious meals. The menu is planned and meals served in such a manner as to help you keep your child healthy. It is also the desire of the school that the meal period will provide a pleasant, enjoyable and rewarding experience every full school day which will enhance your child's school experience," reports Matthew Doherty, District Superintendent.

Students may buy lunch for 30 cents or milk for 5 cents.

Children from families whose income is at or below certain levels are eligible for free lunches or free milk. If the income is above certain levels but the family has unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of their income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, the children may still be eligible. For income schedules contact (Continued on page 2)

School hours set

Morrow County Schools will open their doors to students for the first day of school on Sept. 2. First day dismissal will be at 1:30 p.m.

The Morrow County School District Board approved the following hours for district schools for the 1975-76 school year:

School	Starts	Ends
Heppner High	8:37 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Heppner Elementary	8:30 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
Riverside Jr. Sr. High	8:25 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
A.C. Houghton Elementary	8:30 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
lone Schools	8:35 a.m.	3:20 p.m.



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