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Dedication of flag pole at court house



Fireworks Sunday night



Happy birthday U. S. A. From Heppner, Oregon

The city of Heppner threw a big birthday party here Sunday, honoring the United States of America on her 200th birthday.

It was evident late Sunday evening that Heppnerites weren't the only Americans enjoying the day's festivities.

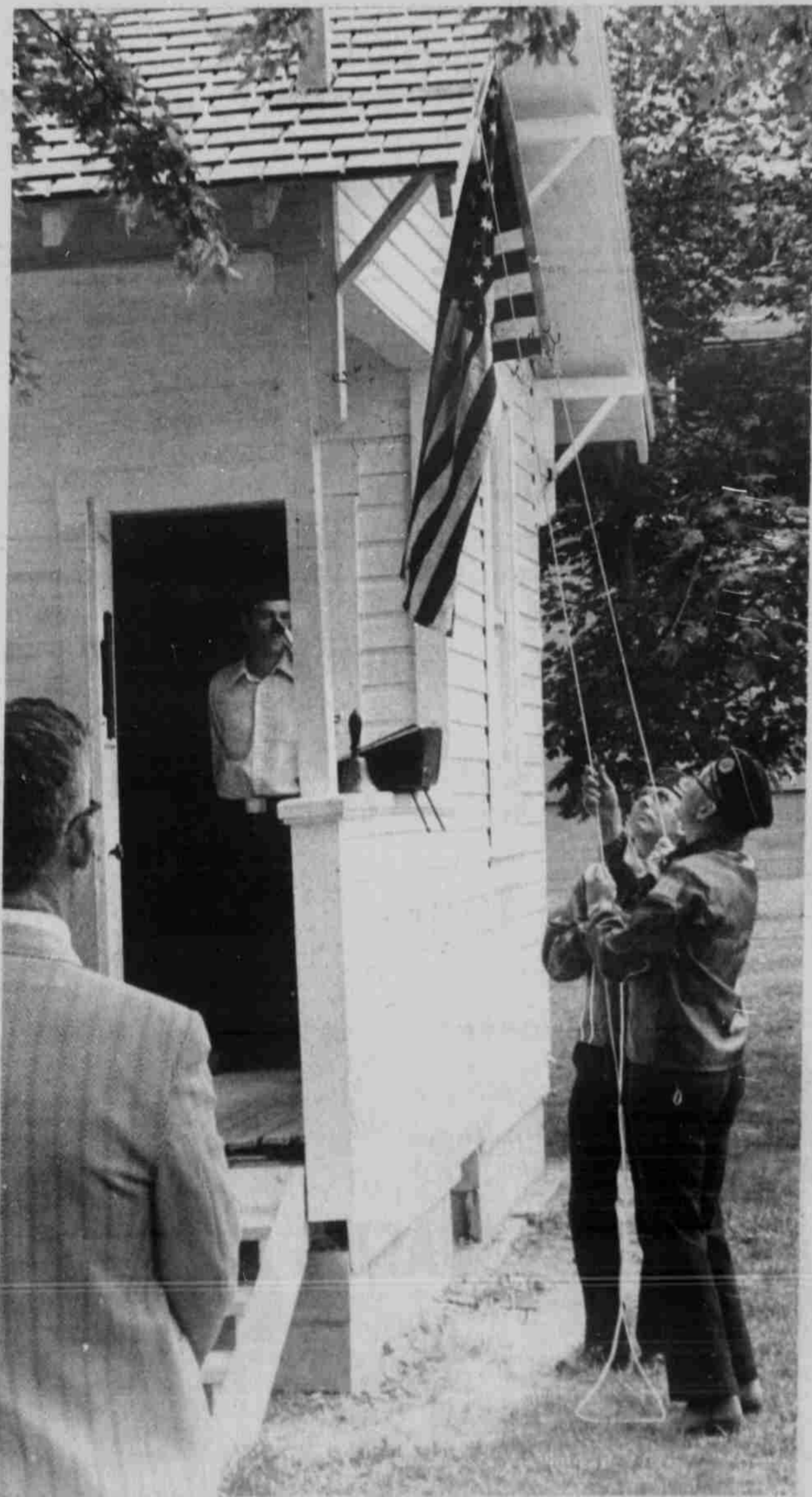
An estimated 2,000 people sat in the fair grounds, sat on buildings, benches, in trees, on top of apartments, in the road and any other comfortable spot to view a gala array of colors in the fireworks display by the bicentennial committee.

After a church celebration and the ringing of bells at high noon, a small parade formed

at the court house and witnessed the American Legion Color Guard and Heppner Boy Scouts dedicate the new flag pole, donated by the Elks Lodge of Heppner. Mayor Jerry Sweeney dedicated Hager Park about a mile up the road.

Jackpot team roping went on all afternoon and baseball and swimming activities kept the youngsters busy.

Jim Rogers' delicious roast beef dinner in the evening pleased the pallets of at least 400 at the fair pavilion and led into the giant fireworks display that night.



Dedication of Democrat Gulch schoolhouse



Team roping all afternoon

The day started early with a breakfast at Heppner City Park. More than 300 enjoyed the bicentennial breakfast of ham, eggs and hotcakes. The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary put the breakfast on.

At 9:30, the pace changed over a few hundred yards to the Democrat Gulch schoolhouse dedication. A super turnout formed a semi-circle around the one-room school house and watched, Matt Doherty, Morrow County school superintendent introduce former teachers and students of the facility that included Della Scrivner and Marguerite Glavey, teachers, and student Robert Cutsforth who said a few words.

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