

'We've Come A Long Way'

Chamber float depicts advances

There is still no band, but Jim Wishart, parade and float chairman, is still anxiously awaiting the ride through town Saturday in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade.

Wishart says the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce float is finished and, he says, it looks good.

With the theme, "We've Come a Long Way", the Heppner float will take on a past to present atmosphere. The large float will house a tree and log cabin at one end, advance in time to Independence Hall, on to the White House and the eight foot Statue of Liberty and end up with the Independence Arc over the statue.

Trimmed in gold with a white background the words "Morrow County" will enhance one side of the float in a bright blue. At one end of the float, "Chamber of Commerce" and the other end "We've Come a Long Way".

Tom Scheer's art class at Heppner High School designed the float to match the theme and did much of the physical labor on the float. It was all volunteer work. Kinzua Mills donated the plywood.

Wishart started with an old

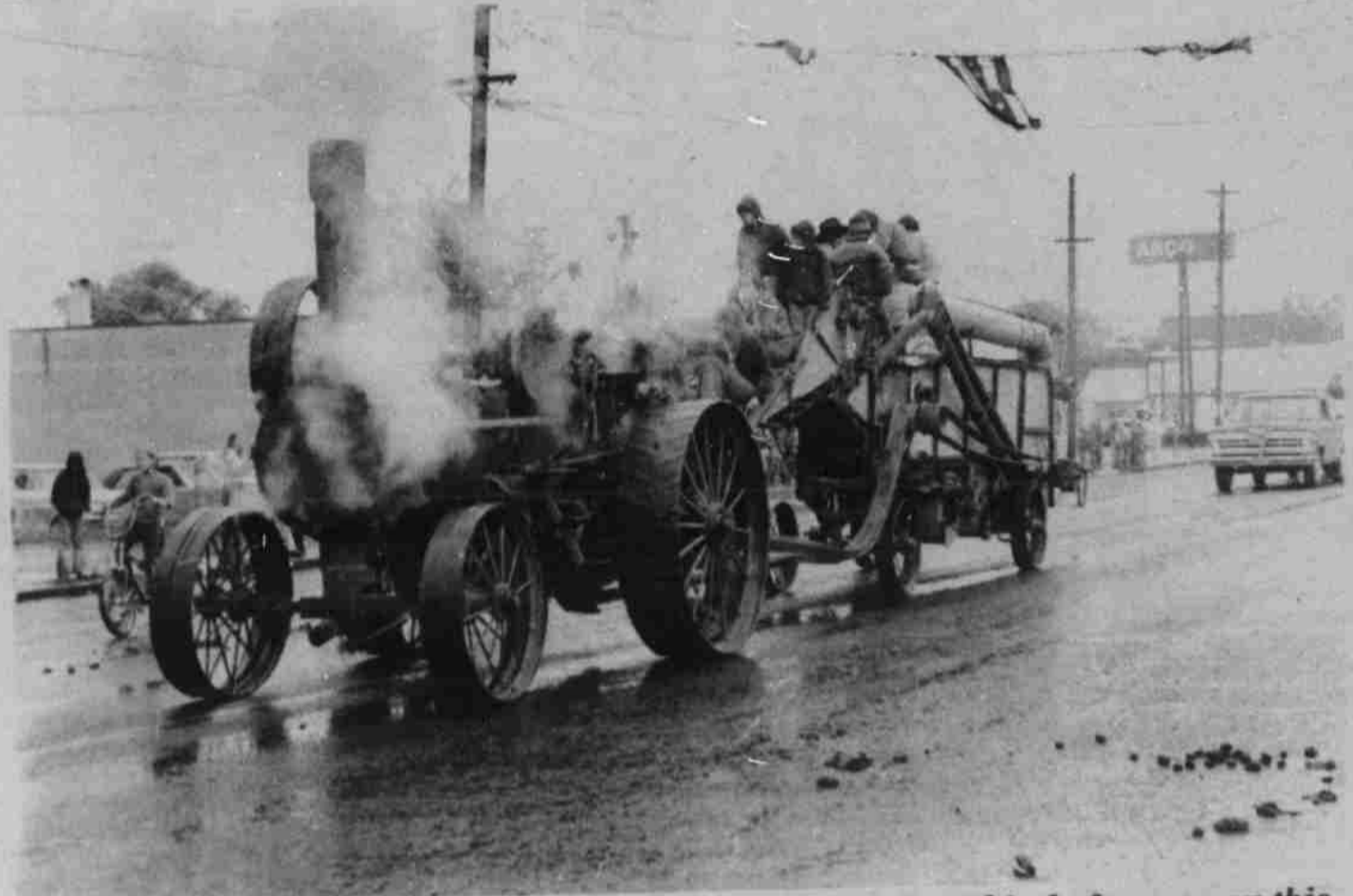
float. The chamber hasn't had a float since 1974 and the old one had taken on the weather and dirt.

"We had to pull out every staple", Wishart said, and had to clean the old float that originally was pink and white.

After the wash up, new white crepe paper was added with the gold trim.

"It's a lot of work for a ten

minute ride," Wishart said, but noted that the float will also be entered in the Boardman Harvest parade.



The parade last year was a success despite the rains that seem kind of common this year.

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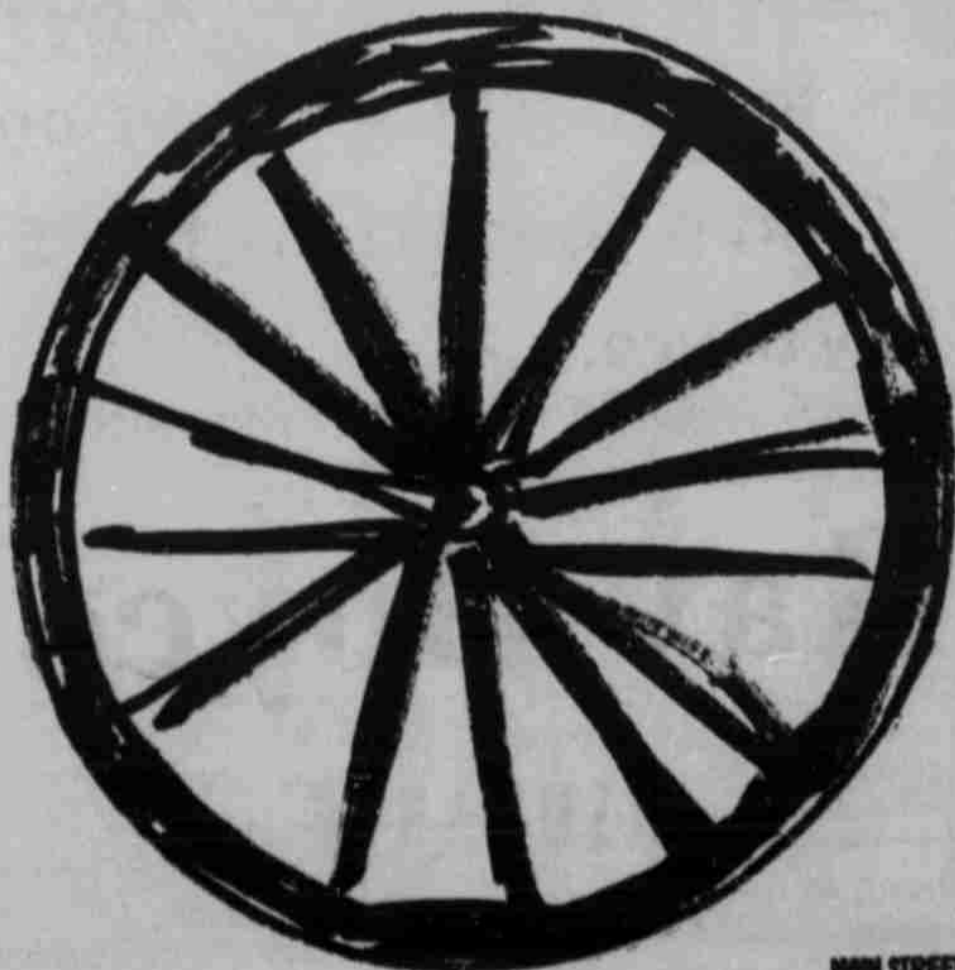
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