

Area bicyclists signal, dodge cones to pass safety test



Youngsters attending the bicycle rodeo at the County Fairgrounds this week in Heppner not only enjoyed maneuvering on the variety of courses but had their "wheels" inspected by a tough team of judges—who turned out to be mostly sympathetic. Making sure the bicycles were equipped safely and able to withstand punishment were (left to right) Chuck Holt (back to camera), Heppner Police Officer Ken Miller, manager of 1st National Bank and Heppner Police Chief Dean Gilman. The inspection tests and riding exam was comparable to Oregon Motor Vehicle Department testing.



The Motor Vehicle Division said in a news release this week that people applying for a first-time Oregon driver's license must be better drivers to pass but if last week's series of bike rodeos held in Morrow County is any indication, the next generation of drivers will be ready.

And the operator test may be more difficult with the youthful bicyclists having to negotiate figure eights without falling off their bikes, running between two parallel lines, dodging cones like those small car commercials on television, giving the correct hand signals again without falling off or hitting cardboard boxes and attempting to balance the two wheelers in a slow race.

The Morrow County Juvenile Advisory Committee and VFW Post No. 4184 and their auxiliary sponsored the rodeos at four places this week, Irrigon Marina, Boardman Marina, Ione High School and Heppner Fairgrounds, drawing the largest turnout from Heppner.

While their mothers watched, the youngsters lined up one by one as Coordinator Chuck Holt, a police officer for the city of Heppner issued instructions. Holt climbed on one of the low-to-the-ground bicycles and negotiated the figure eight course, managing to guide the front wheels safely through the course.

It was a snap for most of the cyclists except for one boy who had some problems in balancing his two-wheeler. But he kept on trying and with encouragement from Holt and others, completed each phase of the course.

Then came the hand-signaling course with some amusing but still dangerous examples of what not to do. Each boy or girl was instructed to give a left turn, right turn and stop signal with his arm. Some raised their arms briefly, and moved them quickly back to the handlebars; some forgot to signal a left turn and others scored perfect.

County Juvenile Judge D.O. Nelson, also a judge at Thursday's rodeo in Heppner had to smile when one of the bicyclists struck the cardboard box without thinking to signal.

One boy said he could now ride on the street with his first experience at signalling but pointed out that Officer Holt wouldn't let him.

And the bicycle safety check seemed more comprehensive than many state motor vehicle inspections. The inspecting officials checked for a loose front wheel and had each cyclist test his brakes by coming to a full stop. Jim Launer of the VFW Post, applied phosphorescent tape to each bike for easy identification at night.

Several gift certificates from Heppner were awarded

to the bicyclists from Heppner, Ione and Lexington. Receiving certificates were Phillip Estberg, Steven Arbogast, Jack Estberg, Marion McMillan, Scott Doherty, Shelley Biddle, Sheridan Klinger, Shane Klinger, Todd Miller, Mike McBride, Missy Turner, Troy Hyatt, John Kenny, Robbie Hutchison, Kim and Brian Kroll, Stan Sporseen, Micki Hutchison, Benji Pearson, Diane Carey, Tom Kenny and Chris Belknap. From Ione were Mike Rietmann, Gary Rea, Gene Lancaster and Brian Ball.

Volunteers helping out included Jim Launer, Bev Launer, Florence Holt, Janice Sherman, Chuck Holt, Dean Gilman, Ken Miller, Dan McBride, Cheryl Salvatore, Theresa Hyatt and D.O. Nelson.

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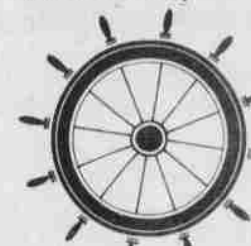
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The Junior Choir of the Hermiston Assembly of God and a number of adults and teens presented a cantata at the Irrigon Assembly of God, Sunday night, June 10. The cantata "It's Cool in the Furnace", dramatized the Bible story of Daniel and the three Hebrew children.

Pastor Carl Wright and the congregation of the Baptist

Church attended the program. The choir was directed by Margaret Wetterling, while King Nebuchadnezzar was played by Randy Brodehl, Rodney Frerichs performed as Daniel. The musicians included: Pianist Velma Farrar, organist Carolyn Green, flute and bells Chris Farrar, tamborine Jeannie Lockwood, Drum Wanda Allison.

Two students with Kings

Staying with the Rev. James and Mrs. King, Heppner will be Randy Johnson, a student at Northwest Nazarene College.

Randy is majoring in religious education and is from Astoria, Wash. Also staying with the Kings

is Dennis Attaberry who is majoring in recreation education training and is from Dayton, Wash.

Both students will be with the Heppner Church of the Nazarene to help in U.S. Youth and assist Rev. King in his church work.

George and Grace Kenny have opened a farmer's market and nursery just west of Irrigon on the highway. They will be selling local produce as well as a variety of fruits and vegetables.

The Irrigon Home Extension group will head up a cancer drive campaign in Irrigon next month. Mrs. Frances McCoy is the cancer drive chairman.

Visitors of Mary Stephens were Mart and Letha Abkins of Kennewick, former residents and grocery store owners of Irrigon. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eggiman of Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson attended the high school graduation of their grandson, Stephen Bartlett, from Lynnwood High School, while visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett.

They also attended the baseball game between the Cleveland Indians and the Seattle Mariners, where the crowd numbered over 40,000 at the Kingdome.

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