

Around About By Justine Weatherford

All this week the action in Morrow County was at the County Fairgrounds. Anyone who missed participating in or attending and enjoying this year's Morrow County Fair surely missed some fun, excitement and good, wholesome American action.

Of course our fair offered multiple satisfactions like many other fairs. Most are stimulating, inspiring, educational, entertaining and rewarding in several ways. Those folks who planned for the fair and those who worked long and hard in preparing for it were rewarded with the satisfaction that they had done a good service to their community.

In talking with departmental superintendents, I found that in some cases the number of entries were up and in a few cases they said entries were fewer than last year. However, in general, the superintendents reported that although the overall quantity may have dropped a little they felt the quality of the exhibits was up.

The amateur exhibitors of all ages gained much from their experience in knowledge and satisfactions and some brought home ribbons and trophies and cash awards. The 18 commercial exhibitors did fine jobs of displaying their wares and promoting their products. Because they supported this fair, we need to remember their businesses. I'm unable to describe all 18 exhibits but hope you saw them all; especially, the Miniature Mansions arranged by Sharon Coen of Irrigon, the J. & J. Ceramics by Joan Tanory and Janet Pratt of Willow Creek and the Discovery Toys by Susie French Ward and Mom Norma of Butter Creek—these were all delightful displays by Morrow County business women. Other fine displays were arranged by county and out-of-county merchants.

This year there were some interesting changes at the fair. One of the most pleasing additions was the outside display arranged by members of the Heppner, Ione and Lexington garden clubs who look over the superintendency of the flower show. They scattered flowers and plants about in various spots which brightened the various departments.

It is bad to name persons who have contributed so much to the 1983 fair—but a few of the many who gave so much time and effort just must be mentioned because without their work, the fair would not have been nearly as good. Harold K. "Shorty" Peck has contributed so much—his museum, his little log cabin, his help with many departments and displays. Grain Superintendent Bill Rawlins and Flower Club "idea person" Jane Rawlins, gives countless hours each year to the fair. Each department superintendent takes much responsibility—Irene Anhorn works hard and so faithfully with the poultry and small animals.

Veteran Needlework Department Superintendent Ruth Bergstrom and her fine associates struggled with more entries and less space this year. All the open class departments were well supervised. Ruth McCabe reported that two of the community booths which had been spoken for in advance were not filled—which was very disappointing to several organizations that had wanted booths but were told that all 10 were taken. The livestock and poultry and small animals departments drew much interest. You have already read the results of the saddle horse show. Bill Rawlins said his departments—grain, grasses and hay and potatoes had more and better entries than other years.

Because the floriculture had more space than formerly, its horticulture specimens, collections of flowers, hanging and table-type plants and groups of artistic arrangements were displayed to better advantage. Theta Lowe and Bebe Munkers of the canning division felt that although the number of exhibits there was down a little they were all beautiful and different things were being entered. Under Joyce Hughes the foods division had a fewer number of entries, partly because the 1983 "Truly Oregon" cherry cake didn't seem to inspire the usual crowd of cake bakers.

Betty Mills and Vo-Jean Forquer found the art division rose from 53 to 72 entries and they enjoyed having more space. Photography under Judy Barber also looked bigger and better in its new, larger space. Marlene Gray and Susan Johnston supervised an exciting crafts corner. Edna Peck and associates found that although there were fewer collectors' items they were of high quality.

The youth department and its four divisions are probably where the real educational growth and excitement took place. The super kids and teen corner was a really lively, busy place, and we hope that those youth who brought exhibits will become regular fair exhibitors as they get older, too. Everyone feels grateful to the adults who assisted the kids.

All of the many 4-H departments and divisions and all of the youth and adults who worked with those displays and demonstrations are surely to be congratulated on the fine work evidenced. Each year much good is expected and is realized from the 4-H program here in Morrow County.

Although the Fair and Rodeo are somewhat separate affairs—they are very cooperative ventures. The Rodeo Committee members do careful planning and managing. They have the joy and excitement of working with delightful Queen Lottie and her princesses Dawn and Sylvia and their excellent pennant bearers. These rodeo persons work all year and really promote Morrow County effectively. The court has been making many summertime appearances and will not finish their promoting until the Pendleton Round-Up. The Queen's Luncheon this Saturday is one of their top events when they will be hostesses for all the court members from out of town along with past years' courts from county rodeos. This year the luncheon planners expect to have about 150 persons attend the noon event in the Elks Lodge.

Paul Hisler, Sr., a county native and outstanding citizen, is the Grand Marshal for Saturday's Rodeo Parade. He follows a long-line of distinguished marshalls. Has their ever been a lady marshal? I remember Frank Turner and Emma Hager sharing the honor some years back. Someone let me hear if we ever had a female grand marshal.

Dear Elsa Leathers, Hermiston, let me hear that I had misplaced Bull Prairie Lake awhile back. I mistakenly put that beauty spot in Wheeler County where the highway entry to the lake begins. Elsie corrected my error. The lake itself belongs to Grant County... you just drive through a sliver of Wheeler County to get to it. Thanks for setting me straight, Elsie.

Here's hoping everyone enjoys the Labor Day Holiday and somehow is all rested by Tuesday, Sept. 6, when school and fall activities start off full speed ahead.

OSU specialist gives view of wheat program

The 1984 wheat program got an unenthusiastic send off from Congress and is getting a reception to match from many wheat growers.

"The current feeling among many is that we got a farm program for wheat by default," said Jim Cornelius, Oregon State University Extension marketing specialist. "Congress had the choice of acting on the issue of whether to freeze the wheat target price at \$4.30 per bushel or let it automatically escalate to \$4.45 per bushel."

"Congress didn't act on this issue, the higher target price went into effect and as a result, Secretary of Agriculture John Block announced a 1984 wheat program that is decidedly more conservative than that of last year," Cornelius explained.

The P.I.K. program is just one part of the overall wheat

program and one example of the conservative trend is a change in the P.I.K. acreage reduction option, the specialist said.

"In the 1983 P.I.K. program a farmer could have taken his or her whole farm out of production under P.I.K. provisions," he noted. "In 1984 that option won't be available under any circumstances as currently proposed."

From the grower's point of view, the new wheat program offers so little incentive to participate that sign-up may be much lower this year than last, Cornelius said.

"There are indications that in perhaps several instances, growers would be better off staying out of the program and planting as much acreage as they can," said Cornelius. "Of course they would forfeit target price protection in this case but their increased pro-

duction might come very close to making up the difference."

This raises the question of whether the 1984 program will be able to accomplish its goal of reducing wheat production. According to Cornelius, several national wheat grower organizations have come out opposed to the new wheat program, saying that it will not meet the needs of wheat growers.

"It's difficult to focus in on a particular segment of a program and say, 'Here's what's wrong with it,'" said Cornelius. "The problem is that the overall program doesn't satisfy all wheat producers, but personally, I doubt that any program could."

Cornelius added that the basic reason for the conservatism in the 1984 wheat program is the administration's overall push for austerity in government programs.

"What we're seeing is the Federal Office of Management and Budget's concern that these programs are getting too costly and the U.S.D.A. has translated that concern down into the 1984 wheat program," Cornelius said.

D.M.V. office announces closures

From August 29 through September 5, the Heppner Department of Motor Vehicles office will close for a managers' conference and Labor Day holiday, announced Gene Murty, manager of the Heppner office.

"Every two years, the managers of all Oregon D.M.V. offices get together with our support people in Salem and work out problems we've had, smooth out poten-

Soroptimists to hold afghan drawing as benefit

Members of the Heppner Soroptimist Club are selling tickets for an afghan drawing as a benefit for E.V. Blevins. Mrs. Blevins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty of Heppner, had one leg amputated

earlier this year as a result of diabetes. She has no medical insurance. Her husband, Terry, died of cancer last November. She has two college-aged children and lives in Ukiah.

The afghan, made and donated by Nina Denton of Heppner, is on display at LeBush Shoppe in Heppner.

Tickets are available at three for one dollar from any Soroptimist Club member, or contact Gail Burkenbine, 676-9690, or Mary Goheen, 676-5212.

The drawing will be held during the Moonlight Sale in October. The date will be announced later.

The local Soroptimists have also set up a savings account in Mrs. Blevins' name at Western Heritage Savings and Loan Assoc. in Heppner.



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