



THE "TOP BANANA" in Northwest Rodeo Association team roping events during the year was Sammy Miller, right, Chiloquin, shown accepting his trophy saddle and buckle during a NRA conference at The Dalles recently from Janet Beamer, Haines, NRA 1960 queen, and Arvine Porter, Pilot Rock, center, NRA president. — Photo by George Lindsay, The Dalles

Chiloquin Man Is Champion Roper

CHILOQUIN—Sammy Miller of Chiloquin is champion team roper among Northwest Rodeo Association cowboys in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Northern California.

He was rewarded in The Dalles recently for that distinction during the annual NRA convention.

Miller received a flashy trophy saddle donated by Severe Brothers of Pendleton and a trophy buckle from Diablo of California.

He earned the gear by compiling more points than any other team roper in the area. He said he competed in about 15 NRA-sanctioned shows during the year using a combination of three partners.

Miller has been a member of the NRA Board of Directors for the past four years. During the convention Dec. 3 and 4, he and other delegates discussed rules changes and approved at least 40 rodeos in the Northwest, says Miller.

Miller was born in this area. He attended Klamath Union High School and was graduated from Chiloquin High School.

He coached a Chiloquin High School basketball team in 1947 that was district champion and entered the state tournament.

Board Candidates Named

LAKEVIEW—A list of Board of Director candidates of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce was released by the Nominating Committee at a regular meeting held Monday.

The nominations were made as follows:

Port Rock and Silver Lake (vote for one)—A. G. Baert, A. E. Albertson and Jewell Corum; Summer Lake (for one)—Delbert Hand; Paisley (for one)—Louis Withers and Van Withers; Adel (one)—Charles Crump and Glenn Tingley; Plush (one)—Con Taylor and Phil Lynch; East Side (one)—Will Vernon and Bill Kelo.

West Side (one)—Ralph Renner and Tom Crawford; Thomas Creek (one)—Erwin Abramson and C. W. Ogle; Valley Falls (six)—Charles Drinkwater, Buck Moser, Chet Clark, Thomas Elliott, Bob Ufey, Thomas Flynn, Jim Lampkins, Bruce Follett, Ed Casto, Hank Barnes, Pinky Ackerman, Everett Osterman, R. L. Weir Jr., and Ray Engberg.

(one)—Donald Sims; lumber industry (vote for two)—John McDonald, Choc Shelton and R. L. McLane; business and commerce (vote for two)—Lloyd Baker, Jack Parrish, Howard Gilbert and Mickey Goodnough; agriculture (vote for one)—Con Flynn and Don Hotchkiss; professions (for one)—Robert Nichols and Dr. Vic Hill; public service (for one)—Bill Castle and Don Maxwell.

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Gas Tax Increase Suggested

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Coast Association feels not enough money is being spent to improve the Oregon Coast Highway and wants to increase the state gas tax by one cent if Congress does not continue the temporary federal gas tax increase.

The Oregon Highway Commission was told today by Vernon Ayers, manager of the association.

The coast highway is the third most traveled road in the state, but only \$20 million has been spent on it in the past five years, he said.

The coast highway in Tillamook County is a bottleneck that discourages both north and south-bound motorists, Ayers said.

Ayers also proposed a bond issue for all neglected roads in the state.

Ayers put in a plug for a bridge across the Columbia River at Astoria, saying the ferry system is obsolete. Lack of the bridge is costing the tourist industry millions of dollars, he said.

An Albany delegation was told by Williams the commission has no plans for a second bridge across the Willamette at Albany. Williams said 8,000 cars a day use the bridge, but that the volume would have to rise to 13,000 cars before a second bridge would be built.

David H. Greenberg, a Portland attorney, again asked a ban on motor vehicle traffic on the beach south of Cannon Beach. He represents a group of Portlanders who own property there.

Kenneth Fridley, a highway commissioner, told Greenberg the commission also is faced with petitions from permanent residents of the area that the vehicles be allowed to remain. Fridley said an investigation would be made.

Williams proposed a 15-mile per hour speed limit on the beach. Greenberg said this would not solve the problem.

Education Board Rejects Request To Stop Mergers

SALEM (AP) — The Board of Education Tuesday rejected a request it stop all moves toward school district reorganization until the Legislature acts on proposed changes in the reorganization law.

The request came from M. C. Deller, superintendent of Roseburg schools. The board said it is up to local reorganization committees to decide whether to proceed.

The board voted to proceed to trial with the suit contesting its action in approving the proposed southwest Oregon area education district. Such districts have sponsorship of junior college as their purpose. The suit challenges the boundaries of the proposed district.

The board began a discussion of whether elementary teachers should be required to have five years of college training, instead of four.

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