New Structures Ready Fairgrounds For Future

The Klamath County Fairgrounds, home of two rodeos and numerous other events, has been an area landmark since the 1920s.

Construction of a small grandstand and an exhibit building in the early '20s provided the modest beginning for the fairgrounds. The area is replete today with facilities to accommodate a wide range of activities from bull sales to garden clubs.

The fairgrounds is administered by the County Fair Board, which makes recommendations to the county court. Chairman of the board is Bryant Williams, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Klamath Falls. Other board members are Scott Warren, Al Hattan, Mervin Wilde of Malin and Lou Hill of Merrill.

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Five buildings or general areas dominate the grounds. The largest area is enclosed by the grandstand and rodeo arena. The arena is the setting for two rodeos each July — the famous Klamath Basin Roundup and the Junior Rodeo. The Shrine Circus generally plays a two or three-day run later in the summer. Auto racing was tried on the track but found to be too hazardous.

The exhibit building, which fronts on South Sixth Street near the intersection of Altamont Drive, is a versatile structure. It is the setting for the Klamath Dog Fanciers' annual Dog Show, the Home Show and the Boy Scout Jamboree. There are meeting rooms available in the building which are utilized by clubs.

The horse barns are rented to 40 local livestock owners who don't have a place to keep their animals. The barns are rented at the nominal cost of $3 a month. Although the fairgrounds is not a revenue producing activity, payments such as these assist it to break even.

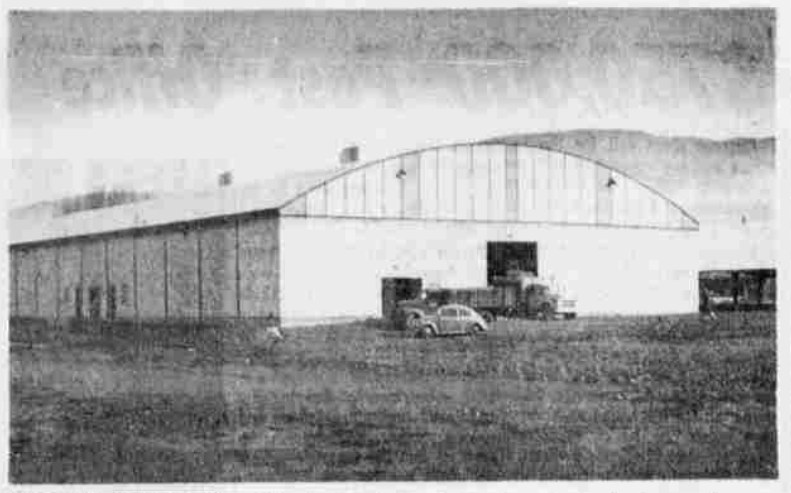
Two relatively new buildings are receiving their share of use. These are the sales arena, built in 1956, and the recently completed livestock barn. The sales arena is a completely enclosed cement block building. The annual 4-H Livestock Show and a yearly Angus Bull Sale are held in the arena. This year the Range Ready Bull Sale is making its debut. Local cattlemen felt that such a sale was needed in this area as the nearest similar event is held in Red Bluff.

The new livestock barn was completed in the fall of last year. It is of all-steel construction and has removable wooden side panels. It provides 10,800 square feet of floor space and was built at a cost of $32,000. Future plans call for a 100-foot extension of the barn.

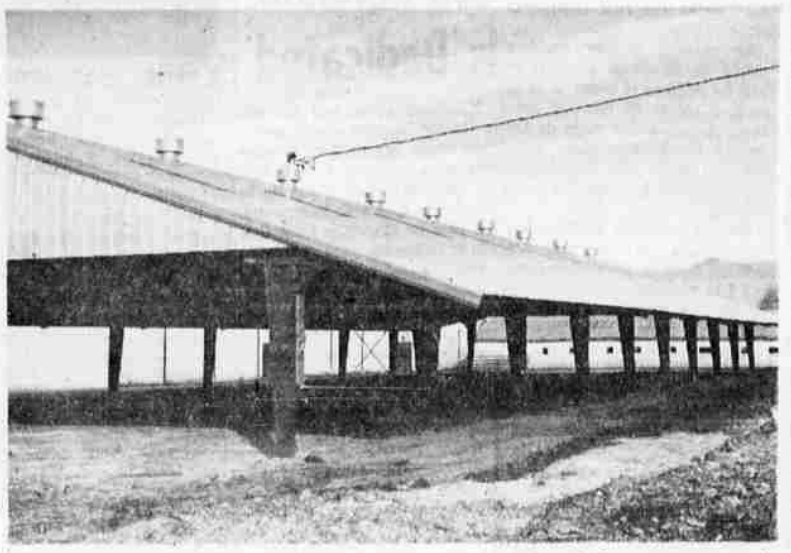
Another new feature on the fairgrounds is a 16-faucet animal wash rack, which has been in demand. Also under construction are two Little League baseball diamonds being built in the northeast corner of the grounds.

The fairgrounds is operated on a yearly budget of about $22,000. More than half of this amount comes to the county through a share of receipts from the Oregon Racing Commission. Considering rentals and other revenue activities, the fairgrounds is operated at a small expense to the taxpayer.

Board Chairman Williams and Manager Willhite are agreed that the fairgrounds is a public facility and should be administered accordingly.



THE SALES ARENA is the setting for two b[illegible] sales and a livestock show each year. An Angus Bull Sale is held in the building each March and this year marks the beginning of an annual Range Ready Bull Sale, to provide another bull market in addition to Red Bluff. The 4-H Club sponsors [illegible]'s show in the sales arena in the late summer. The building was completed in 1956.



A NEW LIVESTOCK BARN is a sign of progress at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. The barn was completed last fall at a cost of $32,000. It is of steel construction and is shown here with its portable wooden side panels removed. The structure is 60 feet wide and 180 feet long, but is due to be extended another 100 feet in the future. It will be used to house animals for exhibitions and sales.

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