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Certificate of Appreciation

*The Benton-Franklin Fair and all the members of the
Board of Directors wish to take this means of saying*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART

in making this the most successful fair we have had to date.

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BENTON — FRANKLIN

COUNTIES FAIR

Publicity SCRAPBOOK

OCTOBER 1, 1968

THRU

NOVEMBER 1, 1969

By Ruth Simmelink
Secretary

Benton-Franklin Fair Assoc.

THE FAIR BOARD



Back row — left to right: Joe Smith, Area Extension Agent; Board members: Bernie Chapman, Cliff Rasch, Dick Moore, Dr. W. D. Heaston, and Walter Grisham, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Will Gerlitz, Benton County Extension Agent.

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This year your Fair Board's major project has been to construct the new Market Stock Show-Sales Building. This has been accomplished by the joint monetary efforts of the sale participants, the State Dept. of Agriculture, Civic Organizations, and your Fair Board. This type of effort gives everyone a 'part' of our new building.

I take this opportunity to thank the Superintendent of the Fair. They are the people most responsible for the success of all the exhibit departments. The Fair Board recognizes the great part these people, the Benton-Franklin Counties Extension Service staffs and the Vocational Agriculture Instructors play in putting on this outstanding annual celebration.

Board members can be recognized by their distinctive blue hats and blue vest. Ask them for help if you need it, and hand them your suggestions in written form for consideration by the Board.

See you at the Fair in '69'.

R. M. 'Cork' Simmelink, President
Benton-Franklin Fair Association.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Jack Williams, Max W. Brown and James Rogers

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS STATE OF WASHINGTON FROM THE BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNTIES EXTENSION STAFF

Agriculture, including Home Economics and youth programs, has played a major role in making this a great country and has been equally important in Benton and Franklin Counties. As agriculture continues to grow in size and importance, the Benton-Franklin County Fair plays an important role in the expanding economy of the area.

The County Fair allows us to show others and ourselves what we have to offer and what we can produce by encouraging more people in production and processing of agricultural commodities.

We encourage 4-H, FFA members, and open class exhibitors to show their animals and handiwork with pride at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Our appreciation goes to the Fair Association, County Commissioners and the many other people who give their time and effort to make the fair a success. We plan to continue to do our part to help the fair grow as Benton and Franklin Counties grow.

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Tri-City Herald

Woman's World

Friday, March 21, 1969



Queen of the 1969 Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo is Debbie Kelly, second from right. Princesses are, from left, Margaret Surplus, Barbara Sharp and Joyce Moore.

Pasco Girl Named Bicounty Fair Queen

Debbie Kelly, Pasco has been chosen queen of the 1969 Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo.

Princesses are Margaret Surplus, Richland; Barbara Sharp, Eltopia, and Joyce

Moore, Connell. They were chosen by a five-man judging team of the Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association.

The foursome will reign over the Tri-Cities' fair and rodeo

festivities Aug. 17-24 and also will appear at community celebrations throughout the Northwest beginning with Spokane's Lilac Festival.

Association spokesmen report

the group has just completed "its most successful quarter-horse racing season" and is planning new construction at Tumbleweed Track to be partially completed by the August rodeo.

TRI-CITY HERALD, PASCO, KENNEWICK RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

Simmelink To Head Fair Board

R.M. (Cerk) Simmelink 2106 W. Grand Ronde Ave., Kennewick, was elected president of the Franklin-Benton County Fair board.

A recent man of the year, the Kennewick pharmacist has been a fair board member two years.

The board re-elected Harry (Bud) Oswalt, Finely Road, Kennewick, first vice president, and Kent Herron, Connell, second vice president.

Ruth Simmelink, 2102 W. Grand Ronde Ave., Kennewick, was appointed secretary and Jack Smith, 905 W. 23rd Place, treasurer.

Simmelink succeeds M.P. (Slim) Meverden who served five years as president.

The board planned a campaign in support of a ballot proposal Nov. 5 for issuing \$300,000 in bonds to erect an all-purpose building at the fairgrounds. The 150-by-250-foot building would accommodate an estimated audience of 3,000 people.

It also could be used for boat, auto and home shows. Adequate parking space also is available, said Meverden.

Thursday, October 10, 1968

New Fair Building Could Be Fun Headquarters

An all-purpose building designed for showmanship and sports of all kinds could become the fun headquarters for both counties, believes Gary Johanson, designer at Hughes Construction Co., Pasco.

Horse shows and competition, cattle shows and sales, calf roping in the winter time, square dance festivals, farm implement shows and auctions, trade shows, movie stars and singers, ice skating and even a massive town or school meeting with 5,000 people could be accommodated in the new building.

FACILITY

Johanson, who designed a similar facility for the Benton-Franklin County Roundup, said there beyond any doubts, despite a lack of money to build it, the solution is a blacktop sealed with a layer of gravel that prevents the ground from absorbing rain water and thus eventually building up a three-inch layer of dirt over the asphalt.

At one end is located a way wide enough tractor to hook on to all the bleacher sections.

"Design is the vision of Johanson. At the point of view, the building is now simply a place all the time.

A Pendleton bull sales, for instance,

construction of fences. Caps cover imbedded holes in which steel posts are inserted.

FLOOR

"It's also possible to build the floor so a sheet of ice for skating can be a part of the entertainment complex," stated Johanson. From the Fair board's point of view, he pointed out, it's necessary to have a year-round manager to make the fair pay and grow.

A multi-purpose entertainment building, call it amphitheatre, hippodrome or coliseum, could provide the revenues to warrant the hiring of a manager.

No size has been determined though Johanson suggests 160 by 280 feet, of pre-fab pleated steel. Any other type construction would be too costly, he believes.

The low profile building would

have eaves 24 feet high. A clear span of 120 feet would be provided by use of modern beams. A 40-foot lean-to section along one side would handle seating at one side of the auditorium, rest rooms, lunch and concession stands and the building's mechanical services.

DESIGNER

"The building should be completely insulated," advises the designer.

The Benton-Franklin County Fair Board has placed on Nov. 5 ballot a \$300,000 bond issue to erect the building.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEASE COUNTY BUILDING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Benton County having received an application from BUD W. MACKERON and G. A. "JACK" O'CONNOR to lease a building, more particularly described as follows:

Building No. 1 - the northern most steel building on the fair grounds, approximately 200 yards west of the main gate of the fair grounds located on the Benton County Fair Grounds in Benton County, Washington, for a period of 10 years, said property to be used for a commercial purpose, and the Board having determined that the leasing of said building for the commercial purpose therein stated is desirable. Hearing on said application will be held at the Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, Washington, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. May 22, 1969, on said application at which time or adjourned time or time within thirty days thereof, the Board will (1) Receive objections in writing to said application or to the leasing of said building (2) To consider sealed bids of rental proposals of said building from the applicant and any other interested parties. And at said time and place to approve or disapprove said lease to accept the highest responsible bidder if release is accepted, and reserving the right to reject any and all bids. The sealed bids must be delivered to the Benton County Auditor, Courthouse, Prosser, by 11:00 A.M. May 22, 1969.

DATED this 24 day of April, 1969.

WES P. BROWN

Chairman of the Board

W. K. MACCREADY

Member

HARRY A. KRAMER

Member

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Washington

ATTEST:

VERNER MILLER

County Auditor and Ex-officio

Clerk of the Board

By: DUANE E. LANDIN, Dep.

Published in Benton County Times May 1st 8th and 15th, 1969

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEASE COUNTY LANDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Benton County have received an application from the Tri-City Racing & Rodeo Association, Inc., to lease the following-described real property of Benton County: The east half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 30 East, W.M. AND That portion of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter in said Section 8, lying southeasterly of the following-described line: Beginning at a point on the east line of said subdivision, said point being 940.5 feet north of the southeast corner of said subdivision; thence south 45°00' west to a point on the north line of that certain lease to Benton County Mounted Posse recorded under Auditor's File No. 528783, and the terminus of said described line in Benton County, Washington.

for a period of thirty-five (35) years, said property to be used for commercial purposes, and the Board having determined that the leasing of said real property for commercial purposes is desirable, a hearing on said application will be held at the Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, Washington, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on May 22, 1969, on said application, at which time or at adjourned time or time within thirty (30) days thereof the Board will: 1. Receive objections in writing to said application or to the leasing of said lands 2. To consider sealed bids of rental proposals of said lands from the applicant and any other interested parties and at said time and place to approve or disapprove said lease, and, if approved, to accept the highest responsible bid for same, and reserving the right to reject any and all bids. The sealed bids must be delivered to the Benton County Auditor, Courthouse, Prosser, Washington, by 11:00 A.M. May 22, 1969.

DATED this 24th day of April, 1969.

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Fairgrounds Building Would Seat 3,000 Persons

Construction of a multipurpose, arena-type pavilion at the fairgrounds would give the community a building with space the size of seven basketball courts, according to P. (Slim) Meverden, former Benton-Franklin fair board president.

"That's a lot of unobstructed space, something we really need," he said. "Right now, we don't have anything near that size in the entire community," said Meverden.

It's a shame we don't have a place in the Tri-Cities with space large enough for conventions, trade fairs, public exhibits, large youth events, fairs, auto shows, home shows and indoor horse shows. About the biggest we have is a high school gymnasium which are not available for any types of community events," he explained.

A \$300,000 bond issue is on the ballot, Tuesday to build an exhibition building at the fairgrounds.

The 20-year bond issue would be the owner of a \$15,000 a year. It will be possible to have a lot of bleachers on both sides of the arena-type events and portable seating on the entire floor of the auditorium style presentation, said Meverden. It is estimated the building could seat from 3,000 to 5,000 people. The community has lost out on countless meetings, events

and conventions because we just don't have a place to put them," said Meverden. "This is lost money to the community since most of these would have involved outside people coming to the Tri-Cities," he said.

"A floor covering would be used for events involving horses, livestock and heavy machinery," Meverden said.

"During the Benton-Franklin

fair, we have no place to put on large spectator events under cover which are an important part of today's fairs. "The nice part of the building is it would be so flexible and serve so many uses," said Meverden. "We can use it as an auditorium and then clear out the portable seats and have unobstructed floor space for exhibits and large dances," said Meverden.

Thursday, October 31, 1968

Monday, March 24, 1969

Show Ring Planned For Fair

A new 80-by-50-foot \$12,000 show ring building is planned for the Benton - Franklin fairgrounds, according to an announcement by R. M. (Cork) Simmelink, fair board president.

The building will be used as a show ring for judging and also as a sale ring for the annual market stock sale. Approximately \$8,000 already has been donated by business firms and individuals towards the building. The fair board will make up the difference.

The building will be ready for this year's fair.

'Fair Building To Pay For Itself'

"This one's going to pay for itself," said retiring fair board president M.P. (Slim) Meverden of a building proposed at the fair grounds.

He said it will be designed to rent every month of the year, and as a public service enterprise will enlarge fair business enough to permit hiring a year-round fair manager.

BUSINESS "Fair business has become big-time entertainment business," Meverden said.

Meverden Appointed To State Association

M.P. (Slim) Meverden has been appointed a member of the board of directors of the State Fairs Association.

"It may turn out to be the shortest term yet served," Meverden laughed. The appointment is for the three days of next month's State Fairs Association convention, Nov. 13-15, at Olympia.

Election to fill the vacancy will be held during the convention.

Meverden explained the state organization of county and local fair officials works closely with a branch of the State Department of Agriculture which administers state profits in pari-

mutuel racing to build and subsidize fairs.

"Five thousand dollars of our new \$30,000 office building came from these state funds," he noted.

The building proposed on the Nov. 5 ballot with a \$300,000 bond issue would permit the fair to book famous-name shows and seat a large audience under roof, twice daily during the fair.

"This is the modern way of getting crowds," Meverden related. "That's the way we proposed to continue to serve the youth of the community, by making the fair pay and thus keeping it alive."

Key for the Community service plan lies in the adjacent large parking space. Hosting of conventions here could be expanded with the convenience of parking near a large auditorium, something other smaller assembly places here lack, Meverden pointed out.

A part of the \$300,000, if approved, would be used for

"highly improving the parking lot," he explained, saying the lot need not be paved to be serviceable.

A part of the bond issue revenue would be used to draw detailed plans of the proposed building.

UNLAWFUL "It would be unlawful to use any fair board money to prepare plans for a building the taxpayers hadn't yet approved," Meverden said.

He told of an \$80,000 building the fair board at Pendleton built on the same theory of renting it the year around for meetings, home and auto shows, as well as conventions, adding that the plan is proving successful.

Friends of the Benton-Franklin Fair have put up \$1,000 to advertise and promote the fair building proposal, Meverden said.

TRI-CI

Rodeo Pullout Threatened



JACK BRIGGS
Herald City Editor

The fire which burned down the grandstands at the bicounty fairgrounds in Kennewick in May did more than destroy a splinter-impaling structure which was somewhat of an eyesore in any case.

It also set afire tempers which has some Posse members out sharpening knives for the Benton-Franklin County Fair Board, and some Fair Board members wondering if they really need this Posse group.

As a result, unless some meeting of the minds is accomplished before Oct. 21 it's probable the Posse will vacate the fairgrounds, build a track and rodeo grounds elsewhere, and run the rodeo separate from the fair.

Causing a split which could hurt both events is the inability of the Posse and the Fair Board to get together over a contract for use of the Fair Association owned land on which the Posse, its rodeo ground and the horse-racing track and barns are located.

Ed Wilkerson, captain of the Posse, said the Posse must have permanent bleachers by the first horse racing meet of the year in March. To meet the deadline it must start work right away, for it plans to use voluntary labor. It has a bank which has said it would loan \$24,000 for construction of the first phase of a concrete-seat, sun-shade-roof grandstand.

But it won't loan the money for the Posse to build a facility on Fair Association land when the Posse has no firm contract with the association.

Agreement Killed

For some years tension has been growing between the Posse and the Fair Board.

The Posse has been unable to understand sometimes the problems of the Fair Board trying to administer a state-supported show part on county land and part on their own land leased to a private group.

Two years ago long-time Fair Board president F. P. (Slim) Meverden quoted a state law to stop the arrangement of the Posse and the Fair Board sharing the net gate receipts 50-50.

There were ways around it, but the fact was that Meverden didn't feel a 50-50 split was equitable any more. At one time the Fair had to rely upon the rodeo "to get people out there to see the backside of a steer," said Meverden. However, the Fair grew. Specialty acts were added. Singing stars were brought in. Gate receipts soared from \$6,000 to today's \$18,000.

The rodeo didn't grow.

Four years ago the Posse went into horse racing. Meverden felt that money coming to the Posse because of its free use of Fair Association land was being funneled into horse racing instead of back into the rodeo. And he didn't like it.

Along came the May fire which destroyed the Posse grandstand. The Posse wanted the Fair Board to build them a grandstand. The board said it couldn't, legally. Instead it erected a \$20,000 office building, which rubbed salt into the Posse's wound.

Sunday, October 13, 1968

Pullout Deadline

Wilkerson says since May he's been trying to get the Fair Board to discuss a long-term contract on the grounds and thus enable the Posse to get private financing for a grandstand.

Only last month did the Fair Board ask Kennewick Mayor Glenn Felton to appoint a committee to draft a contract.

Felton is out of town. Wilkerson understands the committee's recommendation won't be ready for at least a month. He can't wait that long, he claims.

His Posse has passed a resolution, Wilkerson said, that if the Fair Board has nothing by the Posse's Oct. 21 meeting then they will go ahead and pull out from the fairgrounds and build their own rodeo grounds and racetrack somewhere else.

Wilkerson, and Posse secretary Frank Girtson say the Posse already has sites in mind and has significant promises of help, on condition they do move, from people dissatisfied with the Fair Board's attitude.

Such a decision would really spark a scrap.

The Posse thinks the improvements it placed on fair association land could be moved.

Meverden doesn't agree.

Meverden feels it would be possible, should the Posse pull out, to get another group to run the rodeo.

Girtson says the Posse has checked with the Rodeo Cowboys Association. As the Posse has run a rodeo for so many years in the Tri-Cities it, not the Fair Board, would have the RCA-approved rodeo in case of a split.

Horse Racing A Drain?

The Posse hasn't been doing bad, financially. Until it went into horse racing it had a bank balance of \$4,000-\$5,000.

The bank balance and more besides went into building a racetrack, racing facilities and horse barns.

Meverden says the Fair Board's concern was that, at the expense of rodeo, effort and money were going into horse racing on which Meverden thought "the Posse is losing its tail."

Effort and money have gone into horse racing. Tri-Citians have benefited by having another sports attraction.

But the races are not being subsidized by the Fair or the rodeo. In fact they're a better paying proposition than either.

This year's receipts are indicative of the Posse's income for the past couple of years, according to Girtson.

They made \$1,500 off the rodeo, \$1,800 off the thrill show, \$1,000 off the beer booth.

And \$1,900 off the six days of horse racing and \$2,000 from corral rental.

Harmful Splintering

With the Fair Board expanding the Fair and hoping voters will approve a \$300,000 multipurpose building, there is an opportunity to make the fairgrounds a center of activity.

To permit a splintering of activity and facilities would seem to be exactly what the Fair Board doesn't need.

Meverden is rightly concerned by the fact the rodeo has stood still. It has. And probably because of a malady which even affects the Fair. There's no one in charge who knows how to go about attracting the public.

It would seem there is a desperate need for communication between the Posse and the Fair Board.

Possibly the Posse's Oct. 21 pullout deadline could be waived, or extended, were the Posse sure that the Fair Board in good faith was trying to come up with an equitable agreement responsive to the time urgency of the matter.

The Fair Board has a new president in R. M. (Corky) Simmelink.

It might be a start for him and Wilkerson to meet.

Sunday, November 3, 1968

Fair Building Faces No Organized Opposition

Shall Benton County bond itself for \$300,000 to build an exhibition building at the fairgrounds, and furnish it?"

This, in brief, is one of 17 ballot measures on top the county-wide piece of paper that voters Tuesday.

Backers of the issue, the Benton County Fair Board, see the proposal as an investment that will pay for itself, and provide mass convention and display space nowhere else

available in the Tri-Cities area. No organized opposition to the proposal has developed, but inquiry among interested people has uncovered the question:

"Can the fair board ask a bond sum based only on a sheaf of ideas, without any drawings and plans on paper as to what the money will be used to build?"

The fair board itself has stated it is not legally empowered to spend for architect's fees in its current

budget. Taking fair board money to employ a firm of engineers to draw plans would violate the law, unless budgeted.

County Prosecutor Herb Davis said such a proposal must be based on such study and facts as are available. The precise nature of the building proposed cannot be determined until a set of plans has been drawn and contractors submit bids.

BALLOT

The ballot wording reads, in

part: "... said bonds to be issued for capital purposes only, to bear a rate, or rates, of interest of not in excess of six per cent per annum, and to run for a period of 20 years from date of issue."

Such is the safeguard against the board's using proceeds of the bond issue in ways other than the erection and equipping of an exhibition building.

Davis said the 6 per cent figure is included because it is required by law, issues not

exceed that. If all the bids exceeded 6 per cent, the bonds could not be sold.

He added he has not heard of any issues of this type going down in this manner. Municipal bonds are sold in a market in which rates, including those obtained for federal debentures, are rising.

ESTIMATION

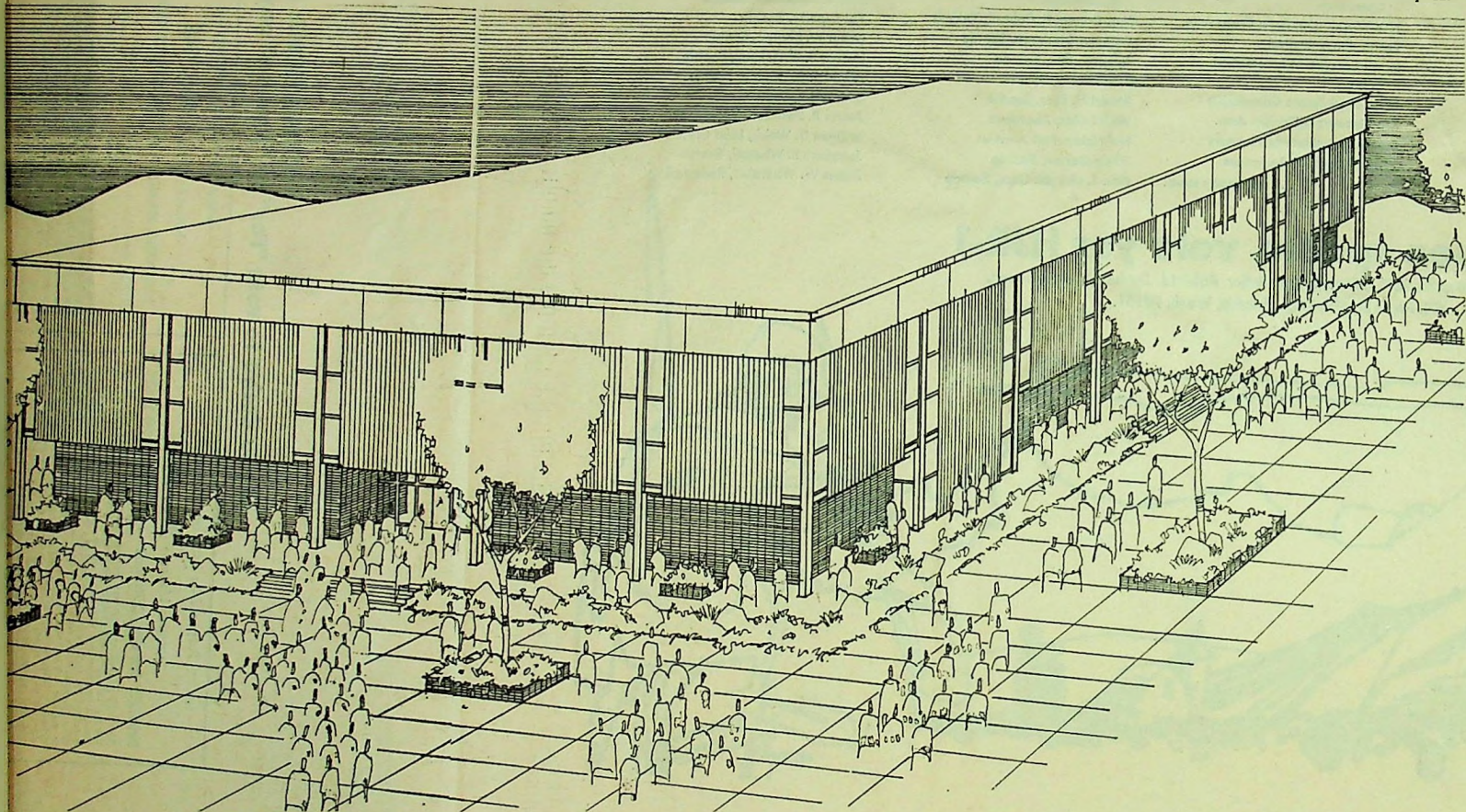
It has been estimated the owner of a Benton County home costing \$15,000 could expect to pay \$2 a year for 20 years

to retire the bonds.

The \$2-a-year figure is based on a constant tax base for 20 years just under \$84 million, the current assessed value of taxable property in Benton County.

Backers believe by the time the bond issue is half retired the value of taxable property will have doubled. If so, the \$2-a-year cost will be trimmed by that time to \$1 a year.

The issue must obtain a 60 per cent favorable vote to pass.



This is an artist's concept of the proposed Benton-Franklin County Fair arena-exhibition building. Its dimensions would be 150 by 240

feet, enough floor space for 7-8 basketball courts. The building would be located just outside the fenced fairgrounds along the north side. A bond

issue to raise the \$300,000 appears on Tuesday's ballot in Benton County.

Low Cost Claimed For Fair Building

The proposed \$300,000 arena-exhibition building for the Benton-Franklin County fairgrounds will cost the average Benton county taxpayer family about \$2 a year, according to figures released by F. P. (Slim) Mevenden, chairman of the building promotion committee.

"Although it is impossible to predict the exact amount of income, such a building also would be a revenue producer for Benton County from rent charged for its use," said Mevenden.

Benton County commissioners have placed the bond issue on the Nov. 5 general election ballot.

"The estimates are those put out by the Benton County assessor's office in answer to our question about the cost to the taxpayers of the building," said Mevenden.

"The \$2 a year a family is based on the owner of a \$15,000 home or piece of property in Benton County," he said.

Bonds to build the building will be retired over a 20 year period and the assessor estimates less than one mill (.64 actual) a year will be needed to retire the bonds, according to Mevenden.

Benton County voters are being asked to approve construction of a 150x240 foot structure at the fairgrounds in Kennewick for use as an arena-exhibition building.

The multi-purpose building could be utilized for such things as large meetings, conventions, trade fairs, youth events, dances, exhibits, auto shows, horse shows and home shows.

Because of its availability for

Sunday, October 27, 1968

Sunday, October 20, 1968

Posse Meeting Cancelled

The Benton-Franklin County Fair Board and the Benton County Mounted Posse almost got together Thursday to see what could be done over their deadlock on a contract to operate the rodeo and horse-racing grounds.

Then Fair President R. M. (Corky) Simmelink cancelled the meeting. He wanted to give Kennewick Mayor Glenn Felton and his committee of Fair Association stockholders a chance to come up with a solution.

Felton won't be back in town until tomorrow — the date of the Posse meeting at which there's a chance the Posse will abandon the fairgrounds as a rodeo and racing site.

While the Posse's patience might be reaching the end of the line, it's to be hoped no precipitous action is taken prior to consultation with Felton.

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Wednesday, November 6, 1968

Benton Voters Reject Proposed Fair Building

Benton County voters turned down a \$300,000 exhibition building for the fair by a 3-2 ratio yesterday.

Tallied at 8 a.m., with only two precincts not in, the vote was 8,994 yes, 14,197 no. Community areas showed these votes for and against: Prosser 669-1,727; Richland, 4,144-6,556;

Ratio of yes votes rose slightly the closer to the fairgrounds a voter lived, apparently.

POSITION

R. M. (Cork) Simmelink, fair board president, said "We'll reassess our position and decide if we want to try again, perhaps in two years when there is another bond issue."

"I was sure Prosser would turn it down," said F. M. (Slim) Mevenden, immediate past president of the Benton-Franklin Fair Board. On the total situation, he said:

"Evidently they didn't want

it. The only thing we could do was try. We never would have known if we hadn't."

In more reflective mood, the long-time fair booster remarked

"we could possibly take a left-handed compliment. It might mean they're satisfied with the fair the way it is."

CAMPAIGN

Mevenden, who directed publicity efforts in behalf of the facility, praised the campaign, saying the proposal got wider discussion than he could have hoped for.

"We pointed out everything it could be used for in the campaign. But in lots of respects, it was a long shot.

"I'm disappointed, to tell the truth, because we did want the building."

Simmelink noted that across the state local measures with a money tag had been turned down. He said there seemed to be little interest in the proposal and perhaps by next time the fair board itself will have a better idea of what it needs.

"Personally I think \$300,000 is not enough to do what should be done," concluded Simmelink.

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Friday, November 1, 1968

Badly Needed Building

Few special issues on the Nov. 5 election ballot promise greater benefits to Tri-Citians than the proposed exhibition building at the fairgrounds.

Cost of the building, only \$300,000, seems small compared with the possible benefits.

Our three cities and two counties don't have a suitable place for horse shows, livestock sales, trade fairs, large public meetings, home shows, big-name-band dances, traveling shows like the Ice Follies, and so forth.

The list of possible uses for such a building can be almost endless.

Similar buildings in other

communities are in constant use, winter, summer, spring and fall, by city folk and country folk alike — and by their youngsters.

The \$300,000 cost will be financed over 20 years. The assessment for it figures out, says the assessor, to .64 of a mill.

A mill is a tenth of a cent.

The tax for the arena building then would be about equal to a puff of smoke from one cigarette and the cost to the average Benton County taxpayer the equivalent of perhaps a carton of cigarettes a year.

The benefits, both to individuals and to the community, will be infinitely greater.

Wednesday, October 16, 1968

Fair's Building Proposal Called '1-Shot Bond Issue'

Incoming Fair Board President R. M. (Cork) Simmelink sees the fair board's \$300,000 building proposal as a "one-shot bond issue."

Since the building, after completion, must be maintained, the fair board plans to rent it out for shows and conventions, Simmelink explained. The issue will be voted on Nov. 5.

One hundred per cent of the bond price would come from taxpayers in Benton County, he continued. Franklin County shares in the fair's support through annual budgets prorated on a population basis between the two counties. The building would be heated for winter use, and hopefully cooled for summertime, said Simmelink.

A proposal discussed by the fair board would include flooring that could be changed for different uses. Simmelink said

he fails to see justification for planning for ice skating since the freezing fixtures would be costly.

"The building will have to be justified as to its need, on every score," he added.

Present fair buildings include two big steel display buildings erected in the past five years, a big concessions stand with two sides and a roof, three wooden buildings used for commercial displays, 6-7 livestock display buildings, and three rest room facilities for summer use.

Added this year was a \$30,000 building with offices for a fair manager and secretary, clerical staff during the fairs, and space for storage of supplies and fair records.

Simmelink said the new building will be erected near the northeast part of the enclosed fair grounds, not within the fence, so it could

be used for functions other than fair without opening up the main grounds.

Asked about a covered livestock show ring for which the fair's livestock committee has collected about \$3,000, Simmelink said he assumed the new building would be in use for other purposes of the fair at the time the livestock sales and shows were being conducted.

The plan would not create duplicate facilities.

Race Track To Be Enlarged At Fairgrounds

PROSSER — The race track near the Benton-Franklin County Fairgrounds will be enlarged and the large steel building on the fairgrounds used for a roller skating rink 11 months of the year.

Benton County commissioners yesterday decided to enter into lease agreements to make this possible when no objections were voiced at a public hearing here on the two applications.

Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association, Inc., had earlier applied to the commissioners for a 35-year lease of 20 acres of county land adjacent to the race track to extend the present track to five-eighths of a mile oval.

This will enable the association to race thoroughbred horses in addition to the present quarter horse races, according to Edwin Wilkerson, association president.

FACILITIES

The association also will enlarge the present barn facilities when needed; build rental stalls for pleasure horses; build parking space for cars, trucks and trailers and erect a permanent indoor arena facility which can be used by

all youth groups in the area, Wilkerson said.

The association will pay \$500 a year or one-tenth of one percent, whichever is greater, of the parimutuel handle of all horse races at the race track at Kennewick.

Bruce W. Mackebon and G. A. (Jack) O'Connor applied for a 10-year lease of Fair Building No. 1 to be converted into a roller skating rink 11 months of the year.

They proposed to pay approximately \$3,800 a year with \$605 a year in annual cash payments. The remaining \$3,195

is the building improvements with interest pro-rated on a 10 year basis.

Mackebon and O'Connor propose to close the skating center the Monday following the first weekend in August and open it the first weekend in September each year.

They propose about \$20,000 in improvements which will become Benton County property.

IMPROVEMENTS

Some of the improvements include permanent restroom facilities; insulated exterior walls; interior finish on exterior walls; permanent forced air

heating system; permanent refrigerated air conditioning system; new septic tank

system; new dry well system; three phase electrical system; installation of main entrance doors; installation of alarm system on exit doors to prevent persons from going onto fair grounds.

They plan to reroute perimeter of the fair ground fence to permit entrance to the skating center without going onto the fair grounds; install incandescent lights; music system; snack bar facilities; removable partitions and seats and portable storage areas.

Other improvements include a program board, exit lighting system and sign for the skating center.

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TRI-CITY SCENE

Racing Group Fears Block



by
JACK BRIGGS
Herald City Editor

Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association is keeping its fingers crossed.

The association never anticipated trouble being able to lease from the county for a nominal fee 20 acres of land near the fairgrounds in Kennewick.

It needs the land for a proposed \$500,000 improvement which will include a new, lighted, oval track for thoroughbred and harness racing, and a new grandstand. It will raise the money through sale of stock.

However, it now finds that things aren't that simple. First it must have the county commissioners decide that it is in the county's best interests to lease the land. Then there must be sealed bids submitted on the lease.

According to the county's prosecuting attorney, Herb Davis, the law demands that the commissioners either reject all bids, or accept the bid of the "highest responsible bidder."

In other words, if someone out of spite bid \$300 a year and planned merely to let the land sit idle, the commissioners would probably be bound to accept that bid over one, say, for \$1 a year from a group such as the racing association which plans to put \$500,000-worth of improvements on the land and provide needed entertainment for the public.

'Spite' Bidding

Would anyone place a "spite" bid?

Racing association members hope not. But they're worrying. The association is the result of the attempt to take the "cowboy" out of the former Mounted Posse, and put it on a more businesslike base.

Last year the Posse and the Fair Board tangled over a lease to the portion of the Fair Board land the posse was using for the rodeo.

It took some shrewd mediating by Kennewick Mayor Glenn Felton to prevent an irreparable split between the two groups. The Posse got its major demands.

One of the persons the Posse thought had his spur in them was F. P. (Slim) Meverden, immediate past Fair Board president. They fear he might still be out to block them.

Ed Wilkerson, racing association president, said a couple of years back Meverden confided that when he retired he might like the job of manager of the fairgrounds. He is now retired. Allowing the racing association to take over the land might fragment his "domain."

In fact, among racing association members a rumor is circulating that Meverden and someone else are planning a bid on the land.

"It's ridiculous," was Meverden's comment. "I wish they'd get it out of their minds I have anything against them. What would I do with 20 acres?"

Meverden said he was concerned about the racing association plans when it was thought that the land the association wanted was Fair Board land. "We said we'd give them the land in return for city land to the west, to prevent the fairgrounds being hemmed in with no place to expand."

"But now we find it's county land, and it's a problem for the county commissioners."

Fair Board President R. M. (Corkey) Simmelink said he has mixed feelings about the racing-association proposal. He would like to see a first-class racing facility at the fairgrounds, but as Fair president doesn't want to see the fairground boxed in.

However, he said he doesn't expect any opposition to the racing association lease from the Fair Board, and has heard of no one planning any counter bid on the property.

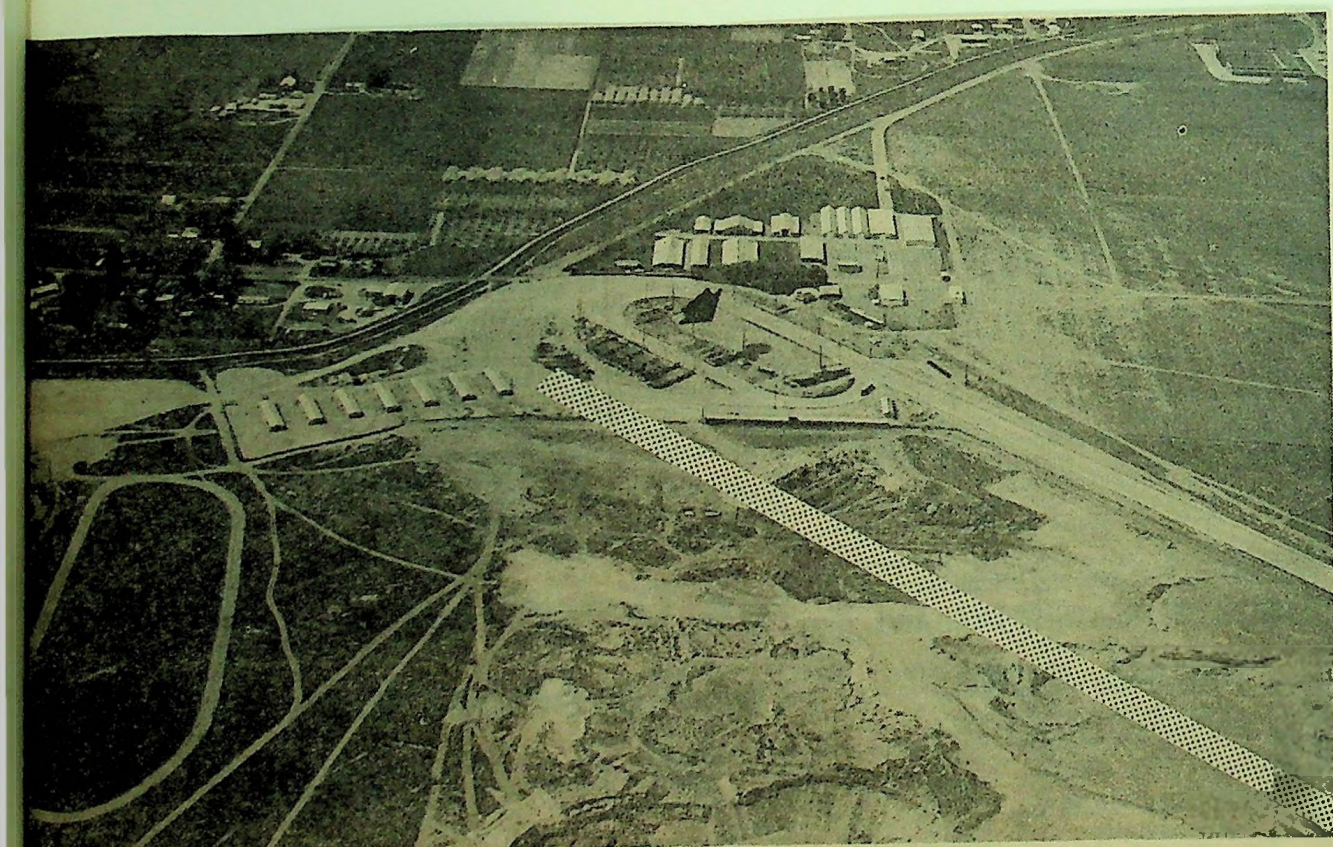
Should nuisance bidding develop, it could prove a major handicap, according to County Commissioner Wes Brown. The county has to award a lease to the "highest responsible bidder. And if you're going to say a man isn't responsible, then you'd better be able to defend it in court."

The racing association hopes that its fears are groundless. It has already started work on the grandstand. If it doesn't get the extra land some members say they'll pick up stakes and leave.

Others say they're committed to stay, but that any costly lease will mean less facilities for the public.

Both groups have their fingers crossed. And their microscopes ready to examine the motives of any counter bidders.

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New Track, Grandstand Set For Fairgrounds

Video facilities at the fairgrounds in Kennewick (arrow) are scheduled to be torn down and replaced for this year's rodeo. Grandstand, replacing the one which burned, is to be built and rodeo facilities moved about 40 feet nearer the stands. After the rodeo season, they will be moved away to allow a clear view of the race track. The black-dotted strip, right, indicates where the second half of the new five-eighths mile track

will go. The south turn (top) has been completed. Work is part of a contemplated \$500,000 improvement project by the Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association. The oval at the lower left is an exercise track cut in the sagebrush. The complex at upper right is Eastgate Elementary School. (Herald aerial photo by Ralph Smith)

Wednesday, April 30, 1969

Canter Club Eyes Site For Show

The Spring Canter Club Horse Show was reported so successful last weekend plans are being made to move it to the fair grounds in Kennewick next year.

Mrs. Lewis Cloninger, of the Canter Club, said this year's show "completely exhausted our facilities."

Horsemen rented four barns at the fair grounds to bed down horses last weekend for the show and shuttled the animals to the Canter Club arena at 19th Avenue and Washington Street for events.

Mrs. Cloninger said there were 287 horses in the show, an increase of 40 over the fall show. Many were from the Seattle area. Horses also were entered from Oregon and Idaho as well as from most areas of Washington.

An increase in spectators also was noted, but Mrs. Cloninger had no count. She said the club grounds were packed with vehicles and horse trailers and cars were parked along Washington as far back as Washington Elementary School.

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Sunday, August 10, 1969

Groups May Sell Tickets For Fair

Groups and organizations may check out season tickets for the fair for re-sale at Kennewick National Bank.

A 25-cent commission will be paid to groups on each ticket sold.

Season fair tickets are \$2 for adults; \$1 for children 12 years and under.

Fair and rodeo dates are Aug. 21-24 with the 4-H horse fair scheduled for Aug. 16-17.

Friday, August 8, 1969

Fair Aides Invited

All superintendents, assistant superintendents, their wives and husbands have been invited to a dessert meeting with the Benton-Franklin County Fair board at the fairgrounds at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

There will be a tour of the grounds and individual group meetings will be held.

The fair board will meet for a short session at 8:30 p.m.

Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo dates are Aug. 21-24, with the 4-H Horse Fair scheduled Aug. 16-17.

Sunday, August 10, 1969

Rodeo Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the Tumbleweed Rodeo and the Tournament of Thrills at the Benton-Franklin fair go on sale Tuesday at the Little Red Barn in downtown Kennewick. The booth will be located at First and Auburn streets.

Reserved seat prices for the rodeo and thrill show will be \$4, \$3.50 and \$3 in the new grandstand sections. General admission will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

Rodeo performances are slated for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and the Sunday finals at 2 p.m., August 22-24. The Mustang Auto Daredevils show will be at 8 p.m. August 21.

Sunday, August 3, 1969

Arts, Crafts Show Set For Fair

A fine arts and creative crafts show with both competitive and non-competitive divisions, will be held as part of the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

The show is open to persons over 18 years old. Clubs and organizations also may submit entries.

Ribbons for first, second and third place will be given for the top paintings, sculpture and hand-made pottery.

Competitive entries will be accepted at the Arts Building and non-competitive in the old office building at the fairgrounds between 1-8 p.m. Aug. 19.

Roy Peak, Kennewick, is show superintendent, and Pearl Pausell, Kennewick, assistant superintendent.

Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo dates are Aug. 21-24 with the 4-H horse fair scheduled Aug. 16-17.

Sunday, August 3, 1969

Idaho Posse Due At Fair

The Canyon County Sheriff's Posse from Canyon County, Idaho, will appear here during the Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Organized in 1947, the posse has appeared in exhibition drills at rodeos throughout the West including Reno, Las Vegas, Pendleton, Sacramento and Cheyenne.

Evening rodeo performances will be held Friday and Saturday with the finals at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22-24.

Sunday, August 3, 1969

2 Special Awards At Horse Fair

Two special awards will be made during the 4-H horse fair Aug. 16-17, part of the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

The B. R. Chapman trophy will go to the 4-H club winning the horse herdsman's event.

The Benton County Mounted Posse will award a champion's trophy in each of the 4-H junior and senior performance lots.

The horse fair is held a week prior to the main fair, Aug. 21-24, at the fairgrounds in Kennewick.

Tuesday, August 5, 1969

Fair Slates Weed Judging

A weed identification contest open to all 4-H and FFA members enrolled in agricultural projects will be held during the Benton-Franklin County Fair. Ray French is the superintendent in charge.

Entrants in the junior division will be asked to identify from 20 to 25 weeds and seniors will be asked to identify 30 or more. The senior division also will be scored on giving information on where the weed is found or grown and the methods of controlling it.

Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo dates are Aug. 21-24.

Friday, August 15, 1969

Don't Keep Your Exhibits At Home

By EDITH BERGMANN
Herald Special Writer

Have you ever wished you could enter your flowers in a show or fair, but weren't sure of the know-how?

One often thinks his or her flowers look good, but aren't show quality. That was my experience.

I didn't bother to exhibit but when I saw the winning display in several entries, I was challenged by a judge to bring some of my specimens.

The judge taught me to exhibit, and let the judges make decisions. She showed where my flowers were superior to prize winners, and taught me not to let an inferiority complex keep exhibits at home.

The Benton-Franklin County Fair is Aug. 21-24, and will be followed by other fairs.

The first necessity is to obtain a premium list or book which lists several classes and divisions.

Color harmonies are important. The decorative classification under Floriculture (open class) lists such headings: Snake Charmer — all green arrangement; Carousel of Colors — mass arrangement; Fire Water — patio arrangement; Ballerina — Oriental influence; Cotton Candy — all pink; Masquerade — dried material, black and white, and others using driftwood, abstract and humorous arrangements.

Methods of arranging flowers include horizontal, vertical, conventional, triangular, naturalistic and radial. Flower spectacles, frogs and flower holders must coincide with the arrangement.

The main types of flowers for arrangements are spikes, buttons and backgrounds.

Spikes, including gladiolus, snapdragons, stock, delphiniums, rosebuds, iris leaves and grain heads, go into the arrangements first.

Fine textured and irregularly-outlined flowers such as stevia, baby's breath, perennial statice, asparagus fern and love-in-mist are a few of the background flowers to use sparingly for accent.

The buttons are the round flowers such as zinnias, asters, marigolds, iris, open roses and chrysanthemums, and are placed in an arrangement last to fill in blank spaces for accent and focus, completing the pattern.

Cut your flowers properly — not with scissors. For long lasting, cut them on an angle, using a sharp knife or florist shears, in late afternoon or early morning.

Put the flowers in warm water immediately and store them in a dark, cool place away from drafts. Remove all leaves below the waterline.

Fair superintendents and assistants, who usually are garden club members, will be happy to give advice and assistance in making your entries. Information also is available from County Extension offices.

In addition to the \$10, \$7 and \$3 awards and blue, red and white ribbons accompanying the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, honorable mention ribbons also will be issued.



Mrs. Alvin R. McFarland, Kennewick, put finishing touches to a floral arrangement suitable for entry in the floriculture division at the Benton-Franklin County Fair,

comparing it with the incorrect arrangement at the right. Mrs. McFarland is a superintendent of the Fair's Open Class Floriculture Division.

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Friday, August 1, 1969

Fair Names Supervisors

Superintendents and junior superintendents have been named for the 4-H and FFA livestock classes at the Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo Aug. 21-24.

They include:

Beef — Duane Lathim, Gene O'Conner, Jerry Holbecko, Mrs. Ed Oswald, Sharon Hilder, superintendents; Dale Oswald, Nancy Stallings, Kathy Turner, Robert Privette, Mike McMahan, junior superintendents.

Dairy — Walter Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gano, Junior superintendents, Pat Gage, Cathy Van Blaricom, Joe Jackson, Mike O'Neil.

Swine — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor, Harold Cochran, Bob Beckner, Juniors, Steve Lathim, Jenny Harris, Dallas Harris.

Sheep — Jerry Manderville, Mrs. Robert Brown, Mrs. Richard Berg, Mrs. W. D. Heaston, George Ward, Ben

Poultry and pigeons — Bunky Hendrickson, Rich Lint, Juniors, Holly Adams, Judy Egbert, Angela Wells.

Rabbits — Mrs. Bernice Courtney, Mrs. Joe Jackson, Sherrod Stockdale, Mrs. Kathy Gore, Juniors, Teresa Jackson, Stephen Stockdale.

Fair Slates Boys' Calf Scramble

Boys from Benton and Franklin counties will take part in the annual calf scramble to be held during the Benton-Franklin Fair Aug. 21-24.

Contestants must have passed their 10th birthday but not be more than a senior in high school. Boys also must be a member for at least 60 days of the Benton County Junior Posse, a Benton or Franklin County 4-H club or FFA chapter or other agricultural group organized as part of the regular school curriculum.

Contestants must have approval of an official of the group to which he belongs and the official must sign the application blank.

Calves are donated by the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce.

To win, the contestant must, without assistance, catch, halter and lead his calf into the winners circle.

Winners must use their calf in a 4-H or FFA project during the following year and show it at the 1970 fair.

Three rodeo performances are scheduled for this fair and the 4-H horse fair Aug. 16-17.

4-H Horse Fair Taps Judges

Superintendents and judges have been named for the annual 4-H horse fair here Aug. 16-17.

Judges are Don Ditke, Selah; Dolly Hughes, Pullman, and Ray McLellan, Nine Mile Falls.

Some 300 horses are expected. Dates of this year's fair and rodeo are Aug. 21-24.

Senior superintendents are Charles Pease, Dave Price, Robert Brown and Ted Deneal.

Junior superintendents are Pat Jennings, Joan Rieckman, Linda Jennings, Holly Herron, Dale Cram, Chris Berg, Len Lewis, Karen Rake, Susan Avery, Roxanne Hansen, Gerald Hayes, Vicky Hunt, Sue Stover, Susan James and Michie Persinger.

The horse fair is so large it must be held a week earlier than the main fair so enough barns and facilities will be available.

Tuesday, August 12, 1969

400 Horses To Enter 4-H Horse Show This Weekend



The red barn at First Avenue and Auburn Street in Kennewick — sales office for tickets to the Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo — got a face-lifting from this group of women from Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

Tickets went on sale today and will be sold through Aug. 20. From left, were Mrs. Bruce Glenn, Mrs. Bob Williamson, Mrs. Robert Navertz, and Mrs. Paul Huysman. The fair is Aug. 21-24.

Some 400 horses are expected to be entered at the annual Benton-Franklin 4-H horse fair to be held Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds in Kennewick.

The horse fair, one of the largest of its kind in the state, is held a week prior to the main fair so barn space will be available.

Horses may start entering the grounds at 10 a.m. Friday. A meeting of exhibitors is slated for 7 p.m. with the horse judging contest following at 7:30.

Saturday, the junior and senior fitting and showing contests start at 7:45 a.m. Grade halter classes will be judged at 10 a.m. and registered classes at 2 p.m.

At 7 p.m., the junior and senior trail horse classes will be judged.

Sunday activities get underway at noon with the grand entry of the fair and rodeo court, presentation of colors and the parade of champions.

Equitation classes for western, western pleasure, English and ponies will be held starting at 12:15 p.m.

Horse fair senior superintendents are Charles Pease, Dave Price, Robert Brown and Tod Deneal.

Junior superintendents include Pat Jennings, Joan Rieckman, Linda Jennings, Holly Herron, Dale Cram, Chris Berg, Len Lewis, Karen Rake, Susan Avery, Roxanne Hansen, Gerald Hayes, Vicky Hunt, Sue Stover, Susan James, Michie Persinger.

Wednesday, August 13, 1969

Hay King Title Is Now Open

Twenty hay growers from about the state are seeking the title of "Washington Alfalfa Hay King" to be determined at the Benton-Franklin fair.

A dozen entries have been received from Franklin County, 3 from Benton, 3 from Walla Walla and two from Adams County.

Growers will enter six bales of hay to be delivered to the fairgrounds between 1-6 p.m. Monday. Core samples will be taken to determine crude protein, fiber, fat and moisture.

The hay king will receive a revolving trophy donated by Universal Feeds Ltd.

Contest superintendents are Eldon Haas, Grahame Fenton and Merle Hornbaker.

Benton-Franklin county fair and rodeo dates are Aug. 21-24 with the annual horse fair Saturday and Sunday.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1969

Fair Board Backs Off From Arena Project

Plans for constructing a 3,000 seat, \$300,000 arena at the Benton-Franklin fairgrounds have been dropped for the present.

R. M. (Cork) Simmelink, fair board president, said today fair officials will not seek a November bond issue for the structure.

A similar bond issue was turned down by voters last November by a 3-2 majority.

Shortly after the election failure, some fair board members indicated they would ask for another vote this year.

Simmelink said the group, "hasn't given up on the project," but is waiting for a better time to run the bond election.

"With the school levy failure," Simmelink said, "it looks pretty doubtful the arena would get much voter support this year."

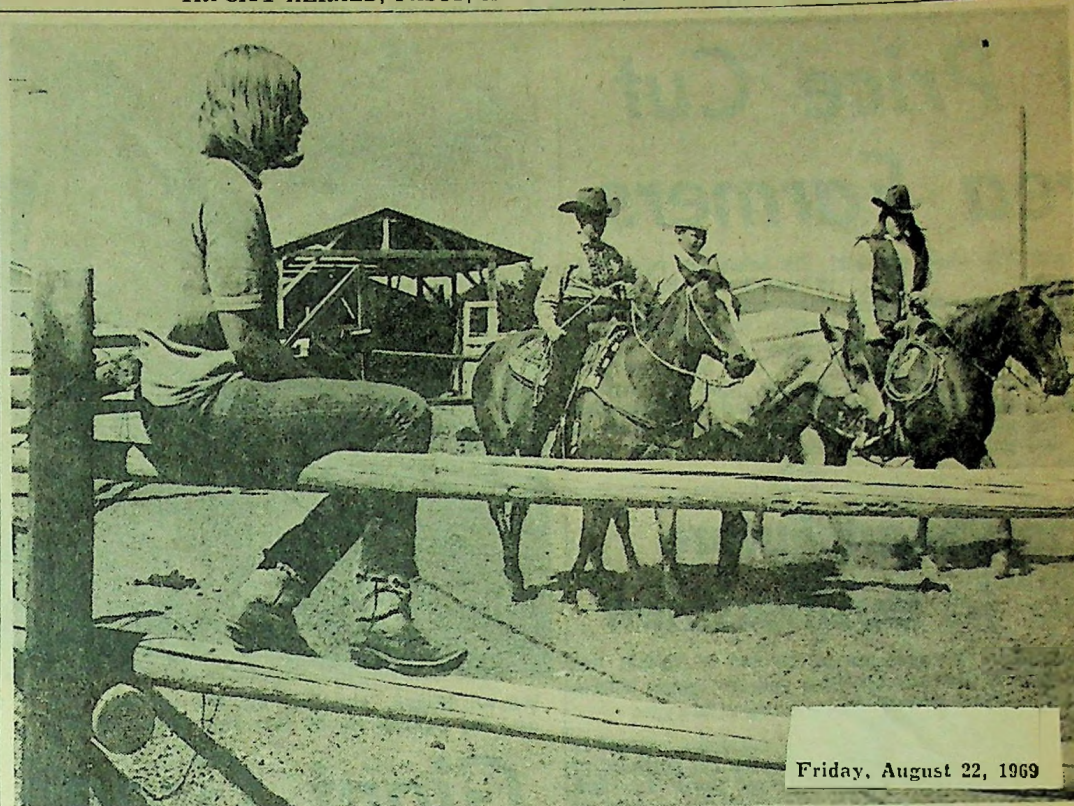
Simmelink added the fair board would continue to review plans for a fairgrounds arena and would, probably ask voter approval, when it "appears we need the arena to meet fair needs."

The proposed multi-use building would have facilities for an ice rink and a dance floor.

Horse Show Schedule

FRIDAY	
5:30 p.m.	Horses may enter grounds
7 p.m.	Dog Show—Youth Building
7 p.m.	All horses on grounds
	Exhibitors assemble in grandstands for announcements and 4-H Horse judging contest.
7:30 p.m.	(Registration)
9 p.m.	Horse judging contest begins
9:30 p.m.	Meeting of superintendents and 4-H leaders
11:30 p.m.	4-H dance starts
12	4-H dance ends
7:45 a.m.	Midnight curfew
SATURDAY	
10 a.m.	Junior and senior fitting and showing (rings 1-2-3)
10 a.m.	Grade halter classes (rings 1-2-3)
2 p.m.	Registered halter classes (rings 1-2-3)
	Trail horse classes—junior and senior (rings 1 & 2)
	Midnight curfew
SUNDAY	
12 noon	Grand entry of fair queen and court
	Presentation of colors—Parade of Champions
12:15 p.m.	Western equitation, junior
	Western equitation, senior
	Western pleasure, junior
	Western pleasure, senior
	English equitation, junior
	English equitation, senior
	Pony equitation
	Exhibits may be removed after the class of the horse fair is judged.

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Friday, August 22, 1969

4-H Horse Fair This Weekend

Helen Ohman, 14, perched on a fence watching friends practice at the Charles Pease ranch, 5612 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick, for the 4-H horse fair Saturday and Sunday. Guiding their

horses were, from left, Margaret Wurz, 16, Chuck Wurz, 13, and Janet Pease, 15. All are members of the Highland Riders 4-H Club.

Sunday, August 17, 1969



New bucking chutes are but one of the improvements being made for this year's \$4,550 Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds. Shown installing the chutes were Ed Wilkerson, left, president of the sponsoring Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association; Bob Williamson, and Chuck Fenton,

rodeo coordinator. The chutes and livestock runways, which cost \$15,000, are the newest type and portable so that they can be moved off the Tumbleweed grounds during other activities. The annual rodeo will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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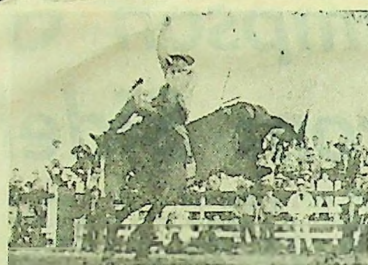
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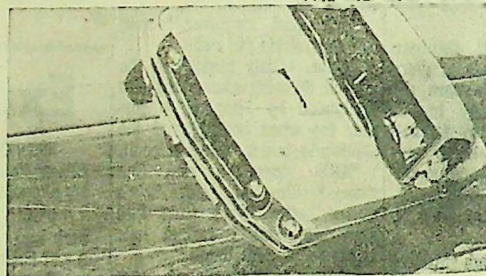
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4-H HORSE FAIR AUGUST 16-17

AUG. 21-24

TRI-CITIES

BENTON-FRANKLIN FAIR, RODEO SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUG. 18

- 1 p.m. Enter baled alfalfa hay.
- 6 p.m. Entries close for baled alfalfa hay.

TUESDAY, AUG. 19

- 7-8 p.m. Entries open for open class home economics, fine arts and creative crafts. 4-H projects in foods, clothing, home improvement, child care and bachelor.
- 8 p.m. Entries close for above departments.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

- 8 a.m. Judging of home economics.
- 1 p.m. Entries open for all other departments.
- 6 p.m. Entries for floriculture close.
- 7:30 p.m. Judging of floriculture.
- 8 p.m. All other entries close.
- 8:15 p.m. Livestock exhibitor, superintendent and 4-H leaders meeting.
- 11 p.m. Agriculture booths complete.
- 12 Midnight curfew.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21

- 6 a.m. Weigh market stock (swine then sheep).
- 8:30 a.m. Horticultural exhibits and booths judged.
- 9 a.m. Official opening of fair.
- 9 a.m. Judging of 4-H and FFA dairy.
- 9 a.m. Judging of 4-H and FFA market stock (weigh market beef upon completion of judging).
- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 2 p.m. 4-H and FFA fitting and showing contests. Judging 4-H and FFA breeding animals.
- 5 p.m. Junior dairy milking contest.
- 7 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 8 p.m. Auto thrill show.
- 10 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 11 p.m. Exhibit buildings close.
- 12 Midnight curfew.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

- 8:30 a.m. Tractor operators contest.
- 9 a.m. Judging of livestock breeding animals.
- 9 a.m. Judging open class dairy.
- 9 a.m. 4-H and FFA poultry judging contest.
- 10 a.m. 4-H and FFA rabbit judging contest.
- 10 a.m. Kiddies parade, Kennewick.
- 10 a.m. Judging—baled alfalfa hay.
- 11 a.m. Judging of poultry and rabbits.
- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 1 p.m. Market stock sale.
- 3 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 7 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 8 p.m. Rodeo Cowboy's Association-approved rodeo.
- 8:30 p.m. Dance festival.
- 10 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 11 p.m. Exhibit buildings close.
- 12 Midnight curfew.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

- 8:45 a.m. 4-H and FFA livestock judging team registration.
- 9 a.m. 4-H and FFA livestock judging contest begins.
- 9 a.m. Champion Halter Horses for exhibit must be on the grounds.
- 10:45 a.m. 4-H and FFA dairy judging registration.
- 11 a.m. 4-H and FFA dairy judging contest.
- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 11 a.m. Grand parade, Kennewick.
- 11:30 a.m. Weed identification contest.
- 3 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 4 p.m. Judging contest ribbons—fair office.
- 5 p.m. Senior dairy milking contest.
- 6:30 p.m. TV-star Robert Conrad appearance.
- 7 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 8 p.m. Rodeo Cowboy's Association-approved rodeo.
- 8:30 p.m. Square-dance exhibition.
- 10 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 11 p.m. Exhibit buildings close.
- 12 Midnight curfew.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 2 p.m. Rodeo Cowboy's Association-approved rodeo trophy saddle and awards.
- 1:30 p.m. Livestock exhibitor meeting—Fair evaluation.
- 3 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 5 p.m. Presentation of livestock herdsman's banners.
- 6 p.m. Premium checks available at fair office.
- 6 p.m. Market stock to be loaded out.
- 1 p.m. Other livestock, exhibits and booths are to be removed.

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374 Horses To Compete In Weekend 4-H Fair

Some 374 horses have been entered in the annual 4-H horse fair tomorrow and Sunday at the fairgrounds in Kennewick. A total of 209 Benton County 4-H members have entered 279 horses; 78 Franklin County 4-Hers have entered 93 and one Walla Walla 4-H member has entered two horses.

Most popular breed is the quarter horse with 71 entries. Other breed entries include: half Arabians, 46; Shetlands, 4; thoroughbreds, 4; American Saddle, 8; Appaloosa, 23; Arabian, 21; Welsh, 3; pintos, 9; and Pony of the Americas, 4. Members of the Mustangs 4-H club have the most horse fair entries with 30.

Entries by Benton County 4-H clubs include: Saddle Tramps, 4; Camelot Riders, 9; Saddle Cinchers, 10; Highland Mavricks, 26; Bit N Spur, 15; Ridge Riders, 15; Horse Heaven Stampers, 16; Swinging Lariots, 25; Highland Sage and Sun, 24; Highland High Riders, 26; Ali Baba's Raiders, 24; Cooper Clippers, 21; Tonka Wykahn Bareback Riders, 3; Golden Pine Riders, 20; Hitch N Rail Riders, 2; Finley Livestock, 22.

Franklin County 4-H clubs: Franklin County Colts and Fillies, 18; Franklin County Horsemanship club, 16; Buckaroos, 12; Basin City Snappers, 1; Wagon Wheelers, 7; The Rounders, 8; Ringold Ranglers, 9; Red Top Riders, 8; Kahlolus Roadrunners, 10.

The Cavalleti Club from Walla Walla has two entries. Opening event at the horse fair is the junior and senior fitting and showing contest beginning at 7:45 a.m. tomorrow.

Some 400 horses are expected to be entered at the annual Benton-Franklin 4-H horse fair to be held Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds in Kennewick.

The horse fair, one of the largest of its kind in the state, is held a week prior to the main fair so barn space will be available.

Horse fair senior superintendents are Charles Pease, Dave Price, Robert Brown and Tod Deneal.

Junior superintendents include Pat Jennings, Joan Rieckman, Linda Jennings, Holly Herron, Dale Cram, Chris Berg, Len Lewis, Karen Rake, Susan Avery, Roxanne Hansen, Gerald Hayes, Vicky Hunt, Sue Stover, Susan James, Michie Persinger.

Horse Show Schedule

FRIDAY

- 5:30 p.m. Horses may enter grounds
- 7 p.m. Dog Show—Youth Building
- 7 p.m. All horses on grounds
- Exhibitors assemble in grandstands for announcements and 4-H Horse judging contest. (Registration)
- 7:30 p.m. Horse judging contest begins
- 9 p.m. Meeting of superintendents and 4-H leaders
- 9:30 p.m. 4-H dance starts
- 11:30 p.m. 4-H dance ends
- 12 Midnight curfew

SATURDAY

- 10 a.m. Junior and senior fitting and showing (rings 1-2-3)
- 10 a.m. Grade halter classes (rings 1-2-3)
- 2 p.m. Registered halter classes (rings 1-2-3)
- Trail horse classes—junior and senior (rings 1 & 2)
- Midnight curfew

SUNDAY

- 12 noon Grand entry of fair queen and court
- 12:15 p.m. Presentation of colors—Parade of Champions
- Western equitation, junior
- Western equitation, senior
- Western pleasure, junior
- Western pleasure, senior
- English equitation, junior
- English equitation, senior
- Pony equitation
- Exhibits may be removed after the class of the horse fair is judged.

Horse Fair Ends Today

By ROB HARPER
Herald Staff Writer
Competition at the annual Benton-Franklin 4-H horse fair will conclude today at the fair grounds in Kennewick.

Featured events will be the grand entry of the fair and the presentation of awards and parade of champions.

Junior and senior equitation, western, western pleasure, English and pony divisions start at 12:15 p.m.

Some 288 4-H members from three counties have entered 374 horses in the fair. The contestants represent 28 different 4-H clubs.

Yesterday Susan Brenden, Richland, won the junior reserve champion title for fitting and showing over 139 other contestants. Kim Spady, Kennewick, was second. (Picture on page 4).

In the senior division fitting and showing, Steve Lamb, Pasco, won reserve champion honors and Sandi Brown, Kennewick, was second from among 113 competitors.

Friday the Copper Clippers 4-H club from Kennewick took

first place in the team horse judging contest. Its members included Nancy Gable, Nancy Herrin and Edith Perry. The Camelot Riders, of Kennewick, were second.

Mark Hedman, Pasco, had the highest individual score in the horse judging. Runner-up was Edith Perry, Kennewick.

Lori Brockman, Kennewick, and Harriet Johnson, Connell, won blue ribbons in the junior dog grooming contest. Pam Peterson, Kahlots, took blue ribbons in the junior dog grooming and in the sub-novice dog obedience competition.

Joan Rieckman, Kennewick, and Peggy Larson, Connell, took top honors in the senior dog grooming. Miss Rieckman also was awarded a blue ribbon in the novice dog obedience contest.

The horse fair begins the county fair activities for this year. It is held a week prior to the main fair to provide sufficient barn space for the horses.

Senior horse fair superintendents are Charles Pease, Dave Price, Robert Brown and Tod Denal.

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157 Head Of Livestock Sell At Fair

GRANDVIEW — Auctioneers sold 157 head of livestock at the fat stock sale at the Yakima Junior Fair here Saturday with beef sales ranging from a high of 82½ cents per pound to a low of 33 cents.

Swine brought a high of 75 cents and dipped to a low of 36 cents. Lamb sales varied from 36 cents to 70 cents.

Mike Andrews, Prosser, received the highest price for beef when his 1,009 pound FFA reserve grand champion crossbred Hereford brought 82½ cents per pound. Buyer was his grandfather, George Smith, Walla Walla.

Bob Savilla, White Swan, sold his FFA grand champion pig for the highest price for swine at 75 cents per pound to the Grandview Merchants.

Colleen Jones, Grandview, sold her 4-H grand champion fat lamb for 70 cents a pound. International Harvester of Sunnyside was high bidder. Marleen Jones, Grandview 4-H, received 58 cents a pound from Seattle First-National Bank Sunnyside, for her reserve grand champion lamb.

The 4-H grand champion cross-bred steer of Dave Winkler, of Zillah and the FFA grand champion Hereford of

Cows Given Milk

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Fourteen cows are being treated here for a vitamin deficiency— with injections of canned milk.

Hinton Harris, Chatham County farm agent, explained that the cows vitamin deficiency was caused by shortage of hybrid millet grazing grass, brought on by a drought followed by excess rain.

Prosser Future Farmers of America and 4-H members took honors with livestock at the Yakima Valley Junior Fair at Grandview Friday. Mike Andrews, 18, left, had the FFA champion and reserve grand champion crossbred Shorthorn and

Hereford steer. Don Donaldson, 17, center had the FFA Reserve Champion with the same breed. Karen Walker, 16, Horse Heaven Stockmasters 4-H Club, took top senior showmanship honors with her Hereford steer.

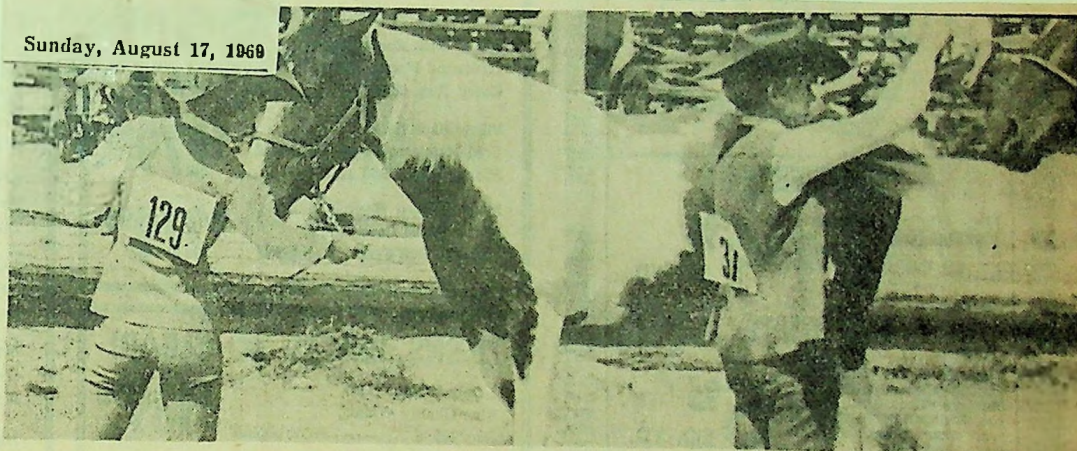
Pat Savilla, of White Swan, were bought by Safeway Stores for 65 cents a pound. Pete Patnode, of the Granger 4-H, received 38 cents a pound from Grandview Merchants for his 970 pound reserve grand champion Hereford.

Bruce Harper, of Harrah 4-H, sold his grand champion Hampshire pig for 70 cents a pound to Grandview Packers. Gay Neuman, of Zillah FFA, received 50 cents a pound from Robert Baumgartel, of Grandview, for his reserve grand champion Duroc pig; and Dennis Saville, of Wapato, sold his 4-H reserve grand champion Hampshire pig for 47½ cents a pound to Walt Lawson, of Prosser.



Colleen Jones, 13, Grandview Livestock 4-H Club, took first in fitting and showing with her 100-pound grand champion fat lamb.

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Champion At 4-H Horse Fair

Susan Brenden, No. 129, Richland, guided her Pinto to junior reserve champion honors in fitting and showing competition yesterday at the

Benton-Franklin 4-H horse fair at the Kennewick fairgrounds. Beside her is No. 37, Kim Spady, Kennewick, who won second place.

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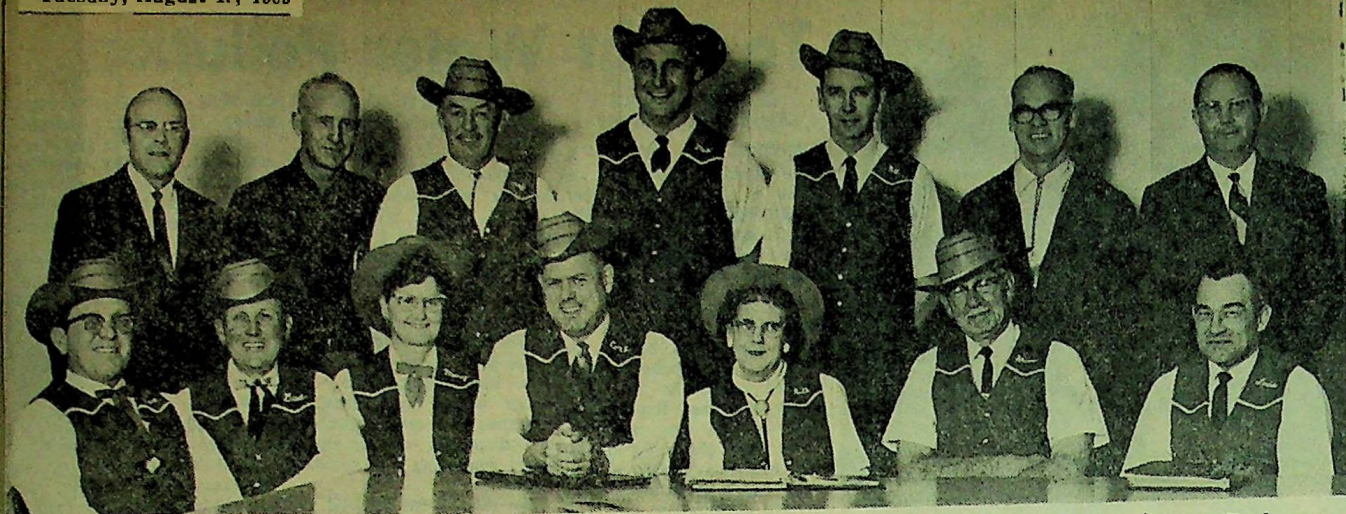
finishing touches on plans for the entries at the Benton-Franklin fair were se superintendents and junior superintendents. ent row, from left were Karen Berg, Mrs. W. D. Heaston, Mrs. Richard Berg, all Pasco; Mrs.

Robert N. Brown, Kennewick. Second row, Sandi Brown, Kennewick; Ben Hayward, Pasco; Sandy Sturtevant, Pasco. Third row, Andy Schneider, Pasco; Gail Brandon, Finley. Back row, Dale Cole, Finley.



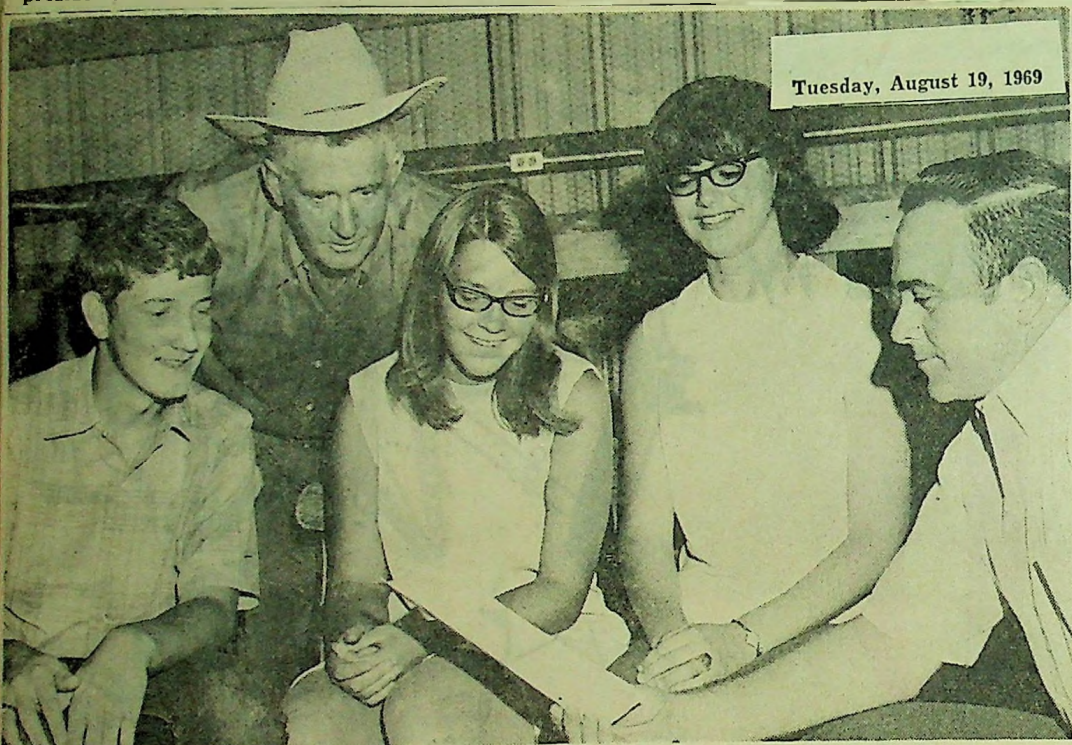
Ron Benitz, 13, Hoof and Horn 4-H Club, Prosser, was tops in champion showmanship with his 195-pound Poland China hog.

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Responsibility for the staging of the annual fair lies with the Benton-Franklin fair board, made up of people from both counties who serve on a volunteer basis. Front row, from left were Kent Herron, second vice president; Bud Oswalt, first vice president; Mrs. B. D. Richmond; R. M. (Cork) Simmelink, president; Mrs. Ruth Simmelink, secretary; F. P. Meverden,

immediate past president; Jack Smith, treasurer. Back row: Joe Smith, area extension agent; Bernie Chapman, Cliff Rasch, Dick Moore, Dr. W. D. Heaston; Walter Grisham, vocational agriculture instructor; Will Gerlitz, Benton County Extension Agent. The annual fair starts Thursday and runs through Sunday at the fairgrounds in Kennewick.



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Final plans for beef entries at the Benton-Franklin fair are being made by these superintendents and junior superintendents. From left were Mike McMahan, Kennewick; Gene O'Con-

nor, Mesa; Kathy Turner, Pasco; Nancy Stallings, Richland; and Duane Lathim, Kahlotus.



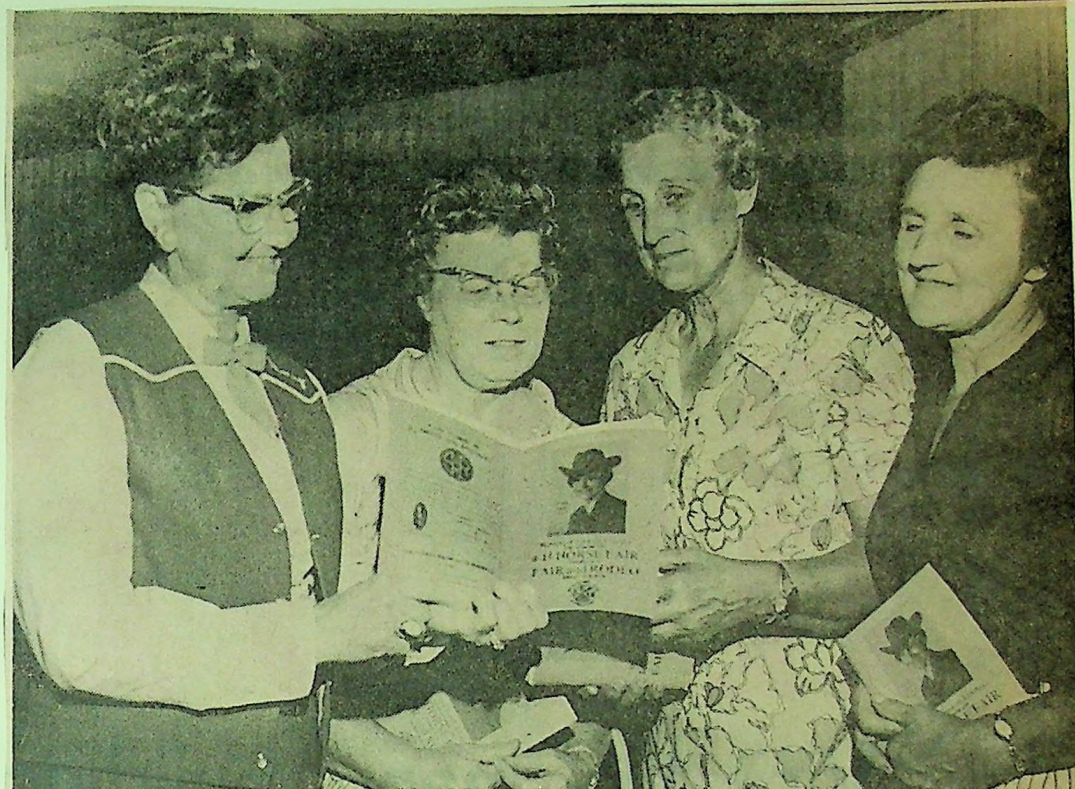
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superintendents and assistant superintendents of the Benton-Franklin fair were hosted at a dessert put on by the Benton-Franklin fair board. The event was to say "thank you" for the

hundreds of volunteer hours put in during the year to put on the annual fair.

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These women are in charge of the open class food exhibits in the home economics department of the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo that opens Thursday. From left were Mary Richmond, Kahlotus, fair board member; Mrs.

Elton Largent, Pasco, co-superintendent; Mrs. Melvin Moore, Kahlotus, superintendent, and Mrs. Martin Piekarski, Benton City, co-superintendent.

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Young people play a vital part in the planning of the activities of the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo. These served as junior superintendents for the 4-H Horse Fair held last week end, a week preceding the main fair. Front row,

from left were, Sue Mixon, Kennewick; Kris Berg, Pasco; Beckie-Sue Thompson, Kennewick. Second row, Susan Avery, Sue James, Sue Stover, all Pasco. Back row, Linda Jennings, Pat Jennings, Craig Bovey, Dale Cram, all Kennewick.

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Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo queen Debbie Kelly will reign over this year's fairgrounds activities, succeeding Connell's Sandra Cox.

Miss Kelly, Pasco, was crowned April 9 at a special banquet.

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Three "movie stars" posed with owner-trainer Jay Sisler, who will accompany them to the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Walt Disney Canine Stars Due Here

The canine stars of four Walt Disney movies will be featured at the Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

They belong to Jay Sisler, Emmett, Idaho, who brings his dog act here this week end.

Sisler's trained dogs have been featured in four movies including "Cow Dog," "The Wetback Hound," "Greta, the Misfit Greyhound," and "Run Appaloosa, Run."

Sisler began training dogs in 1948 while recuperating from a broken ankle suffered in a pony express race.

In 1952, he made his debut on the big time rodeo circuit

with a feature spot at the Madison Square Garden rodeo and Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town."

Appearing with Sisler this year is Silver, the dog featured in "Run, Appaloosa, Run," a veteran of five years with the act.

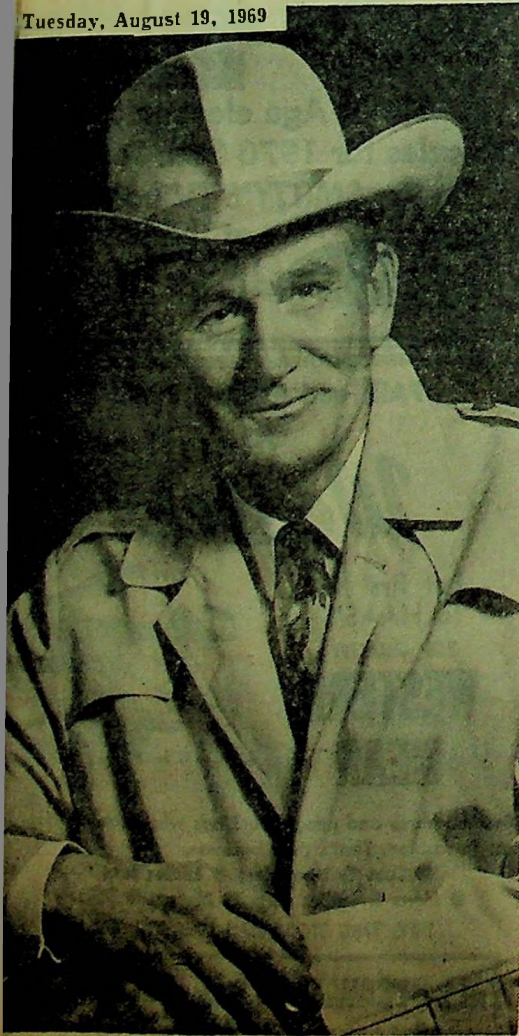
Jay and his dogs have worked such shows as the Calgary Stampede, the National Western Stock show and the World's Fair in Seattle.

Sisler trained the "wetback" hound for the movie title of the same name, a picture that won an academy award. He also trained the "misfit

greyhound" Jay, as well as the bear, mountain lions, racoons and other animals that appeared in the Walt Disney movie.

Sisler will appear at the Tumbleweed Rodeo performances Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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PETE LOGAN

Top Announcer Set For Rodeo

Pete Logan, top U.S. rodeo announcer, has been booked to announce the Tumbleweed rodeo at the Benton-Franklin fair.

Logan has announced every big time rodeo in the country during his 21-year career. He launched the first live telecast of a rodeo in San Antonio in 1956, was a fixture of Madison Square Garden rodeos for a decade and has announced all but two of the U.S. National finals.

Logan, who lives at Eagle Point, Ore., has acted in "Run Appaloosa," "The Misfits," and in Walt Disney's "Hang Your Hat on the Wind," now being shown across the country.

He also has guest-starred with Fess Parker and Jimmy Dean in television's "Daniel Boone."

Logan operates Fleetwood Farms in Oregon's Rogue River Valley where he trains race horses.

Rodeo performances are

scheduled Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with the finals on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Exhibit Numbers Growing

Rabbits multiply quickly — a point that has been made quite clear to the Benton-Franklin fair board.

Rabbit and poultry entries at the fair have tripled over last year and are taxing the display space available.

Some 60 rabbits and poultry cages have been borrowed from the Yakima County Fair to handle the demand.

In the open classes at this year's fair there are 205 rabbits entered and 26 poultry. In the 4-H classes, there are 35 rabbits and 122 poultry.

Benton-Franklin fair and rodeo dates are Friday-Sunday.

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The largest market stock sale in the history of the Benton-Franklin fair is expected when the auctioneering begins at 1 p.m. Friday. Superintendents in charge of the

sale are, from left, Don Bauermeister, Al Udlinek and Gene O'Connor. The sale will be in the new sales pavillion at the fair grounds.



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R. M. (Cork) Simmelink

New Fair Board Head Experienced

By JACK ORCHARD
Herald Staff Writer

When Benton-Franklin fair board president F. P. (Slim) Meverden stepped down last summer, a fair association member remarked, "I'd sure hate to take Slim's place. He's leaving a pretty large pair of shoes to fill."

The fair board must have remembered that comment when it selected Meverden's successor last fall, R. M. (Cork) Simmelink.

At 6-foot-7, there are few people's shoes Simmelink couldn't fill.

Fortunately for the fair board, Simmelink's background is as large as his physical dimensions. He brings to the fair 20 years experience in civic projects.

Simmelink, 41, claims his interest in fairs started in his youth. Son of a Horse Heaven farmer, he participated in his first fairs as a member of the Sagebrush Six, a local 4-H group.

"For a couple years running," he noted, "we were the top 4-H outfit in the county."

NATIVE

A life-time resident of the area, Simmelink graduated from Washington State University in 1949 and opened a Kennewick pharmacy, which he has since maintained.

Always active in community affairs, Simmelink didn't join the fair board until 1967, when the fair association chose him to fill a vacancy on the 15-seat council.

During the 1967-68 fair seasons, he coordinated the fair's advertising and budget committees. Last October, at the fair association's annual meeting, he was asked to become fair board president.

improve the fairgrounds, Simmelink said.

"I'd like to reduce the amount of barren ground out there. I hope to grass-in more area and add more trees and shrubs."

He also suggested the fair board construct larger commercial display buildings.

"The advertising space is cheap at the fair," Simmelink pointed out. "If we build newer and larger buildings, I think we could attract more commercial exhibits. I'd like to see more sporting goods and boating displays," he added.

The Simmelink family is well-entrenched on the fair board, with Cork's mother, Ruth, board secretary.

Simmelink noted the mother-son relationship goes "pretty smoothly" on the board. "She opens the letters and we both decide what to write back," he chuckled.

Simmelink plans to urge the fair board to seriously consider hiring a fair manager, for year-around fairgrounds direction.

"The fair is getting big enough, where we need a full-time person to oversee things for the board."

Until then, Simmelink, like Meverden, performs the proposed fair manager's duties.

He is sometimes extra-busy with his fair duties and pharmacy work.

"I like the fair work," Simmelink says, "I just wish I had more time to devote to it. That's one reason why we need a fair manager."

Should the fair board decide to hire a manager, the new man would have even bigger shoes to fill than Simmelink did.

Simmelink wears a size 14.

"I can't really pin-point why I was selected," Simmelink said. "It's kind of a combination of factors. I live in Kennewick not far from the fair grounds. I'm fairly young and I have some experience with civic groups."

His civic background includes past presidency of the Kennewick Jaycees, and local pharmaceutical association and service as director of Ye Olde Car Club.

In 1957, he was chosen Tri-City Young Man of the Year by the Jaycees and in 1961 was selected Tri-City Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

BIG JOB

"Being fair board president," Simmelink commented, "is a big job, a lot bigger than you realize when you're just a board member. But, I welcome the opportunity to head up the fair organization and I think I'd be willing to serve another term as president, if the board asked me."

Simmelink said he pictures the fair board's main role as providing and maintaining the fairgrounds facilities.

"It's the county extension agents and the Granges who are the real fair pushers," he emphasized. "They deserve a lot of credit for motivating the youngsters to exhibit at the fair."

Simmelink feels the fair should be a meeting place for rural and urban residents, stressing hobbies and crafts as much as the traditional farm entries.

But he also feels the fair is "a reward and showplace for the young farm people who work all year on their own projects."

"The fair experience pays back farm youth for being responsible family members and teaches them respect for hard work—both their own and other people's."

Goal of his tenure as fair president is to beautify and



Royalty at this year's Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo are, from left, Princess Joyce Moore, Connell; Queen Debbie Kelly, Pasco; Princess Barbara Sharp, Eltopia; and Princess Marg-

aret Surplus, Richland. The four girls were selected by the Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association, which operates the rodeo. (Section of fair and rodeo pictures and stories on pages 17-24.)

4-Day Fair, Rodeo Will Open Thursday

The annual Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo officially opens at 9 a.m. Thursday at the fairgrounds in Kennewick.

More than 10,000 ribbons, banners and trophies will be awarded during the four-day fair. A Washington State Alfalfa Hay king will be crowned for the first time.

Some 320 head of swine, beef and sheep will be sold at 1 p.m. Friday during the annual market stock sale, making it the largest in the fair's history.

Television star Robert Conrad of "Wild, Wild West" will be marshal of the grand parade at 11 a.m. Saturday. It will have about 65 units and 40 entries.

Western singing star Bonnie Guitar will appear at 7 and 10 p.m. Thursday; 3, 7 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Another feature will be the Rodeo Cowboy Association approved Tumbleweed Rodeo at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday with awards presented after the 2 p.m. Sunday rodeo.

Family night will be held at the opening perfor-

mance of the Tumbleweed Rodeo Friday with all children under 12 admitted free to the general admission sections when accompanied by an adult.

Reserved and general admission tickets to the rodeo and auto thrill show are available at the Little Red Barn at First Avenue and Auburn Street in Kennewick.

Reserved tickets are \$4, \$3.50 and \$3. General admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

General admission tickets are available at Harris-Morgan and BB&M in Richland; Fisher's Pharmacy and Lyle's Drug, Kennewick; Shields and Haas Western Wear, Pasco.

Wednesday all entries will be readied for the fair's opening while judges grade the home economics and floriculture exhibits.

During the fair's first day Thursday, dairy cattle, market stock and horticulture will be judged. 4-H and FFA members also will compete in fitting and showing of stock at 9 a.m. and junior dairymen will engage in a milking contest at 5 p.m.

A tractor operators' competition opens Friday's activities. Judges will grade breeding livestock, open class dairy cattle, alfalfa hay, poultry and rabbits

during the day. Members of the 4-H and FFA also will judge poultry and rabbits.

Friday morning a kiddies parade will wind through Kennewick beginning at 10 a.m. A dance festival will highlight the day's events at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Attention focuses Saturday morning on FFA and 4-H teams judging of dairy cattle and livestock at 5 p.m. Saturday, senior dairy men will match skills in a milking contest, and at 8:30 p.m. there will be a square dancing exhibition.

Sunday afternoon the presentation of livestock and herdsman's banners will close out the fair.

Livestock judges are: Beef—Pat Lawler, Harrah, and Wellard Catlin, Yakima; dairy—Stan Maiden, Walla Walla; horses—Don Witke, Selah; Dolly Hughes, Pullman, and Ray McLellan, Nine Miles Falls; poultry—M. C. Hougan, Yakima; rabbits—Laurence L. Stingley, Spokane; sheep—Lloyd Ochs, Lacross; swine—Ray Meenach, Valleyford.

Fair board officers include R. M. Simmelink, president; Harry Oswald, first vice-president; Kent Herron, second vice-president, and Ruth Simmelink, secretary.



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Record Stock Sale Predicted For Fair

The largest market stock sale in history is predicted for this year's Benton-Franklin Fair at 1 p.m., Friday.

Interest is heightened by the fact the sale will be held for the first time in the new sales pavilion at the fairgrounds.

Construction was aided by some \$3,300 in donations made by buyers and individuals attending last year's sale.

Sale superintendents are Al Udlinek, Louis Trieber and Bon Bauermeister. Junior superintendents are Ken Udlinek, Ronald Turner, Kim Berg, Randy Urbach, Ted Treiber and Gary Middleton.

Sale entries are limited to 4-H and FFA members living in Benton-Franklin counties or enrolled in 4-H and FFA organizations in the two counties.

All stock must have been entered in the regular market classes at the fair and have received a ribbon in their class. All animals receiving grand champion or reserve grand champion in the classes must be sold at the sale.

Exhibitors are limited to sell two market lambs, two market swine and one market steer.

Qualification weights are steers, at least 800 pounds; swine, 190-240 pounds; lambs, 85-120 pounds.

All business firms and individuals are invited to bid and buy at the market stock auction.

Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo dates are Thursday-Sunday.

Stock Show Ring Top Improvement

A \$16,870 steel-roofed fat stock show and sales ring heads the list of new physical improvements for this year's Benton-Franklin fair.

Financed by stock show bidders, the fair board and the state, the show ring is located between the livestock barns across from the commercial display buildings.

The 80-foot by 50-foot was suggested last summer by stock show bidders and participants, who wanted a shaded facility for fitting and showing animals.

Stock show bidders re-sold purchased livestock to raise money for the project and local contributors assisted in increasing the total to \$4,500. The state added a matching amount and the fair board another \$7,870.

LOCAL SUPPORT

"It was really gratifying to see all the local support for the stock ring," said R. M. (Cork) Simmelink, fair board president. "The structure is one of the few on the grounds built with lots of small contributions."

Simmelink noted the ring could have 12-month use, now it is roofed. Formerly stock sales were held in an open space between the barns.

Other major fairgrounds improvements include remodeling the arts and crafts exhibit building and refurbishing the public restrooms.

The art and crafts building was re-lighted and a new ceiling installed. Partitions, which formerly divided display areas into small "cubby-holes", have been ripped out and will be replaced by movable screens.

Restrooms have new plumbing and are equipped with hot water heaters and all-weather insulation for year-round use.

Over \$4,000 was spent on the two projects.

Grass has been re-planted around the bandstand area, as part of the fair board's effort to turf-in as much of the grounds as possible.

Last year's planting in the carnival and concession area has flourished.

Exhibit Building No. 1, recently leased to Holiday Roller Skating for use as a rink, is

undergoing modifications for its new tenants.

Scheduled improvements are installation of a snack bar and ticket windows and laying a plastic skating surface. Already completed are restroom facilities.

The skating firm is leasing the building for 11 months yearly, leaving August for fair use.

The firm pays \$3,800 annually for the 10 year lease, with 85 per cent of the payments being made in physical improvements.

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Children's Parade

The children's parade for the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo Friday is sponsored by the Kennewick Junior Women's Club.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. Children will assemble at the parking lot of the Methodist Church, on South Dayton Street. The parade will go east on Kennewick Avenue to Washington Street, then south to First Avenue. The parade will continue west on First Avenue to Benton Street and will disband in the back Safeway parking lot.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, decorated wheels, pets, horse, and marching units.

Entry blanks should be filled out and mailed to Mrs. Phil Martell, 1001 S. Benton, Kennewick, or brought with them the day of the parade.

CHILDREN'S PARADE ENTRY BLANK

Division
Name Age
Address
Telephone Type of dress or costume
Organization (if any)

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HERALD, PASCO, KENNEWICK

4-H Girls Receive Awards

Twenty-three blue ribbons and 16 red ribbons were awarded to Benton County 4-H food members participating in the Benton-Franklin Fair 4-H meal and food preparation contests held in Prosser and Kennewick.

Assisting Miss Betty Jeanne Sundling, Franklin County extension agent, with contests were Mmes. Clair Baugh and W. B. Kennelly, Kennewick, and Mrs. Clarence Hall, Prosser.

Blue ribbon winners in junior meal preparation were: Elizabeth Anderson, Lanette Adams, Jane Heard, Kathy Snyder, Mary Jean Den Hoed, Chalky Selbert, Debbie Hall and Beckie Hall. Receiving red ribbons were: Paula Rogers, Debra Baugh, Deborah Bowling, Kristin Keyes, Lanette Adams, Kathryn Schmitt, Carol Buckminster, Kim Dellinger, Lisa Halslead, Michelle Dellinger, Rutnell Mack, Alice Melgaard, and Kathy Erickson.

Senior meal preparation winners were: blue—Paula Rogers, Holly Adams, Janell Clark, Carla Shoemaker, Debra Blum, Gloria Baker and Wendy Bohler; red—Becky Greenfield.

In junior food preparation—breadmaking, blue ribbons went to Gaviynn Shoemaker, Elizabeth Anderson, Debra Baugh, Beckie Hall and Debbie Hall. Wendy Adams and Sandy Robinson received blue ribbons in senior bread making and Martha Hesson, red, awards in senior food preparation—canning, went to Paula Rogers, blue, and Sandy Robinson, red.

Tuesday, August 19, 1969

Committee Chairmen Announced For Rodeo

Committee chairmen for the Tumbleweed Rodeo have been announced by the Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association.

Harold Surplus is rodeo chairman and Grahame Fenton, rodeo coordinator.

Queen Contest—Glen Hayden,

Wayne Rogers, Bruce Glenn; publicity—Wayne Rogers, Kenneth Serier; administration—Frank Girton, Ed Wilkerson,

L. W. Vail; trophies—Bill Kelly, Richard Bond, Eldon Haas, John Wilkins, Floyd Williams.

Rodeo Events—Harold

Surplus, Dana Zimmerman; tickets—Pete Petersen, Robert Brown, J. A. Gravenslund, Paul Nelson, Ralph Scott, Thomas Sellers, Jake Perry, Calvin Liebel, Chuck Eaton, Ival Sutherland; grounds—Grahame Fenton, Ray Hamilton, Will Blair, Bernie Chapman, Jack Harmon, Burl Hooten, Oliver Hue, Orin Lande, Bert Winslow, Ray Weidner, Leo Zemliska,

Concessions—John Fouts, Richard Ely, B. J. Quigley, Curtis Ludwig; parade—Ed Wilkerson, Richard Chapman, Dave Garrett, Dale Quillen; special events—Tom Surplus, Bill Harrison, Don Avery, P. R. Berman; safety—Dee Meek, Jack Fox, Dick Ruff, Tom Sellers.

Ron Worsham, Darrell Butterfield.

Tuesday, August 19, 1969



"Hercules", this year's national Montadale Champion ram, here with his proud owner, Dale Heaston, Pasco, will be shown at the Benton-Franklin fair.

Champion Ram To Show At The Fair

"Hercules," the 1969 national Montadale champion ram, will be shown at the Benton-Franklin fair which starts Thursday.

Dale Heaston, Pasco, purchased the ram at the national Montadale show at Springfield, Ill., this spring for \$1,225.


Heaston, who became a Montadale breeder as a 4-H'er six years ago, has won state and national honors with his sheep. He also took first place among all breeds in the Northwest-carass event.

He swept six out of eight grand championships at the Pacific International livestock exhibition at Portland and has continued his wins at the recent Hermiston and LaGrand, Ore., fairs.

The Montadale breed is about 38 years old and was developed in the United States to serve a dual purpose of providing both mutton and wool. The breed fits today's trend of breeding sheep that have less fat and more meat.

There are now Montadale breeders from coast-to-coast as well as in Canada and Mexico. There are over 45 breeders in the Pacific Northwest.

Dale, who is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Heaston, Pasco, is a sophomore at Pacific University where he is studying optometry.



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TUESDAY, AUG. 19

- 7-8 p.m. Entries open for open class home economics, fine arts and creative crafts, 4-H projects in foods, clothing, home improvement, child care and bachelor.
- 8 p.m. Entries close for above departments.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

- 8 a.m. Judging of home economics.
- 1 p.m. Entries open for all other departments.
- 6 p.m. Entries for floriculture close.
- 7:30 p.m. Judging of floriculture.
- 8 p.m. All other entries close.
- 8:15 p.m. Livestock exhibitor, superintendent and 4-H leaders meeting.
- 11 p.m. Agriculture booths complete.
- 12 Midnight curfew.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21

- 6 a.m. Weigh market stock (swine then sheep).
- 8:30 a.m. Horticultural exhibits and booths judged.
- 9 a.m. Official opening of fair.
- 9 a.m. Judging of 4-H and FFA dairy.
- 9 a.m. Judging of 4-H and FFA market stock (weigh market beef upon completion of judging).
- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 2 p.m. 4-H and FFA fitting and showing contests. Judging 4-H and FFA breeding animals.
- 5 p.m. Junior dairy milking contest.
- 7 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 8 p.m. Auto thrill show.
- 10 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 11 p.m. Exhibit buildings close.
- 12 Midnight curfew.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

- 8:30 a.m. Tractor operators contest.
- 9 a.m. Judging of livestock breeding animals.
- 9 a.m. Judging open class dairy.
- 9 a.m. 4-H and FFA poultry judging contest.
- 10 a.m. 4-H and FFA rabbit judging contest.
- 10 a.m. Kiddies parade, Kennewick.
- 10 a.m. Judging—baled alfalfa hay.
- 11 a.m. Judging of poultry and rabbits.
- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 1 p.m. Market stock sale.
- 3 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
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- 8 p.m. Rodeo Cowboy's Association-approved rodeo.
- 8:30 p.m. Dance festival.
- 10 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 11 p.m. Exhibit buildings close.
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SATURDAY, AUG. 23

- 8:45 a.m. 4-H and FFA livestock judging team registration.
- 9 a.m. 4-H and FFA livestock judging contest begins.
- 9 a.m. Champion Halter Horses for exhibit must be on the grounds.
- 10:45 a.m. 4-H and FFA dairy judging registration.
- 11 a.m. 4-H and FFA dairy judging contest.
- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 11 a.m. Grand parade, Kennewick.
- 11:30 a.m. Weed identification contest.
- 3 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
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- 12 Midnight curfew.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

- 11 a.m. Exhibit buildings open.
- 2 p.m. Rodeo Cowboy's Association-approved rodeo trophy saddle and awards.
- 1:30 p.m. Livestock exhibitor meeting—Fair evaluation.
- 3 p.m. Bonnie Guitar sings.
- 5 p.m. Presentation of livestock herdsman's banners.
- 6 p.m. Premium checks available at fair office.
- 6 p.m. Market stock to be loaded out.
- 1 p.m. Other livestock, exhibits and booths are to be removed.

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- ★ MIDWAY
- ★ CARNIVAL



Wednesday, August 20, 1969

Kiwanis To Serve

Members of the Kennewick Kiwanis will serve as ticket takers and man the admission gates for the coming Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 21-24.

Tuesday, August 19, 1969

BENTON-FRANKLIN FAIR, RODEO SCHEDULE

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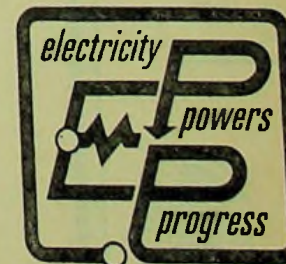
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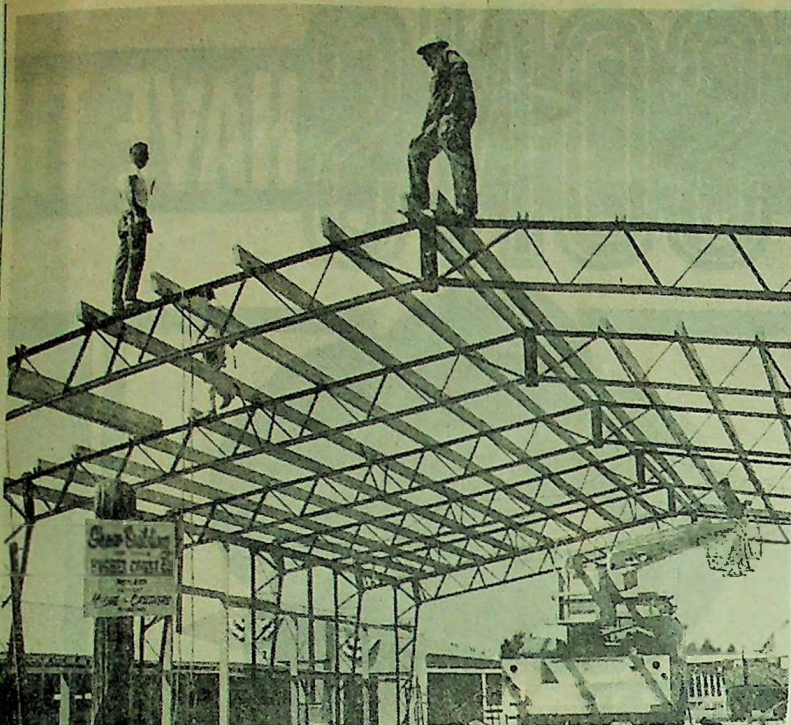
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Latest in new fairgrounds buildings is the fat stock showing and arena. Costing more than \$16,000 to con-

struct, the ring will allow livestock shows in winter, as well as summer months.

Wednesday, August 20, 1969

Rodeo Cowboys To Vie For \$4,550

An all-new grandstand, new lighting and new bucking chutes and arena equipment will be used for the first time during the 21st annual Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin Fair starting tomorrow.

Cowboys will compete for

\$4,550 in purses plus entry fees in six events.

Rodeo performances are slated for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday with the finals at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Top purse of \$1,000 will go for saddle bronc riding. Purses of \$850 each will be offered for bareback, bull riding, calf roping and steer wrestling with \$150 put up for girls barrel racing.

A trophy saddle will go to the all-around champion plus silver buckles to individual event winners.

Stock will be provided by Vold Rodeo Ltd. of Canada. Pete Logan of Eagle Point, Ore., will be the rodeo announcer. Sisler's trained dogs will perform and there will be an exhibition by the Canyon County, Idaho, mounted posse.

The new 3,000 seat covered grandstand, lighting and arena equipment are part of the \$100,000 in improvements made at the rodeo grounds by the Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association. The group also sponsors quarterhorse racing each spring.

Rodeo officials include Ed Wilkerson, association president; Harold Surplus and Grahame Fenton, rodeo co-chairman; Frank Giron, administration.

Stock Auction At Fair Begins At 1 P.M. Friday

The largest market stock sale ever is predicted at this year's Benton-Franklin Fair when the auctioneering begins at 1 p.m. Friday.

Entries are up 25 per cent over last year. A total of 321 sheep, swine and beef are up for sale this year against last year's total of 243.

Biggest increase is in the number of sheep. This year 165 head will be sold. Last year there were 104 head, an increase of 60 per cent.

There will be 52 head of hogs offered and 104 steers.

Those not wishing to keep the animal they have purchased, but wish to support 4-H and

FFA exhibits, may pay the difference between the bid price and market price and their animals will be taken by local meat packers.

The sale will be held for the first time in the new pavillion at the fairgrounds. Participants at last year's sale contributed some \$3,300 towards construction of the building.

All animals sold at the sale must first have entered and received a ribbon in the market classes of the fair. Animals receiving grand champion or reserve grand champion placing must be sold at the sale.

Qualification weight limits for sale animals are: Steers, at least 800 pounds; swine, 190-240 pounds; lambs, 85-210 pounds.

Tuesday, August 19, 1969

TRI-CITY HERALD, PASCO, KENNEWICK, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

New Grandstand Enhances Fair

Largest and easily the most eye-catching structure on the fair-rodeo grounds is the new 1,300 seat covered rodeo arena grandstand.

Part of an extensive rodeo and Tumbleweed track renovation, the grandstand is the first phase of a proposed \$500,000 expansion program at the local rodeo-race track.

The improvements are being financed by the new Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association (TCRRA), which has assumed rodeo operation from the Benton County Mounted Sheriff's Posse.

The TCRRA, formed earlier this year, has raised \$50,000 through sale of \$10 shares of stock. Each stockholder has also loaned the TCRRA an extra \$100 and received a certificate on indebtedness, to be paid off from future rodeo-racing profits.

RESTRICTED

All financial assets and obligations of the Posse were taken over by the TCRRA, so a modern racing and rodeo program could be developed. The Posse, as a non-profit organization, could sell no stock and was restricted in financing needed capital improvements.

The new grandstand, a concrete and laminated beam building, replaces a wooden stand, destroyed by an April, 1968, fire. The fire was the major impetus for improving the rodeo-racing area and led to formation of the TCRRA.

Most noticeable feature of the grandstand is its 40-foot back wall, which can be seen from a half-mile away.

TCRRA officials plan to place a large sign across the length of the wall, advertising local rodeo-racing dates.

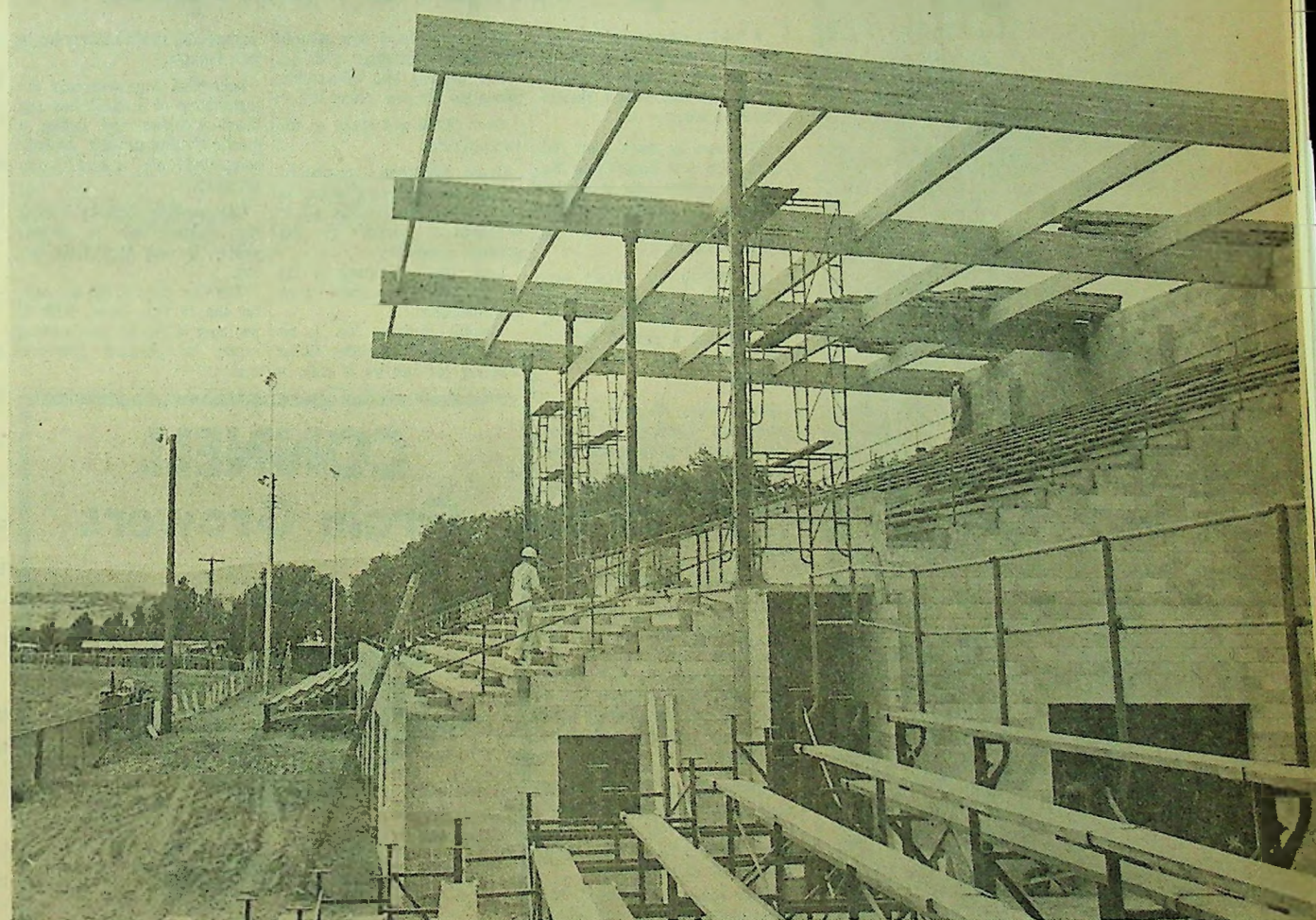
All grandstand seats are reserved, with box seats in the front of the stand, getting a prime view of rodeo events. No obstructing beams mar spectators' view.

The front-row boxes are some 12 feet off the ground, with the remainder of the reserved seats sloping up from that level.

5,000 SEATS

With present bleacher seating, approximately 5,000 fans can comfortably watch rodeo action.

Several other improvements



Laminated beams for the roof were being installed for the new grandstand at the Benton-Franklin fair and rodeo grounds.

are part of the TCRRA's first phase \$100,000 expansion at the grounds.

Included are installation of new arena lights and new stock chutes.

Grahame Fenton, TCRRA coordinator, says the new chutes will speed up the rodeo program considerably.

"In the past we had only eight chutes. Now we have 10. I think we'll have a much faster rodeo, with lots of action all the time."

Fenton said the group plans to add another 1,300 seat grandstand within the next two

years, plus clubhouse facilities and new barns.

The additional grandstand area will be constructed at the open end of the arena. The clubhouse will be built on the fairgrounds side.

"We also are hoping to expand the track to a five-eighths mile length," Fenton said. "We have already made application to the state racing commission for thoroughbred racing, in ad-

dition to our present quarter-horse racing dates."

HARNESS RACING

Night-time harness racing also may be held at the track, if the necessary improvements are made and the state commission gives approval.

Fenton indicated the TCRRA would like to include some sort of horse racing on its fair-time program, along with the standard rodeo card.

Underneath the new grandstand, pari-mutuel betting windows, concessions area, restrooms and a TCRRA office are being constructed.

These additions will not be finished by rodeo time, however.

Fenton predicts the 1969 rodeo will be the best in the local 20-year history of Rodeo events.

"We like to think of it as the

start of continually outstanding attractions at our rodeo-racing headquarters," Fenton said.

"We feel we are really adding something to the Tri-Cities, with expansion of our facilities. I hope the people in this area are really pleased with the improvements. The TCRRA certainly is proud to contribute its share to local recreational opportunities."

Thursday, August 21, 1969



Keeping track of the exhibits and entries and the paying of premiums is the job of Mrs. Jane Foreman, Kennewick, secretary of the Benton-Franklin fair.

Tri-City Herald Woman's World

Thursday, August 21, 1969



Rodeo Queen

Miss Rodeo Washington, Nicki Lynn Deal, 20, formerly of the Tri-Cities, will be here during the Benton-Franklin fair and rodeo. Miss Deal, now of Moses Lake, was a Benton-Franklin fair and rodeo princess in 1966 and was rodeo queen here in 1967. She is a junior at the University of Washington. Rodeo performances will be Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. with the Sunday finals at 2 p.m.



Thursday, August 21, 1969

Preparing for the "team" luncheon serving contest at this weekend's Benton-Franklin Fair were two Highlands 4-Hers and their pair of guest evaluators. The contestants were Betsy Anderson, second from left, and Lorene Larson, sitting across

from Betsy. Their "judges" were Enid Thomas, left, and Lorna Larson. The luncheon serving contest is one of the 15 food preparation competitions being held during this year's fair.

Thursday, August 21, 1969

TRI-CITY HERALD, PASCO, KENNEWICK,



Getting Ready For The Fair

Going over last minute details concerning the 4-H foods and home furnishing exhibits at the Benton-Franklin fair were these superintendents and junior superintendents. Clock wise, starting

at lower left, were Betty Jeanne Sundling, county extension agent; Jenny Harris, Kathy Peterson, Terese Allen, Mrs. C. L. Baugh, Mrs. Fred Steele and Valerie Hayles.

Thursday, August 22, 1968



Al Udlineck, superintendent of the market stock sale at the Benton-Franklin fair, and Jennie Harries, who showed the grand champion hog last year, looked over a pen of hogs that will be among those

sold at the auction at 1:30 p.m., Friday. Everyone is eligible to bid on the 239 beef, hogs and sheep that is offered for sale by Benton-Franklin 4-H and FFA youths.

65 Vie In Fair Parade

Some 65 entries with 100 units will participate in the Benton-Franklin Counties Fair and Rodeo Parade in Kennewick beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Leading the parade will be Robert Conrad who portrays James West on the TV series, "Wild, Wild West."

Ten floats are scheduled with Wendy Horrobin, Miss Tri-Cities, on the Tri-Cities float.

Rod Bloom, vice president of the parade, said it will form on Dayton Street by the high school.

It will proceed north to First Avenue, west to Fruitland Street, north to Kennewick Avenue, east along Kennewick Avenue to Washington Street, south to First, and west to Auburn Street where it will disband.

The reviewing stand will be in front of the Columbia Television Co., 205 Kennewick Ave.



Carting hay for their cattle at the Benton-Franklin County Fair yesterday were Tanya Adamson, 17, and her brother, Kevin, 11, Rt. 1, Pasco. They are members of the Livestock Trainers 4-H Club in Block 16. The club has nine fat steers. At right, Gail Brandon, 14, Finley, prepared to weigh her lamb at the Ben-



ton-Franklin fairgrounds yesterday. She had three lambs but one died this week and this one was 10 pounds underweight. She is a member of the Finley Livestock 4-H Club, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brandon. The fair officially opened at 9 a.m. today. (Herald photo by Ralph Worsham)

Entries In Kiddie Parade Run Gamut From Bunnies To Saucers

Hoboes, clowns, cowboys and rabbits took over Kennewick streets today, as 200 decorated youngsters marched in the annual Benton-Franklin Fair Kiddies parade.

Among the most eye-catching groups was the Three Rivers Rabbit Club, consisting of nine girl bunnies and a prodding Farmer MacGregor, complete with rake.

The local fair and rodeo got a bit of free publicity as another group wheeled around a small boy on a bucking hobby horse while carrying a sign urging parade-watchers to attend the fair-rodeo.

Taking their cue from the Apollo 11 astronauts a pair of Kennewick youths built their own flying saucer and then provided age-old foot power for moving it along the parade route.

The front end of the saucer had a spire-like point jutting out. The two boy pilots called it "our shish kabob."

The Kennewick High School marching band and drill team lead the parade.

The only problem during the entire affair occurred shortly before the march started. A large St. Bernard pup got loose from its owner and attempted to "converse" with several ponies.

Having none of the Dr. Doolittle touch in him, the dog did little but scare the horses and their youthful riders.

At the end of the route all participants were given free ice

cream and congratulations by pleased parents. Director of the event was Mrs. Linda Martell, Kennewick. First prize winners were: Costumes—Three Little Kitt-

tens—Carla Hastings, Leigh Hastings and Lyn Breezley. Joe Paul Allison and Tom Tinney. Decorated wheels—Desert Sun And Water Fun — Lon and Shawna Rouse.

Pets—Hula girls—Deanna and Elizabeth Rives. Horses—prospector—Loren Miller. Marching units — Three River Rabbit Club.



A wagon train headed by Lon Rouse depicted a trek from back East to the land of Desert Sun and Water Fun, during today's Benton-Franklin Fair kiddies parade. Lon and sister Shawna, beside the wagon, won first prize in the decorated wheels category. Some 200 entrants participated in the parade.

Friday, August 22, 1969

Bicounty Fair Suits Almost Every Fancy

By ROBERT HARPER
Herald Staff Writer

There is something to fit almost any fancy at the Benton Franklin County Fair.

And be it poultry or dresses, judges say nearly every category has better entries than the previous year.

Highlighting today's activities will be the first performance of the 1969 Tumbleweed Rodeo at 8 p.m. A second performance is scheduled at 8 p.m. tomorrow with the wrapup at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Attracting large crowds is Bonnie Guitar. She will be performing at 7 and 10 p.m. today; 3, 7 and 10 p.m. tomorrow and 3 p.m. Sunday.

There are 65 entries with 100 units scheduled to participate in the fair and rodeo parade at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Kennewick. Robert Conrad, tv actor, will be the grand marshal.

Fair entries total about 10,000 with record entries in the poultry, cattle and rabbit divisions.

A tour of the barns finds cattle, sheep, swine and poultry at their prime. Each animal represents the culmination of months of feeding and caring.

They have been carefully washed, combed and clipped from foot to tail or wing tip to wing tip.

The grand and reserve market stock champions are the best to be offered for sale of hundreds of hand-picked animals in the area.

In the sheep barn is Hercules, the 1969 national Montadale Ram champion who Dale Heston, Pasco, purchased last spring for \$1,225.

Among the commercial displays, there is a \$20 gold piece of 1922 vintage and a 100.62 ounce silver bar worth nearly \$2 an ounce. Plus two displays have cameras working to allow visitors to see themselves on tv.

In the commercial arts and



ROBERT CONRAD
Grand Marshal of Parade

Other fair stories, pictures on pages 7, 15.

Two collections have Indian beads not more than an eighth to a quarter of an inch in diameter.

On another wall, hang the dresses and countless clothing items completed over the past year of youths of the region.

Two flower displays in the adjacent building feature the use of discarded automobile air filters. One flower display is a terrarium in a large, old bottle with creeping pepperoni, prayer plant, strawberry family plant and ferns.

In the same building is the open class crafts division. Here are a set of luggage and a guitar case all hand-made by one man.

There is a new food in the natural state division in the cooking and baking section. Here one entrant had a display featuring a hand carved wooden box some 60 years old.

Finally there is a carnival with the traditional ferris wheel and merry-go-round as well as the more exotic Rock-O-Plane and Tilt-O-Whirl.

Plus there are the accompanying ring tosses, dart tosses and basket tosses for stuffed animals and other prizes.

crafts building, senior Tri-Citians have re-incarnated a likeness of Mae West. She is dressed in a vintage 1920 gown complete with ostrich feather hat.

The Wallula Poets have made large posters of their works complete with pictures on a adjoining wall.

Nearby is the state patrol safety trailer. Outside its door rests a grisly remnant of a wreck earlier this year in the area. Catsup gives added effect.

FFA and 4-H home economics and crafts entries contain a large variety of projects — from hand-crafted chisels, clamps, tap dies and drills to dresses, cookies and cakes.

Another exhibit shows pictures of a pheasant-raising project of the Badger Mountain Junior Farmers 4-H.

There are rock collections, too, with specimens from all over the world and the West.

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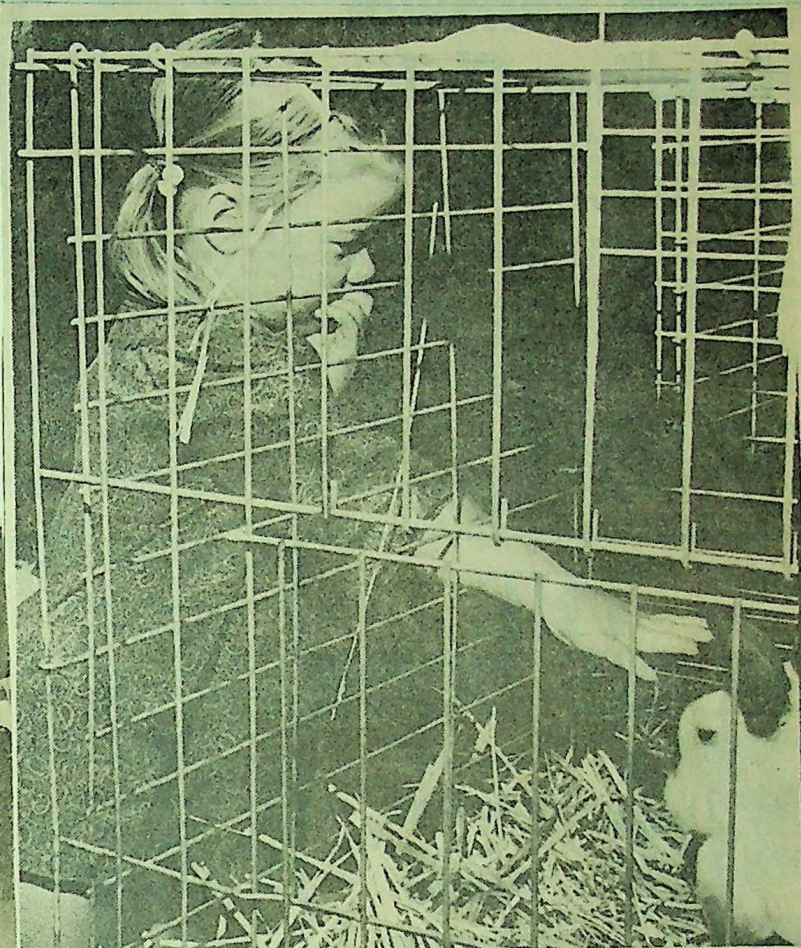


Rodeo Clown Roger Mawson, Fort Smith, Ark., and his 25-year-old performing horse, Peggy, will appear here during the Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin Fair. A mule named, "Rose," and a dog are also part of the clown act. Rodeo performances are scheduled for tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m., and the finals at 2 p.m. Sunday.



NEVER IN TUNE—"Help!" said David Stredwick, owner of a rare sitar from Madras, India, brought here by his Merchant Marine father, James W. Stredwick, Finley. The instrument is on display today-Sunday in the Fine Arts and Crafts Show at Benton-Franklin County Fair. David and his guitar teacher, Veryl Scott, Pasco,

are together learning to play the difficult 11-stringed Oriental instrument. David, in playing position and with wire plectrums on his playing fingers, said playing it "is not like whistling Dixie." Experts say of the sitar: "One lifetime isn't enough to learn to play the sitar." It is so multi-stringed, it is never in tune.



"Should I pat it or not?" 2-year-old Rita Imhoff seemed to be asking herself. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Imhoff, Pasco, were looking over the rabbits and other poultry at the Benton-Franklin

County Fair last night. Fair officials said Thursday's opening day was the "best ever" in attendance but no figures were immediately available. The auto thrill show was a sellout.

Thursday, August 22, 1968



His foot still hung up in the stirrup, saddle bronc rider Mike Isley of Salmon, Idaho, got set to hit the dirt after being bucked off. Isley will be among more than 100 cow-

boys expected here to compete in the Benton-Franklin County Rodeo this weekend at Kennewick Fairgrounds.

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Friday, August 22, 1969

Beef, Swine, Sheep Judged At Benton-Franklin Fair

Yesterday featured the judging of beef, sheep and swine market stock at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

In the FFA competition, Mark Bennett took grand champion honors with his Hereford steer. Steve Kniveton, Eltopia, won both the grand and reserve grand champion titles in the market sheep division as did Don Huddleston, Connell, in the market swine section.

The 4-H grand champions were Mike Andrews, Pasco, with his grade champion steer, Joann Ross, Washtucna, sheep, and Victor Lathim, Kahlolus, swine.

Reserve grand champions in the stock competition were:

Randy Urbach, Pasco, FFA Angus champion; Pam Bennett, Connell, 4-H Hereford cham-

pion; Richard Lathim, Kahlolus, 4-H swine, and Sheri Lathim, Connell, 4-H sheep.

Champions in the market stock judging included Doug Fluharty, Pasco, FFA grade champion; Virgie Burns, Pasco, 4-H Angus champion, and Callie Graham, Pasco, 4-H shorthorn.

Reserve champions were Lee Walter, Othello, FFA Angus; Dale Crum, Kennewick FFA grade; Robert Privette, Richland, 4-H Hereford; Mindy Turner, Pasco, 4-H Angus, and Gayle Bennett, Connell, 4-H grade.

Michael O'Neil, Eltopia, won FFA female champion and reserve champion honors in the Jersey dairy breeding class judging.

In 4-H competition, dairy

breeding class champions were Bill O'Neil, Eltopia, Jersey female; Pat Gage, Richland, Brown Swiss female, and Russell Salvadalena, Pasco, Holstein female.

Reserve champions in the 4-H breeding class competition were Steve O'Neil, Eltopia, Jersey female; and Joe Jackson, Kennewick, Brown Swiss female.

Dallas Harris, Pasco, won the FFA swine fitting and showing competition, and Don Huddleston, Connell, was second.

Jenny Harris, Pasco, was first in the 4-H senior division swine fitting and showing. Second was Wayne Floyd, Mesa. In the junior division, Scott Cochrane took first and Kelly Cochrane, second, both Kahlolus.

Ken Thompson, Walla Walla,

took FFA champion honors in sheep fitting and showing. Reserve champion was Brian Long, Pasco.

Jo Ann Ross, Kahlolus, received the champion award in 4-H senior division sheep fitting and showing, and Tom Lueck, Kennewick, was reserve champion. In the junior division Dan Walker and Greg Allen, both Pasco, were champion and reserve champion respectively.

Columbia Valley Grange won its third blue ribbon in the irrigated division booth display. Kennewick Valley Grange took second and Kennewick Hillands Grange, third.

The Kahlolus Grange received the first place award for its dry land booth display. Locust Grove was second.

Fair Judge Reveals Secrets Of Winning Entries

By ROBERT HARPER

Herald Staff Writer

Sewing contestants at the Franklin-Benton County fair probably know Kay Cyr.

If they don't know her personally, Mrs. Cyr's comments on their entry cards should at least be an introduction.

She is judging embroidery and crocheting at this year's fair, and adds individual written comments for each of the approximately 120 entries.

Mrs. Cyr is grading sewing for the second year and is one of the few judges to make written comments. She attributes the improvement in this year's entry partly to her critiques of last year.

What distinguishes good and bad sewing? Mrs. John McMillin, the secretary and assistant fair superintendent for home economics, answered "Knots."

KNOTS

Mrs. Cyr states, "I just want to boil when I see knots." Any

knots show improper technique.

Besides being knot-free, an embroidered work should show consistency. That is, each stitch and tatting loop should match according to color and form.

She talked about her judging as she examined open class entries.

The first was an embroidered potholder with a gold and white sunburst design. A possible blue ribbon winner.

But Mrs. Cyr noticed that the gold design had not matched in the center. She gave it a red, adding that it was a blue except for the flaw in the center.

Another entry featured an

embroidered tatting or edging of a pillow case. It appeared normal, but the judge's scrutiny picked up frayed edges on the tatting and twisted small loops at the end of the design.

These loops should be pinned out to dry when it is washed, she said. It earned only a white ribbon.

A second pillow case had tatting with a square-checked design along its edge with blue embroidered swirls on the end of the squares.

Mrs. Cyr commented, "This is a very basic pattern, yet very well done. It's one of the first I learned at age 5 from my grandmother. But I never thought to add this blue colored design."

PRIDE

"This entrant takes pride in her work. You can tell the minute you look at it."

Mrs. Cyr, who has graded sewing both here and at the Walla Walla County Fair, has spent 12 years in the sewing and embroidery business and has attended a judges' school.

Besides teaching by example as a judge, she has taught knitting and crocheting classes at Columbia Basin College for the last six years.



Kay Cyr, right, conferred with Mrs. John McMillin as they judged fancy work.



Hanging ribbons on open class paintings at Benton-Franklin County Fair was Mrs. A. C. Rediski.



MRS. JOHN MCMILLIN

She's Won 96 'Blues' At The Fair

"I guess I'll quit when I get 100 blue ribbons," laughed Mrs. John McMillin, of 1211 S. Irby St., Kennewick.

She added she had just won 11 blue ribbons at this year's Benton-Franklin County Fair in knitting, sewing and crocheting. That gave her a grand total of 96 blues, 28 reds and 15 whites after 10 years of fair exhibits.

This year, she explained, she didn't have quite as much time as in the past to prepare entries. Besides caring for four children, she had helped paint the interior and exterior of the family house.

Mrs. McMillin said she particularly likes to sew patterns from Europe. One favorite technique involves using graphs which assign percentages of color to a work.

One of her top works this year is an Advent calendar made from a Danish design.

Kay Cyr, the judge of the open class sewing, described it as an excellent example of count thread embroidery. She pointed out the back of the work was almost indistinguishable from the front.

A large house on the front has separate squares for each day of December. In other white squares are wreaths, candles and other symbols of Christmas, topped by a red Santa Claus in the lower right corner.

Mrs. McMillin said the calendar represented about a month of work.

She added there is a tendency to put things off until about a month before the fair, but "It gets like a fever" after that. Yet clearly at such a tempo Mrs. McMillin does her best.



Around food judging table were Dawn Thompson, Brenda Chase and Tina Matsamura (all of Basin

City Snappers 4-H Club), Mrs. George Nagasuka, Christie Goodsel and Mrs. E. J. Latzko.

Show Winners Announced

Gregg Englesby placed first in oils and first in mixed media in the non-competitive Fine Arts and Creative Crafts Show at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Other awards went to Ruth Lincoln, first in ceramics; Mary Ann Dotson, Ruth Hinegardner and Gladys Fenstermacher, honorable mention in oils; and Englesby and Tom Welker, honorable mention in sculpture.

Miss Myrna Shenkler, who has just returned from a six-week painting seminar in Vermont, was show judge. She is a graduate of the University

of Arizona and a member of the Columbia Basin College Art Department.



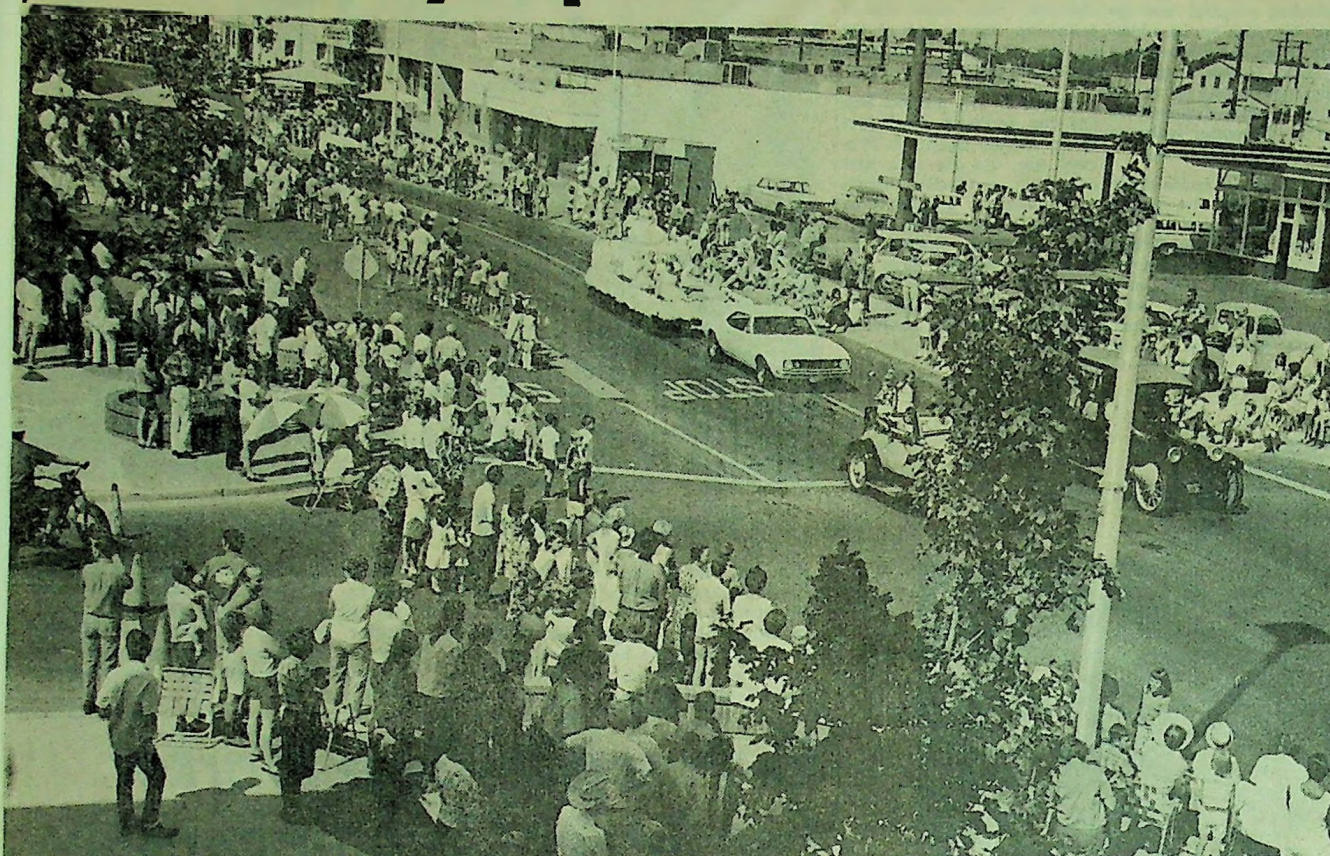
Lea Bair, 20, right, and Marcia Fanning, 16, made final adjustments yesterday on the Columbia Valley Grange display at the Benton-Franklin County Fair. Displays

must show locally grown farm products, and this one has 25 - 30 vegetables, fruits, grains, peppers and eggs.

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TRI-CITY HERALD

Variety Spices Benton-Franklin Fair Events



Thousands turned out Saturday morning for the hour-long Benton-Franklin Counties Fair and Rodeo Parade in downtown Kennewick. Many brought their own chairs as others stood several deep watching about 100 different units. The Lind Cham-

ber of Commerce won first place and Connell was second in visiting floats. Other fair stories, pictures on pages 1, 18. (Photos of parade and rodeo by Ralph Worsham, and of the stock show by Ralph Smith)



These women of the Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) club in Pasco were in the Benton-Franklin Counties Fair and Rodeo Parade Saturday. Club members help each

other lose weight. In the fraternal and civic float category, the Tri-City Water Follies took first place and the Pasco-Kennewick Beta Sigma Phi was second.

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Exhibitor Wins 108 Jars

Elsie Mathews, Rt. 1, Pasco, won some nine dozen jars in open class canning competition this year at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Since she has exhibited some 37 canning entries this year, there is a good chance those jars may be used for next year's canning. Mrs. Mathews has entered canning, baking and sewing divisions for the last decade at the fair.

She said she has "boxes of ribbons," and although she hasn't counted, probably most are blue.

This year she won the U&I Sugar Co. canning first place award; Ball Awards for firsts in pickles, jelly and jam; first place in the Franklin County Wheat Association bread baking, and Kerr Awards for first place in canned fruit and second in canned vegetables.

Mrs. Mathews explained that baking and sewing "are my first loves." She described canning as a "lost art to me, so I have to work at it." Yet "I suppose I get more things in canning because I have to enter more things," she added.

The next year's canning begins at the end of previous year's fair. She seeks top quality produce, so she must be ready when the fruit is ripe.

After that she noted, "It's a matter of trying to outguess the judge." However, after 10 years of competition, Mrs. Mathews



ELSIE MATHEWS

says each exhibit is "a challenge and an educational experience."

Her chief satisfaction from her awards "is knowing that you can produce top quality items" for fair competition, she concluded.

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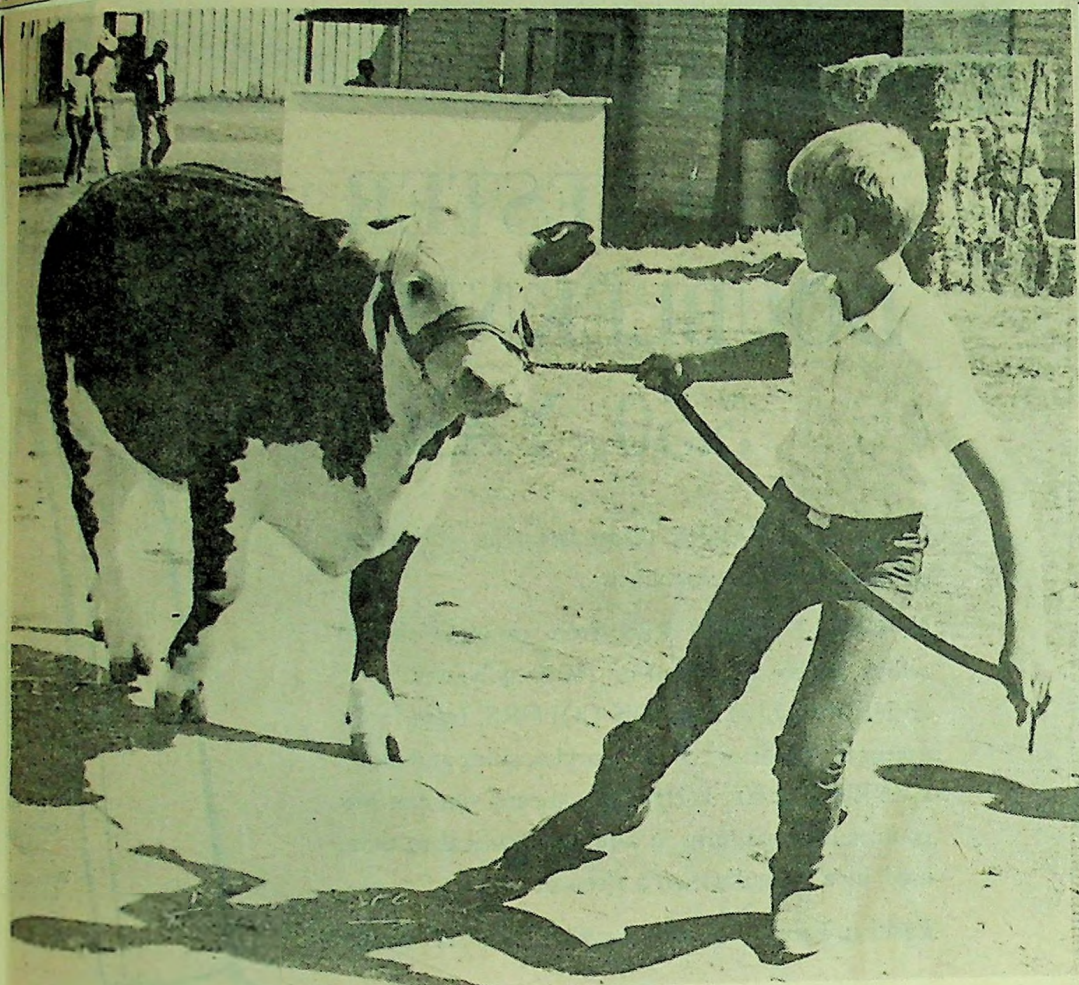


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Pasco, Kennewick, Richland, Washington



Scott Privette, 12, Richland, couldn't always get his Hereford to move at the Benton-Franklin County Fair. He would be walking along and

suddenly it would stop. Scott wasn't too upset with the animal, however. It had just won a blue ribbon.



Proud of her grand champion lamb was Jo Ann Ross, Washtucna, a 4-H member. Her 100-pound lamb brought \$1.25 a pound by Sargent Irrigation during the market stock sale Friday.

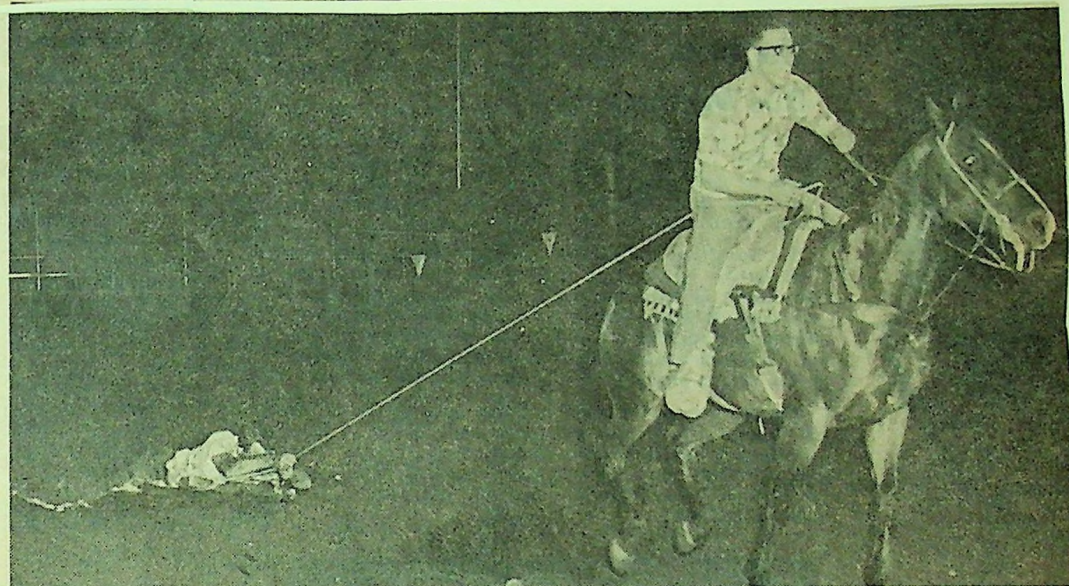


Grand champion steer at the market stock sale of the Benton-Franklin Counties Fair was entered by Mark Bennett, Connell. His FFA prize weighed 930 pounds and sold for \$1 a pound to Top-penish Sales Yard Friday.



Robert Conrad, star tv performer of the "Wild Wild West" series signed autographs for scores of youngsters along the parade route in downtown Kennewick yesterday. Other parade winners were the Three Rivers Rabbit Float for novelty; Tri-City Sun Twirlers, first, and Atomic Twirlers,

second, in marching units; Kennewick High in bands; Tri-City Columbians, miscellaneous; Richland Rainbow, first, and Tri-City Child Evangelism, second, youth group floats, and H. Jackson, antique car club, driving a 1929 Model A.



One of the exciting events at the Benton-Franklin Counties Rodeo is the cowhide race. Here, two from Walla Walla attempted but lost in Friday

night's race. The winner was Benton County with Finley second. (Rodeo stories, pictures on pages 13, 17).



Don Huddleston, Star Route, Mesa, was with two champions Friday he had as a FFA member. The hog on the left was the grand champion, weighing 205 pounds and getting 85 cents a pound from Seattle First-National Bank, Connell, and a reserve grand champion weighing 195 pounds and getting 70 cents a pound from Huddleston Farm.



This youth pulled and tugged to get the calf over the line into the circle during the calf scramble of 15 boys from various 4-H clubs. First one to finish was Bob Massingale, 17, of Kennewick. This event took place at the rodeo Friday night.

Final Go-Round Today

Linderman Heads Action At Rodeo

Walt Linderman of Belfry, Mont., surged to the top of the steer-wrestling standings Saturday night to headline the second go-round of the \$4,500 Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds before a standing-room-only crowd of more than 8,000.

Linderman, the third leading money-winner on the national circuit, turned in the fastest time of the 21st annual rodeo

here with a spectacular 4.8-second clocking.

The final session is slated for today, starting at 2 p.m., with the cowboys scoring the best marks from the first two rounds competing for the \$4,500 in prize funds.

In the bareback riding competition, Tuffy Morrison of Ellensburg and Malcolm Jones of Lethbridge, Alta., each scored 66 points, followed by

Roddy Ross of Fort McCloud, Alta., with 58 and Clyde Longfellow of West Richland with 57.

Jim Gladstone of Gordston, Alta., clocked in 13.4 seconds, held a big margin over Ken Frazier, Walla Walla, in the calf roping.

Tacoma's Lee Markholt posted 72 points for the second-round lead in bull riding, followed by Dale Rose, Medicine Hat, Alta., and Ken Stanton of Weiser, Idaho, each with 69.

Stanton is the defending Tumbleweed all-around champion.

The biggest lead of the session was posted by Dale Trotter of Carter Valley, B.C., who was awarded 92 points in the bareback-riding competition.

Linderman's fine showing in the steer wrestling was followed by Buzz Peth of Bow, Wash., with a clocking of 5.4 seconds and Stan Morrison of La Grande, Ore., with 5.5.

In girls barrel racing, Kay Walker of Moses Lake was timed in 18.1, followed closely by Janet Stover of Yakima, 18.3, and Bonnie Hughes, Pullman, 18.5.

The special events were highlighted by the sheriff-posse-replay competition, won by Walla Walla. Benton-Franklin was second and Finley third.

RODEO RESULTS

STEER WRESTLING	
Walt Linderman, Belfry, Mont.	4.8
Buzz Peth, Bow, Wash.	5.4
Stan Morrison, LeGrande, Ore.	5.5
Mark Schrickler, Sulzerlin, Ore.	6.1
Earl Underhill, Cloverdale, B.C.	14.7
Bruce Weinrich, Pasco	17.0
Roger Cole, Walla Walla	23.6
Larry Schlecht, Walla Walla	25.1
Bob Prussack, Kennewick	NT
Rod Nuckols, Moses Lake	NT
Tom Patterson, Pasco	NT
Jim Haley, Belfry, Mont.	NT
Sparky Trotter, Carter Valley, B.C.	NT
Larry Wyatt, Ellensburg	NT
Gib Garstead, Black Diamond, Alta.	NT
Don Drake, Enumclaw	NT

SADDLE BRONC RIDING	
Tuffy Morrison, Ellensburg	66
Malcolm Jones, Lethbridge, Alta.	66
Roddy Ross, Fort McCloud, Alta.	58
Clyde Longfellow, Lewiston	57
Mark Haptonstall, West Richland	NP
Mike Layton, Walla Walla	NP
Jim Schlecht, Walla Walla	NP
Ricky Lawler, Wallard City, N.D.	NP
John Ivory, Oskdale, Calif.	NP

BAREBACK RIDING	
Dale Trotter, Carter Valley, B.C.	92
Malcolm Jones, Lethbridge, Alta.	71
Sam Flynn, Bend, Ore.	66
Mark Haptonstall, West Richland	63
Jim Schlecht, Walla Walla	62
Kirk Genser, Clarkston	NP
Larry Schlecht, Walla Walla	NP
Doug Flannagan, Ponoka, Alta.	NP
Steve Jesse, Walla Walla	NP
Dennis Pleasant, Prosser	NP

CALF ROPING	
Jim Gladstone, Gordston, Alta.	13.4
Ken Frazier, Walla Walla	14.4
Terry Wagner, Laurel, Mont.	14.4
Jeff Coppenhaver, Spokane	15.2
Wayne McMeans, Sunnyside	16.5
Sterling Green, Cheney	17.7
Stan Morrison, LeGrande, Ore.	18.0
Buzz Peth, Bow, Wash.	21.9
Sparky Trotter, Carter Vly, B.C.	23.1
Mark Schrickler, Sulzerlin, Ore.	23.6
Earl Underhill, Cloverdale, B.C.	25.1
Bill Ward, Athena, Ore.	25.7
John Fouts, Walla Walla	NT
Gene Hassler, Lowden, Wash.	NT
Dick Powers, Ellensburg	NT

BULL RIDING	
Lee Markholt, Tacoma	72
Ken Stanton, Weiser, Ida.	69
Dale Rose, Medicine Hat, Alta.	69
Gib Garstead, Black Diamond, Alta.	67
Mike Randall, Capitan, N.M.	62
Dave Garstead, Black Diamond, Alta.	62
Nate Grey, Troy, Ida.	NP
Millon Leslie, Wenatchee	NP

GIRLS BARREL RACING	
Kay Walker, Moses Lake	18.1
Janet Stover, Yakima	18.3
Ronnie Hughes, Pullman	18.5
Cheryl Stover, Yakima	18.6
Pam Stevens, Richland	18.7
Rene Patterson, Pasco	18.8
Dolcie Hughes, Pullman	19.1
Pam Talbot, Walla Walla	19.2
Susan Davis, Adams, Ore.	23.5
Pam Parsons, Walla Walla	24.2
Nancy Goodwin, Moses Lake	26.5

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The nation's all-around cowboy leader, Larry Mahan of Salem, took second place in the opening bull-riding event at Friday's first go-round of the \$4,500 Tumbleweed Rodeo at Benton-Franklin

Fairgrounds in Kennewick. Mahan, who also won the national all-around title last year, scored 69 points on the ride, one point behind Bill Kornell of Salmon, Idaho. (Ralph Worsham photo)

Sunday, August 24, 1969

TRI-CITY HERALD, PASCO, KENNEWICK, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON



Bonnie Guitar, Western singer, is packing 'em in at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Bonnie Guitar Has Sang Western Tunes For 26 Years

For more than 26 years Bonnie Guitar — now appearing at the Benton-Franklin County Fair — has been singing country-Western numbers throughout the U.S.

The brown-eyed, 5-foot 3-inch Washingtonian claims to know 2,500 songs and to have sung in most every state in the Union, including Hawaii and Alaska.

She likes Alaska because "it still has all the humility we have lost here (rest of U.S.)," she said.

Bonnie, who's real name before marriage to Mark Depiano, was Bonnie Buckingham. Her birth place is Auburn.

It was in 1957 that Bonnie was in a three-way tie for being voted the Most Promising Vocalist by Billboard, a poll by the disc jockeys. She tied with Johnny Mathis and Polly Bergen.

Bonnie started singing professionally at an Eagle's club in Seattle, in 1943. The guitar was always with her, having acquired it as a hand-me-down in her family.

She's traveled with bands, sang on television, and been to Hollywood as a producer of musical numbers.

She was with Ned Miller as a guitarist when he cut the record "From A Jack To A King." It turned out to be the "biggest song in the world," she claims.

At one time or another she has appeared with all the Western greats. She believes Johnny Cash has done more for

the profession than any one person.

In 1956 Bonnie was voted top female vocalist and star vocalist from her album "Two Worlds." She has been nominated every year, and has been voted top female vocalist for the 50,000-watt stations in the country.

Bonnie really wanted to be a clarinet player when she was very young. But all that was available in the home was the guitar.

The Tri-Cities has been good to Bonnie. Not only has she been well accepted here at numerous engagements but she has found the talent she is looking for.

She discovered Bruce Mullen of Pasco and has taken him under her wing, believing he will someday soon be a star in his own right. The 21-year-old Mullen will tour with her.

Already she has taken him to Nashville to cut a record, and to help him "get acquainted" in Hollywood.

Other talent she has

"discovered" are Fred Grazzina of Richland, who plays the organ, piano and harpsichord, and Ed Sweeney, Kennewick, on the drums.

She is most enthused about her daughter, Alexys, 19, who also will be touring with her as a pop blues singer.

Bonnie feels she is bridging the generation gap — not only with her daughter — but with young audiences.

Recently, Bonnie was requested to sing at an Eskimo hospital in Alaska. She didn't know the language and she admits they never heard of Bonnie Guitar.

"They brought them out on

stretchers and all tried to sing along with me," she said. "There is a sad side to this too. They are not treated as well as they should be."

Bonnie's favorite song is "Moments To Remember." This is a song that really bridges the generation gap, she explained.

Her latest record with Paramount (formerly Dot) is "See Me Later Look," written by Curly Putnam who wrote the "Green Green Grass of Home."

Now, she's hoping and looking for that one big song that can reach for the million mark.

BENTON-FRANKLIN FAIR, RODEO SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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| 11 a.m. | Exhibit buildings open. |
| 2 p.m. | Rodeo Cowboy's Association-approved rodeo trophy saddle and awards. |
| 1:30 p.m. | Livestock exhibitor meeting—Fair evaluation. |
| 3 p.m. | Bonnie Guitar sings. |
| 5 p.m. | Presentation of livestock herdsman's banners. |
| 6 p.m. | Premium checks available at fair office. |
| 6 p.m. | Market stock to be loaded out. |
| 1 p.m. | Other livestock, exhibits and booths are to be removed. |



ENTRANCED

Intently watching the Benton-Franklin Counties Fair and Rodeo Parade in downtown Kennewick Saturday were Bobbie Erickson, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Erickson, Pasco, and Laurie Ross, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Richland. Other fair pictures, stories on pages 18, 34. (Photo by Ralph Worsham)

Sunday, August 24, 1969

Old Timer Has Seen Fair Grow From Tiny Beginning

Other fair stories, pictures on pages 1, 34.

P. J. Bakker of Finley, who will be 75 years old next month, hasn't missed a Benton-Franklin County Fair since its beginning some 25 years ago.

Not only has he been attending but has been working in display booths each year — mostly someone else's.

In the early years he had his own exhibit of floral displays from his greenhouses. Later, he has been with various marinas, and this year it is the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Bakker prefers not to look back at the mistakes made each year but at what can be done to improve it in the future.

He is surprised there aren't more exhibits though admits there are more each year and better.

That first year there were no more than 30 exhibits and a couple buildings. Perhaps 200-300 people showed up.

"I remember they had oil stoves in Buildings 4 and 5 and it got so darn hot in there you couldn't stand it," he said.

Exhibitors had to pay about \$10 for space then "but now you can't even sneeze at that price."



P. J. BAKKER
25 years in a row

A native of Amsterdam, Holland, Bakker came to the U.S. three months before the beginning of World War I in 1914.

"They had some kind of rodeo back then but I can't recall too much about it," he said. "Certainly it is nothing like the one we have now. Then it was mostly local talent."

He then added, "What we need is horse racing, and I'd like to see harness racing . . . It is beautiful."

His own main objection is having the Republican and Democratic booths. "They have no business here," he said.

All the concessions the first year were under canvas and there was "doggone little but one barn."

He favors "going to work and putting in one big round building like in Walla Walla for exhibits, and have it right out there in the middle."

Just a few years ago a big rainstorm hit, he recalled. "We had a big crowd out here and all the people packed into 3, 4 and 5 buildings for shelter."

"Then the roofs started leaking."

Bakker seemed mostly peeved at the "wasted space" where more exhibits could be placed. He was upset because many merchants failed to take advantage of having displays "like they used to."

TRI-CITY HERALD, PASCO, KENNEWICK, RICHLAND, WASH



Coming out of the chute aboard High Pockets Friday night was J. C. Bonine of Hysham, Mont. Bonine topped the saddle bronc riding with 75 points in the first go-round of

the 21st annual Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds in Kennewick. (Ralph Worsham Photo)

Veteran Oliver Sets Pace In Calf Roping

By RALPH WORSHAM
Herald Staff Writer

Dean Oliver of Boise won his specialty, calf roping, in the opening night of the Tumbleweed Rodeo at the Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds Friday.

Oliver, 40, presently is the nation's leading money-winner in calf roping, with \$24,393 collected so far. His No. 1 time Friday was 12.6 seconds, four tenths faster than Daryl Hobbey, Boise, and Ernest Forsberg, Chatsworth, Calif., recorded for second place.

Oliver has won seven national calf-roping championships.

Other individual winners Friday were Buzz Seeley, bareback riding; J. C. Bonine,

saddle-bronc riding; Mike Harrington, steer wrestling, and Bill Kornell, bull riding.

Seeley, of Roosevelt, Wash., scored 73 points in the bareback. Dennis Pleasant of Prosser and Royce Smith, Iona, Idaho, tied for second with 67.

Kornell, of Salmon, Idaho, nipped national all-around leader, Larry Mahan, in the bull riding. Kornell scored 70 points to Mahan's 69.

Mahan, from Salem, Ore., also tied for third behind Bonine, Hysham, Mont., in the saddle bronses.

Harrington, from Moses Lake, wrestled his steer in 5.7 seconds, just a tenth faster than the time turned in by Carl Mansfield of Pasco.

In the girls barrel racing, Jam Kremling of Enumclaw and Katherine Anderson of Ellensburg tied for first with times of 17.9 seconds.

Walla Walla won the posse relay race. Benton County was second, Finley third.

Benton County came back to win the cowhide race, followed in order by Finley and Walla Walla.

Winner of the calf scramble was Bob Massingale, 17, Kennewick.

More than 1,600 persons attended the first-night competition. It continued last night and will end this afternoon.

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Friday's Results

BAREBACK RIDING	
Buzz Seeley, Roosevelt	73
Dennis Pleasant, Prosser	67
Royce Smith, Iona, Ida.	67
Doug Flannigan, Ponoka, Alta.	61
Allen Thorpe, Edmonton, Alta.	59
Daryl Brown, Spokane	57
Russell McCall, Bend, Ore.	57
Bill Kornell, Salmon, Ida.	38
Sterling Greeme, Cheney	NP

CATTLE ROPING	
Dean Oliver, Boise	12.6
Daryl Hobbey, Boise	13.0
Ernest Forsberg, Chatsworth, Calif.	13.0
Carl Prelli, Del Rio, Tex.	13.2
Leland Kelly, Walla Walla	14.9
G. L. Longood, Walla Walla	15.2
Jerry Kelle, Phoenix	16.7
Daryl Broadhead, Pasco	16.9
Skolper Hale, Walla Walla	22.0
Jerry Anderson, Ellensburg	23.9
Art Fulkerson, Milton-Freewater	26.7
Arne Buhay, Cheney	36.3
Larry Wyatt, Ellensburg	NT
Bob Johnson, Caldwell	NT
Dwight Broadhead, Pasco	NT
Stan Harter, Phoenix	NT

SADDLE BRONC RIDING	
J. C. Bonine, Hysham, Mont.	75
Bill Smith, Cody, Wyo.	71
Jack Thrasher, Yakima	70
Larry Mahan, Salem	69
Leo Brown, Coz, Alta.	69
Bob Jock, Salem	68
Dennis Reiners, Scollsdale, Ariz.	66
Mel Hyland, Port Kells, B. C.	59

STEER WRESTLING	
Mike Harrington, Moses Lake	5.7
Carl Mansfield, Pasco	5.8
Leland Kelly, Walla Walla	6.5
Sonny Kelsey, Ellensburg	6.9
Jim Winslow, Pendleton	7.0
Bud Schafer, Walla Walla	7.2
Chuck Boatwright, Spokane	7.4
Dan McKenzie, Benton City	7.4
Tim Waller, Pendleton	8.0
Danny Kuh, Kennewick	9.9
Dale Huddleston, Pasco	10.9
Ken Clegg, Kennewick	11.7
Ron Hudson, Pendleton	20.4
Rusty Twater, Pasco	NT
Kirk Gerger, Clarkston	NT
Don Churchwell, Richland	NT
Larry Manthey, Pasco	NT
Terry Wagner, Laurel, Mont.	NT
Dale Rucker, Richland	NT

BULL RIDING	
Bill Kornell, Salmon, Ida.	70
Larry Mahan, Salem	69
Larry Condon, Omak	64
Larry Davis, Homedale, Ida.	61
Jim Dods, Ponoka, Alta.	56
Verne Slear, Benton City	NT
Andy Conforth, Richland	NT
George Schler, Pasco	NT

GIRLS BARREL RACING	
Katherine Anderson, Ellensburg	17.9
Jam Kremling, Enumclaw	17.9
Cole Kelly, Walla Walla	18.0
Cay Davis, Homedale, Ida.	18.0
Judy Talbot, Walla Walla	18.3
Lynda Keilmer, West Richland	18.6
Debbie Revis, Kennewick	19.7
Therly Robeson, Kennewick	20.5
Darcy Forsythe, Kennewick	31.6

4-H, FFA Judging Tests Highlight Saturday Fair

Competition in the 4-H and FFA team dairy and livestock judging highlighted yesterday's action at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

The Stanfield, Ore. 4-H Dairy Club won the team dairy cattle judging, and The Seekers of Richland were second. The Kahlotus Beef Club won top honors in the 4-H livestock judging with the Basin Pioneers of Mesa, second, and the Hoof & Horn of Prosser, third.

In FFA competition, Selah took the dairy grading with Pomeroy, second, and Granger, third. In the livestock judging, Dayton was first followed by Eatonville and Wapato.

Friday Reidar Walli, Richland, was named the state alfalfa hay grand champion based on both visual and laboratory tests on his bales. State reserve champion was Duane Lathim, Kahlotus, and the state champions were Rick Reed and Jim Nielsen, both Mesa.

Lcs Borms, Kennewick, was runner-up to Walli among Benton County entries, and Wayne Tresham, Pasco, was third in Franklin County behind the Franklin County state winners.

Three Burbank Heights growers took all places for Walla Walla County. First was Robert Peterson, second, Walt Carlson, and third, Duane Johnson.

Among Adams County entries, John Melgren and Ted Melgren, both Othello, were first and second respectively.

In Friday's market stock sale, Mark Bennett, Connell, sold his FFA grand champion steer for \$1 a pound to Toppenish Sales Yard. Mike Andrews, Prosser, received \$.75 from Byrd Motors for his 4-H grand champion steer.

OTHER BEEF SALES

Other beef sales were: Randy Urbach, Pasco, FFA reserve grand champion steer, \$.41 from McMullen Bros. Construction, Pam Benoit, Pasco 4-H reserve grand champion steer, \$.41, Connell Grain Growers, Doug Fluhray, Pasco, FFA champion steer, \$.33, Prosser Commercial Co., Callie Graham, Pasco, 4-H champion champion steer, \$.34 1/2, IHC Harvester. Merle Booker, Mesa, FFA reserve champion steer, \$.34 1/2, Welch Bros. Chemical, Virgil Burns, Pasco, 4-H champion steer, \$.32 1/2, Basin Surplus. Dale Cram, Kennewick, FFA reserve champion steer, \$.33, Seattle-First National Bank, Pasco, 4-H reserve champion steer, \$.32, Precision Tractor, Lee Wallers, Othello, FFA reserve champion steer, \$.32, Seelie implement, Gayle Bennet, Connell, 4-H reserve champion steer, \$.34, Connell IGA, and Robert Privette, Richland, 4-H reserve champion steer, \$.34 1/2, Seattle-First National Bank, Richland. Steve Kniveton, Ellipta, received \$1.05 a pound for his FFA grand champion sheep from Peoples National Bank, Pasco. Jo Ann Ross, Washluna, sold

her 4-H grand champion sheep for \$1.25 a pound to Sargent Irrigation. Sheri Lathim, Kahlotus, was paid \$1.00 a pound for her 4-H reserve grand champion sheep from L. W. Pail Construction and Kniveton received \$.70 for his FFA reserve grand champion sheep from Safeway.

Don Huddleston, Mesa, was bid \$.85 a pound from Seattle-First National Bank, Connell for his FFA grand champion hog. Huddleston Farm paid \$.70 for his FFA reserve champion hog.

Victor Lathim, Kahlotus, also received \$.85 a pound for his 4-H grand champion hog from Big Bend Electric Cooperative.

Richard Lathim, Kahlotus, sold his 4-H reserve grand champion hog for \$.60 to Harder Fertilizer.

SHEEP JUDGING
In the sheep breeding stock judging, Ken Thompson had the champion FFA male Cheviot.

Steve Kniveton had the champion FFA male and female Suffolk as well as the reserve champion female Suffolk.

Kim Berg had the reserve champion male and female Suffolk, the reserve champion female Hampshire was Jim McKay, Sendl Brown won the champion honors for her 4-H Hampshire female, and Ronald Brown took the reserve champion Hampshire male.

Kels Berg received the championship honors for her 4-H Montadale male and the reserve champion title for her Montadale female sheep.

Wayne Heaton had the 4-H champion female Montadale sheep.

Gwen Ward was the owner of the 4-H champion Columbia female sheep, and Bart McKay had the 4-H champion male and female Southdown sheep.

In the open sheep breeding class judging, Dick Gordon, Fairfield, had the champion male and female Hampshire sheep and the reserve champion female Hampshire, Brad McKay, Ellipta, was the owner of the reserve champion Hampshire male.

George Ward, Kennewick, took the champion Columbia male honors with Kenry Garbo, Lowden, winning the reserve champion male Columbia title.

Falre Brothers, Rockford, were owners of the champion male Southdown and female sheep as well as the reserve champion female. Mary Jane Fehrenbacher, Milton-Freewater, Ore., had the reserve champion male.

In the open class Romney sheep breeding class judging, Mary Jane Fehrenbacher had the champion and reserve champion females.

Larry Young, Walla Walla, had the champion male and female Suffolk sheep and the reserve female champion, Frank

Williams, Lowden, had the reserve female champion, Frank Williams, Lowden, had the reserve champion male. W. D. Heaton, Pasco, won both champion and reserve champion honors for Montadale male and sheep. Larry Young, Walla Walla, swept all championship honors for both female and male judging for other breeds of sheep.

BEEF WINNERS
In the breeding class judging for beef, Paula Johnson won the champion and reserve champion honors with her Short-horn females.

Dale Gwalt, Kennewick, had the champion 4-H Hereford female and Leah Van Holthebeke, Prosser, the reserve champion female.

Lydia Buckingham, Pasco, was the owner of the 4-H Charolais champion female, Donna Enders, Kennewick, had the reserve champion female.

Dale Cram, Kennewick, had the FFA Angus champion male and Gary Middleton, Pasco, had the champion female. The owner of the reserve champion FFA Angus female was Harrison Hughes, Kennewick.

Terry Kilker, Pasco, won the 4-H breeding class judging for Angus females. Janet Middleton, Pasco, had the reserve champion female Angus.

In the open breeding class competition for beef, Roy Howard & Sons, Milton-Freewater, Ore., had the champion Angus male, and Ken Maiden, Walla Walla, had the reserve champion male.

Tea Cup Angus, Milton-Freewater, was the owner of the champion female Angus, and Bill Cox, Hermiston, Ore., had the reserve champion female.

D. Eugene Enders, Kennewick, won the champion Charolais female honors and W. V. Gustafson, Kennewick, the reserve champion Charolais female title.

The champion Short-horn male was owned by Jim Kibler, Walla Walla, and the reserve champion male by Lloyd Welch, Pasco. Kibler also had the champion and reserve champion Short-horn female.

T. T. Hereford, Connell, had the champion and reserve champion male Hereford, Nancy Stallings, Richland, had the champion and reserve champion female Hereford.

Mrs. L. W. Gano, Selah, was the owner of both the champion and reserve champion female Scotch Highlands.

In the 4-H poultry competition, Sharon Bace, Benton City, had both the best cockerel and best pullet in the show.

Elsie Lee's New Zealand white rabbit won the best of the show award, and A & H Rabbitry's Palomino rabbit took the best of the show honors also.

Thursday, Mark Bennett, Connell, won the FFA beef fitting and showing, Pam Bennett, Connell, took the 4-H senior division fitting and showing and Scott Privette, Richland, the junior division.

Wednesday, August 27, 1969

Tumbleweed Rodeo Program Authored By 'Retired' Man

By JOHN LYMAN
Herald Staff Writer

The postman who goes for a walk on his day off has nothing on Jim Holloway of San Bernardino, Calif.

While visiting in Pasco the last two months Holloway put together the official Tumbleweed Rodeo souvenir program.

At San Bernardino early this year showman Holloway put together for pay a 152-page official program for the Sheriff's Rodeo. Plus managing the entire show.

Holloway, retired last fall after 30 years from the San Bernardino County sheriff's department, spent July and August visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Grahame Fenton, 3013 W. Wilcox, Road, Pasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway and daughter Carol went to a Rodeo Cowboys Association convention in Denver a number of years ago. They met a cowboy contestant then riding for Jim Shoulders, Henrietta, Okla., former world champion cowboy. The cowboy, Grahame Fenton, came into this country on a sportsman's visa from Orange, New South Wales, Australia.

WEDDING

Fenton and Holloway's daughter were wed, and the Fentons recently moved to Pasco to live.

Before returning home early next month Mr. and Mrs. Holloway plan to take in the Walla Walla rodeo. Earlier they took in the revived rodeo at Vancouver, B.C., and the Omak Stampede.

This fall they'll again attend the RCA convention in San

Francisco where Holloway is a board member.

San Bernardino rodeo officials figured they would lose their manager of 13 years when Holloway retired as administrative assistant to the sheriff. As it turned out it meant Holloway could spend full time on the job.

Telling of his experience with the Tumbleweed Rodeo Holloway said "they worked me to death but I liked it."

Holloway recommends any town where an organization is putting on a rodeo should consider what good the sport is going to do the town and the area.

"Is it going to benefit the merchants and furnish good clean entertainment for the people living there?"

Also he advises that aside from the standard events of a rodeo it is necessary to have some well selected specialty acts, such as dog acts, good clown acts and entertainment that will appeal to each segment of the family.

PURCHASES

"I tried to make all my purchases from merchants within the community who help support the rodeo," reported Holloway.

Raised on a ranch where he had to handle livestock, Holloway sees the rodeo as the last of the frontier sports,



JIM HOLLOWAY
Visits Pasco Family

possibly a heritage of the American people.

"It's the one sport where all the contestants have to pay an entrance fee and aren't assured of any winnings, except by their ability, along with luck, to best their fellow competitor."

Holloway predicts the Tri-City Racing and Rodeo Association will put together one of the finest facilities to be found anywhere. Definitely, he says, the Tri-Cities are big enough to support an outstanding rodeo.

"I have never been associated with a group of men such as this organization that are more dedicated to the cause of making the Tumbleweed Rodeo a No. 1 event," he said.

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Cowboys and bulls waited together for action Sunday during the Benton-Franklin County Rodeo. Gusty winds mixed with dust kept the attendance down but failed to slow down the enthusiasm of both riders and animals. The

cowboys spend most of their time just sitting around and waiting for the few seconds they are in the arena. (Rodeo story, picture on page 16.)

Fair Termed Big Success

The Benton-Franklin County Fair was termed bigger and better this year, but it is confronted with growing pains.

Fair president R. M. Simmelink termed this year's fair as the smoothest ever. He said the fair had better attendance, weather and shows than last year.

He said between 40,000-45,000 spectators attended — the most in the last two years. In addition, Bonnie Guitar performed before large crowds at every show, he said.

Grahame Fenton, rodeo coordinator, said the show made money although yesterday's blowing dust dropped the crowd to 1,000 after a sellout of 8,000 Saturday night.

Both the stock supplier and rodeo riders said the arena was one of the best they had seen, he added. Spectators said it was "the fastest and most colorful rodeo ever in the area", according to Fenton.

Simmelink noted that there were a record number of points awarded to the fair's entries indicating both the quality and number of entries.

Poultry, rabbits, sheep and cattle entries, however, were crowded. Simmelink said poultry cages had to be borrowed from other county fairs.

Simmelink said some sheep had to be moved outside the barn and others into the swine area. Some beef cattle were moved into the dairy barn.

"We'll make some capital improvements next year," particularly in the poultry and rabbits section, he noted.

William Ames, grounds

supervisor, said the number of house trailers at the fair has tripled in recent years. He explained more exhibitors were now living on the grounds.

There were so many this year "there had been some thought of moving the carnival further out on the grounds" to make more room for them.

He added the fair probably needs a year-round manager to oversee construction and maintenance.

Some confusion arose over the fair and rodeo tickets, according to Simmelink. Evidently some spectators purchased a fair ticket and then bought a rodeo ticket only to discover

the latter included fair admission.

Fenton added the confusion probably would straighten itself out after people know the rodeo ticket also provided fair admission.

This year's parking area had an abnormal amount of weeds and was quite rough in places. Simmelink said the area had been burned to try to destroy the weeds, and he admitted the ground probably needs grading.

In the final competition Saturday, Walter Peterson, Pasco took first place in the senior milking contest followed by Pat Gage, Richland, and Mike O'Neil, Eltopia.

6-Hour Stock Sale Criticized

One of the loudest complaints at this year's fair concerned Friday's market stock sale.

It started at 1 p.m. and ended at 7 p.m.

The 272 4-H and FFA animals in the sale "were too many to sell." The sale was so long buyers went home, a seller remarked.

Last year some 239 head of beef, hogs, and sheep netted exceptionally high prices, and this may account for some of the disappointment, according to Leath Andrews, Benton-Franklin farm agent.

Last year sheep sold for an average of 58 cents a pound, hogs for 63 cents a pound and steers for 38 cents a pound, according to Andrews.

This year beef sold for about 34 cents a pound, sheep about 38 cents a pound and hogs for about 35 cents.

These generally lower prices prompted Andrews to conclude "money didn't seem to be as plentiful this year" as in 1968.

Discussion at yesterday's exhibitors meeting centered on ways to reduce the number of

animals at the sale. Some suggested eliminating the white ribbon winners from the sale, and others asked for a reduction in the total number of animals one person could sell.

Fair president R. M. Simmelink said there would be some changes in the stock sale procedure before next year's fair.

Will Gerlitz, Benton County farm agent, indicated \$1,100 have been netted from the market stock sale for improvements to the ground.

The Spokesman-Review, Thursday, August 21, 1969.



Fair-Rodeo Royalty Chosen

These girls make up this year's royal court for the annual Benton-Franklin fair and the Tumbleweed rodeo opening today at the fairgrounds at Kennewick, Wash. Left to right, the girls are Joyce Moore, Queen Debbie Kelly, Barbara Sharp and Margaret Surplus.

Three rodeo performances are scheduled, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and the finals Sunday at 2 p.m. The fair's grand parade will be Saturday at 11 a.m. The market stock sale will be Friday. A state alfalfa hay king will be crowned for the first time this year.

Sunday, October 19, 1969

Simmelink Re-elected Fair Chief

R. M. (Cork) Simmelink has been re-elected president of the Benton-Franklin Fair Association.

Also elected last week were two new vice presidents and two new directors.

Ken Herron, Mesa, was elected first vice president. Last year he was second vice president. Clif Rasch, Kiona, was named second vice president. He was one of 10 hold-over directors.

New directors are Charles Pease, 5612 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick, and Clay White, 706 W. 22 Place, Kennewick.

Directors re-elected to four-year terms were Mrs. B. D. Richmond, Kahlotus, and W. D. Heaston, Pasco.

Ruth Simmelink, Kennewick, was appointed secretary and Verner Miller, Benton County auditor, was named treasurer.

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Admires Trophy

Sweepstakes trophy won by the Prosser Chamber of Commerce "The Impossible Dream" float, at the Benton-Franklin County Fair Saturday in Kennewick, was admired by chamber president Murl F. Smith. The float has captured seven sweepstakes in nine appearances. It won top honors at Milton-Freewater, Mabton, Tri-Cities Water Follies, Benton City, Grandview and Moses Lake. (Photo by Inez Thompson)

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R. F. Philip, President

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Friday, August 29, 1969

Full-Time Manager Needed

Everyone who helped with the fair and rodeo has a right to pat himself on the back. Both shows were good — the best ever.

But neither was by any means perfect. There were boo-boos.

The tickets, for example. In past years many people have been irritated because to see the rodeo they also had to pay to see the fair. This year, many rodeo fans paid twice for entrance to the fair because they entered the grounds by other than the rodeo gate.

A little advanced planning should make it possible to avoid another ticket foulup next year. Better signs at the gates would help.

Someone remarked that the parade was "all cars and horses."

This is an exaggeration but there were vehicles in the procession that shouldn't have been there. An effort should be made to attract more real floats, and to screen out entries who are just going along for the ride.

New buildings and a new grandstand have dressed up the grounds. Fans were more comfortable this year than last. Likewise the animals.

The fair and rodeo have come a long ways.

But such an event can go only so far with volunteers. The fair and rodeo have gone about as far as they can go with volunteers.

It's time for a full-time professional manager.

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Peanuts Pay Here

You'd have smiled too, had you been making money as fast as TV star Bob Conrad, who rode in the Benton-Franklin County Fair parade last weekend.

For his brief appearances in the parade, at the rodeo and the fairgrounds he took in \$875 from the Fair Board, which he handsomely supplemented with an appearance at a local store.

But that was peanuts compared with the \$12,000 he was paid for putting on two 20-minute stunt-man-type shows at the rodeo at Cheyenne, Wyo., and the about-\$2,000 he received for a couple of hours of autograph signing in some towns.

From the Tri-Cities, Conrad flew to Spokane and then to Great Falls, where his tour ended. He told local fair officials this would be his last year of personal appearances.

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Bits And Pieces

• Why was it that the only radio station which didn't have a disc jockey in the disc-jockey's calf-roping contest at the Benton-Franklin County Fair was the local Country-Western station?

Thursday, October 2, 1969

TRI-CITY SCENE

Picture Irks Granges



by JACK BRIGGS
Herald Associate Editor

Charges of "unfair practices" are not uncommon. Except when they come from a Grange!

The Kennewick Highlands Grange approved an "unfair practices" resolution calling on the Benton-Franklin County Fair Board to ban publications of stories and pictures on fair booths in the Press before judging.

The local grange had even won the backing of the Benton County Pomona Grange (which comprises all Granges in the county.)

It seems that during the fair The Herald published a feature story and picture on the booth of the Columbia Valley Grange in Pasco which had won first place for the previous two years. It won again this year.

"No it wasn't just sour grapes that we'd come in third to Columbia Valley," said Jennie Linden, who helped start the petition drive and who was in charge of the Kennewick Highland's booth.

"Judges who just don't care and are merely hired to do a job might say, after seeing a picture in the paper, 'Oh heck, let's go ahead and give them a first!'"

Said Shirley Atwood, chairman of the Pomona Grange committee which also signed the resolution, "We didn't think it fair to run pictures before the judging. It might influence the judges."

The same theme was echoed by others of the six Grange officials who signed the resolution.

Which doesn't speak very highly of the faith Granges have in the judges.

Also, there's one very big hole in their argument.

The picture and story appeared in The Herald after, not before, the judging.

"Oh," said Mrs. Atwood. I thought it appeared Wednesday, not Thursday. "I'm sorry about that."

Said Mrs. Linden, "I was told it was in Wednesday night's paper. I was sure it was before the judging."

Said John Weber, "Contact Jennie Linden."

Said Kathryn Boice, "I didn't think it was much of a problem in any case."

Amen to that.

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Certificate of Appreciation

*The Benton-Franklin Fair and all the members of the
Board of Directors wish to take this means of saying*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART

in making this the most successful fair we have had to date.

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Max Brown Jack Williams James Rogers

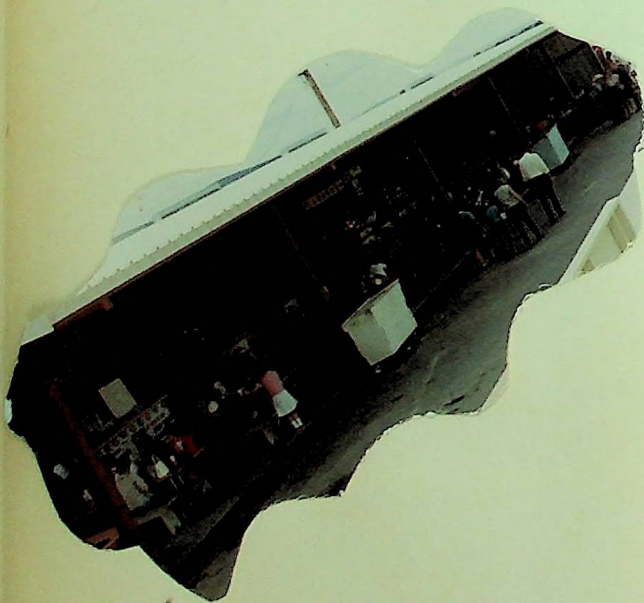
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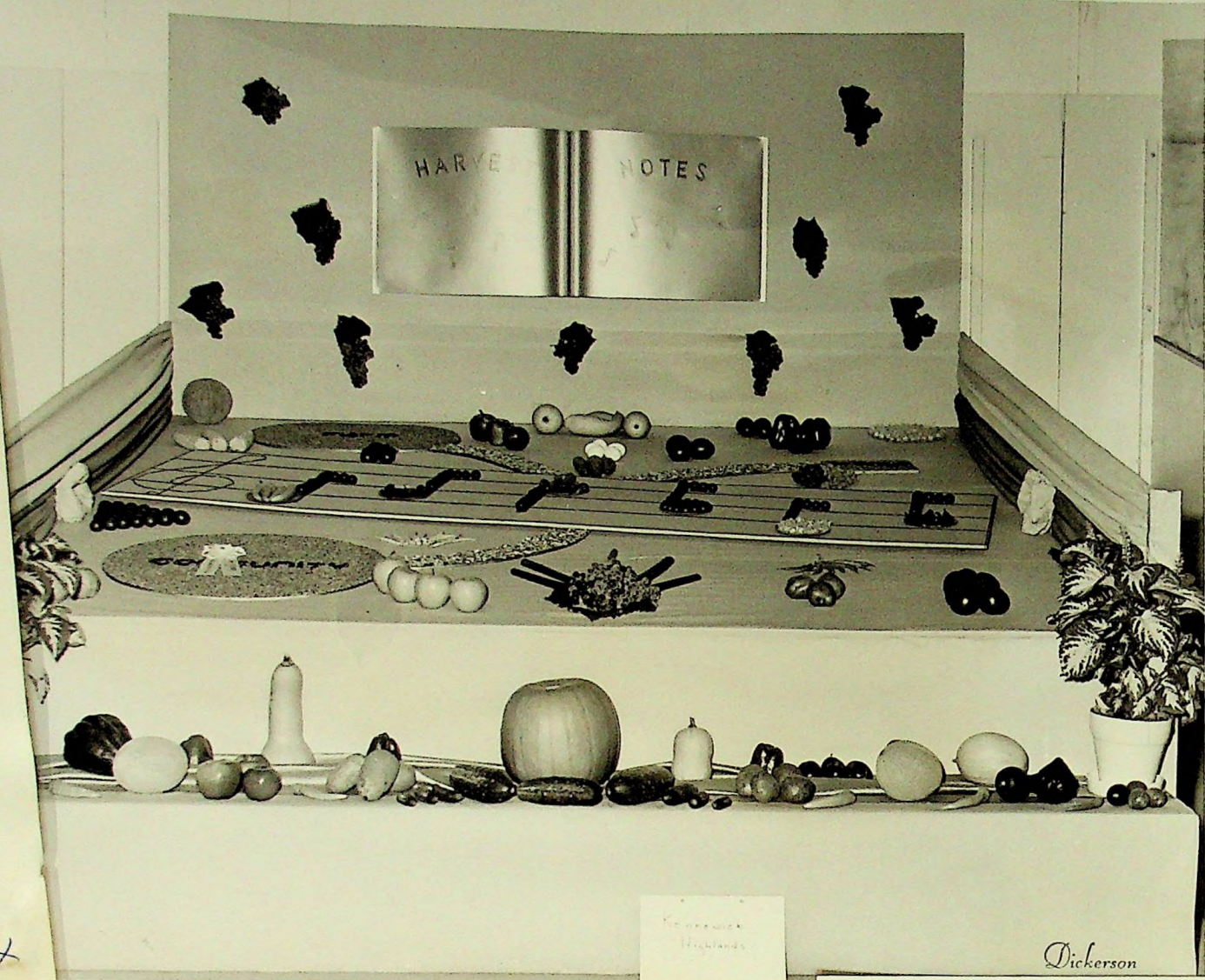
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Back row — left to right: Joe Smith, Area Extension Agent; Board members: Bernie Chapman, Cliff Rasch, Dick Moore, Dr. W. D. Heaston, and Walter Grisham, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Will Gerlitz, Benton County Extension Agent.

Front row — left to right: Second Vice-President, Kent Herron; First Vice-President, Bud Oswald; Mrs. B. D. Richmond; President, R. M. Simmelink; Secretary, Ruth Simmelink; F. P. Meverden and Treasurer, Jack Smith. Board members not included in the picture are Frank Lampson, Louis Treiber and Mel McInturf.



A Grange Booth

Senior Citizens
Corner



Dickerson



Let's Keep Those pictures
STRAIGHT!

Ruth and Mary

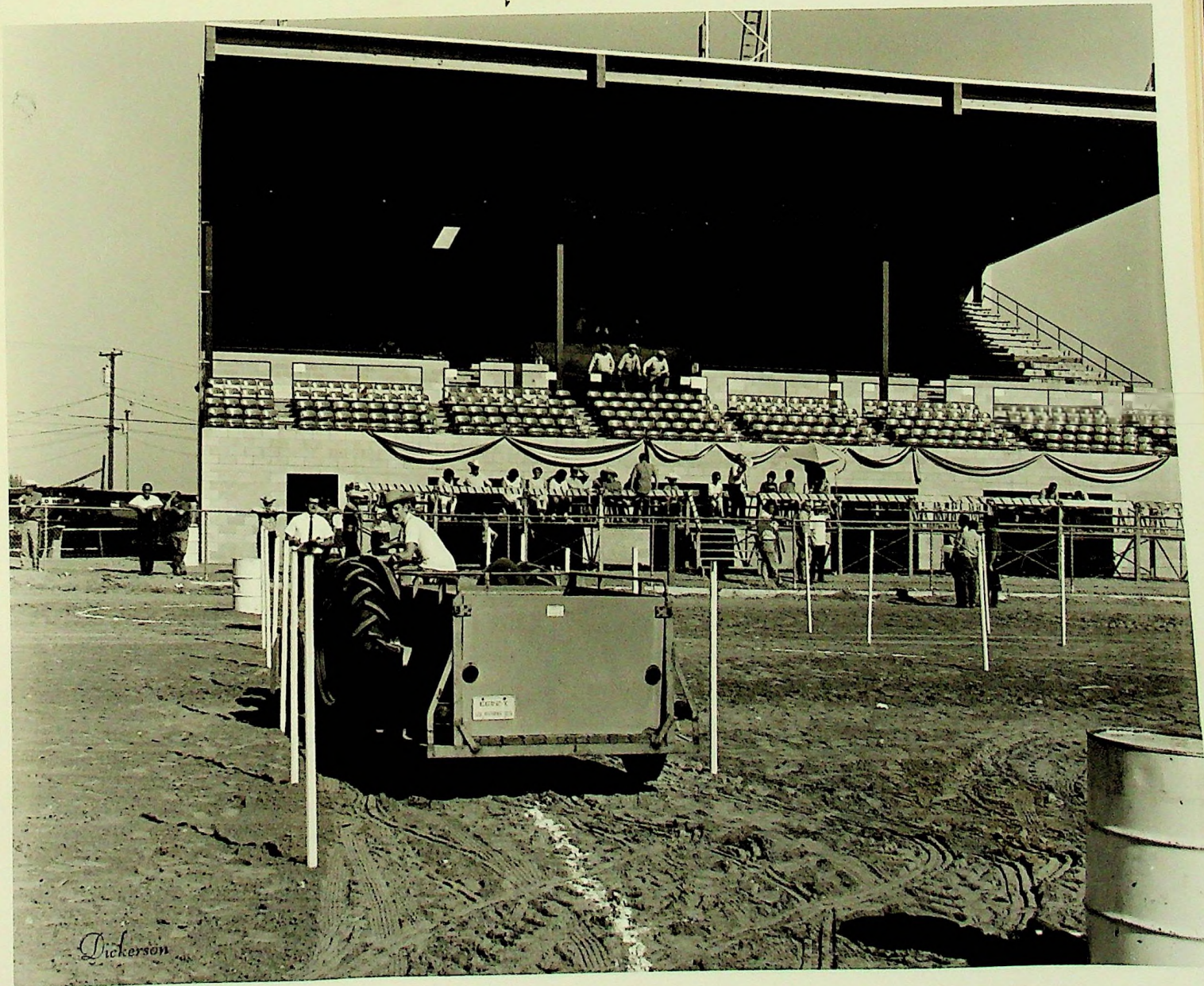
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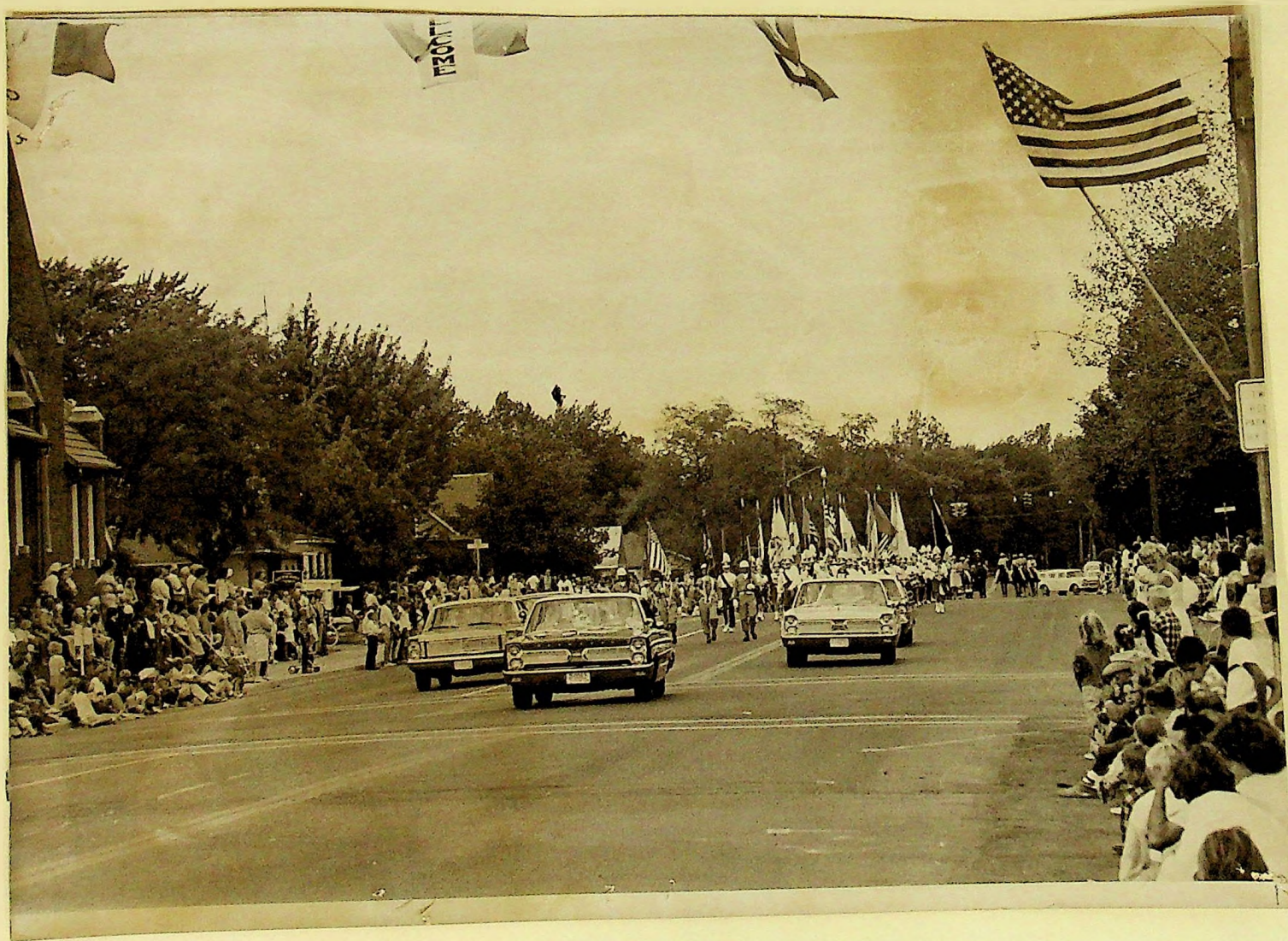




The new Grandstand
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Tractor Driving Contest

Tractor Driving
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Beginning of Grand Parade

Tractor Driving
most exciting!

The BARN Crew

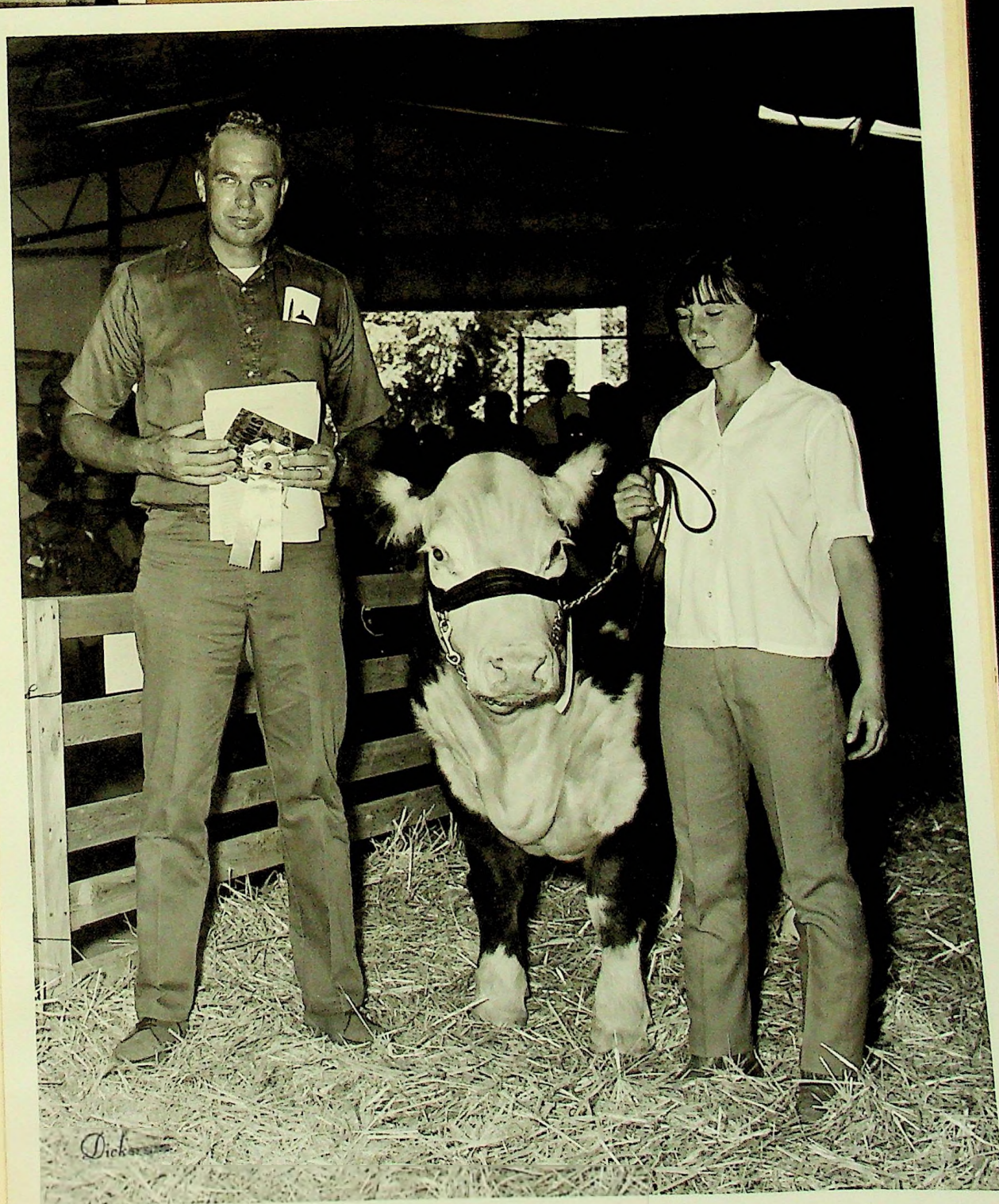


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Gail Bennett
Both Champions!

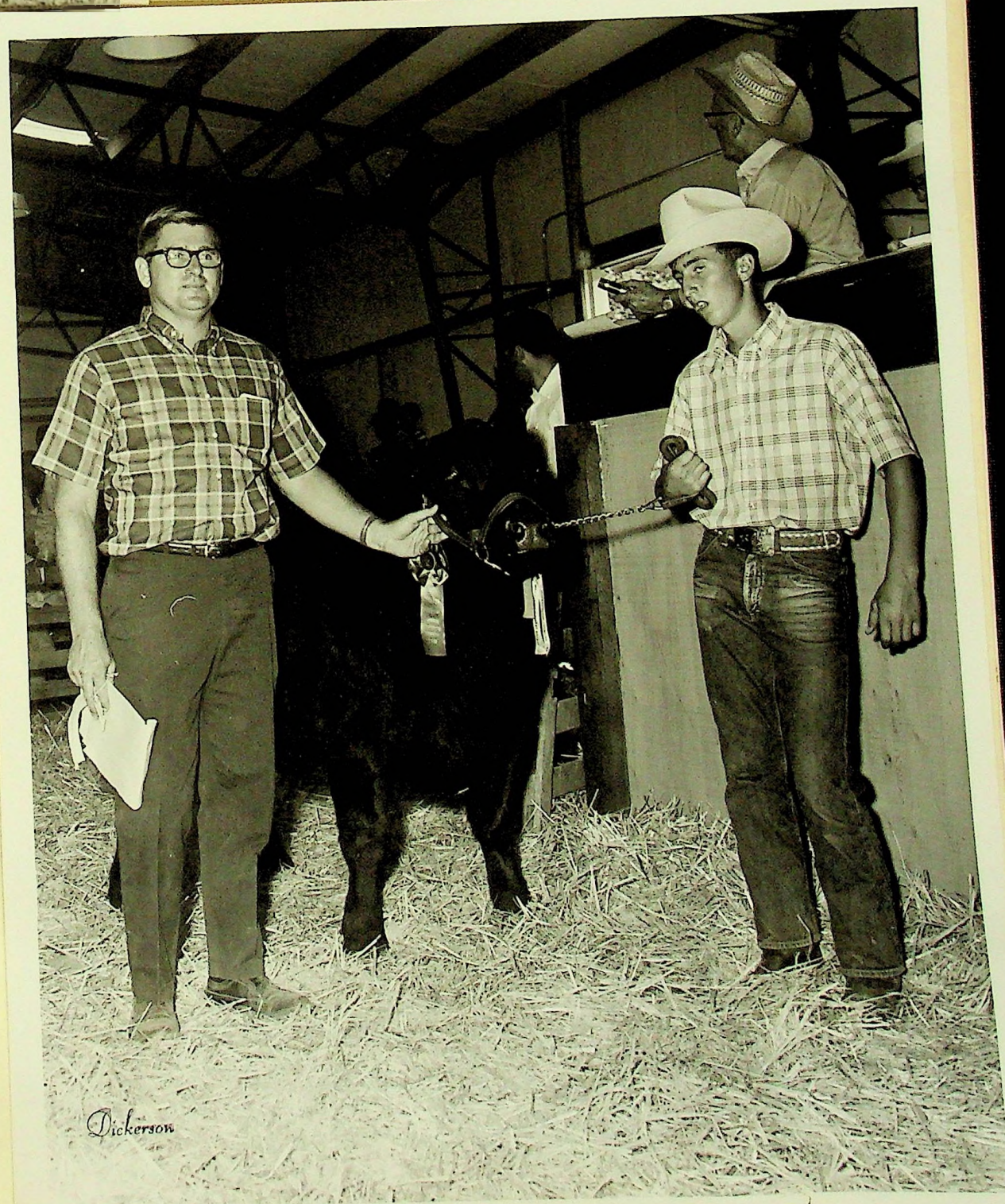
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Terry Hilker
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Randy Lerbach
Blue Ribbon Winner.

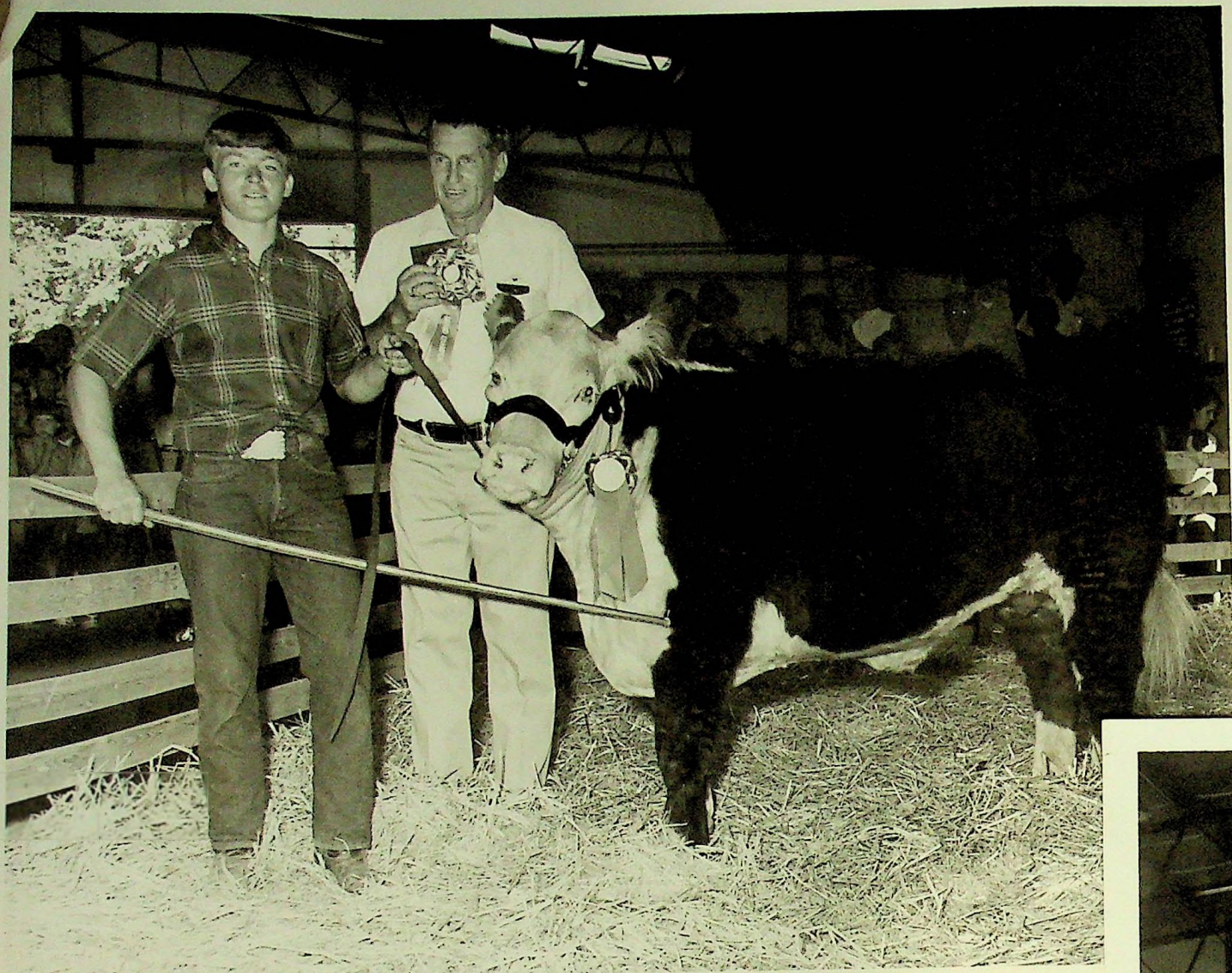




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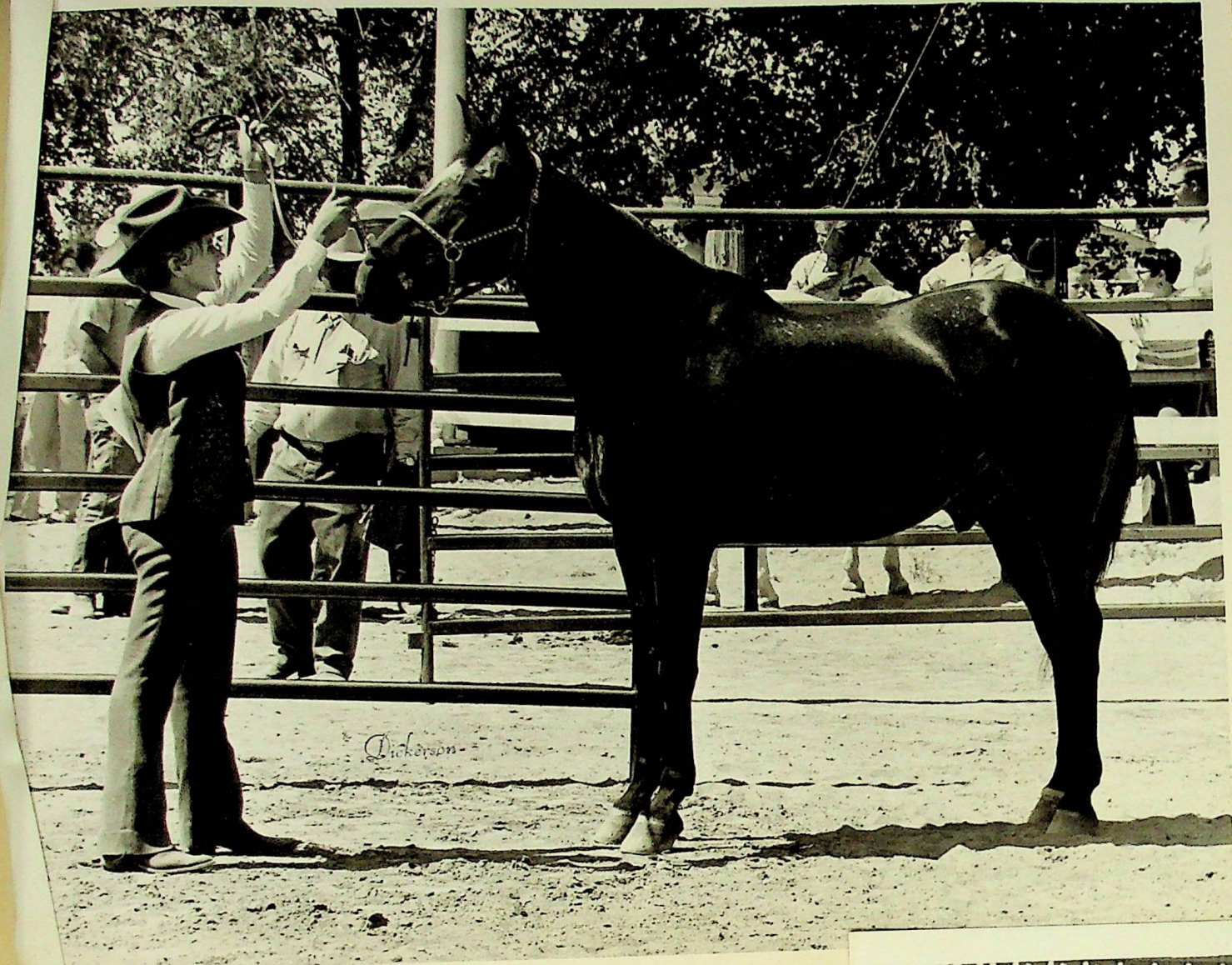




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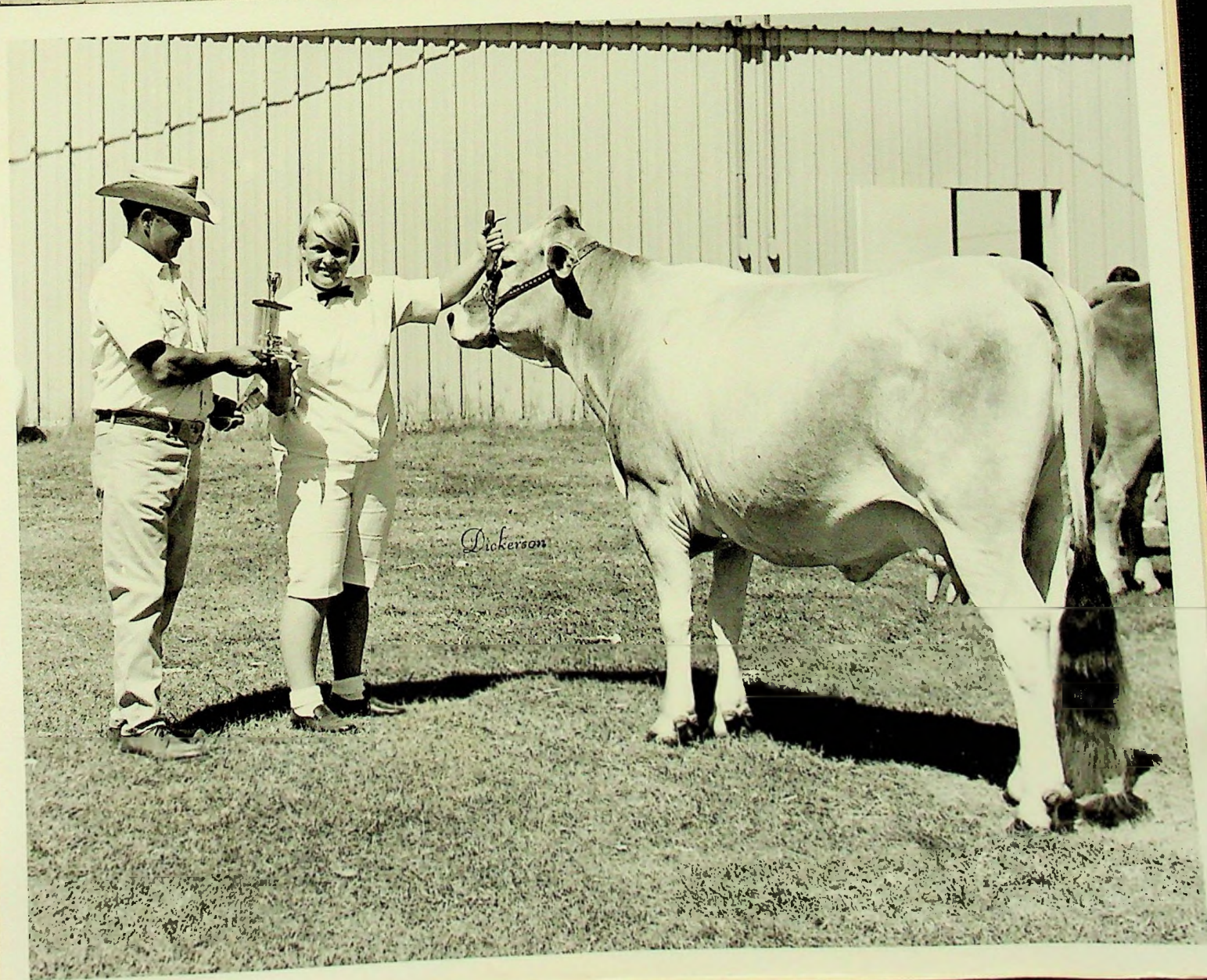
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Andrews
Blue winner!





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Spady

Pat
Gage
Best of Breed.

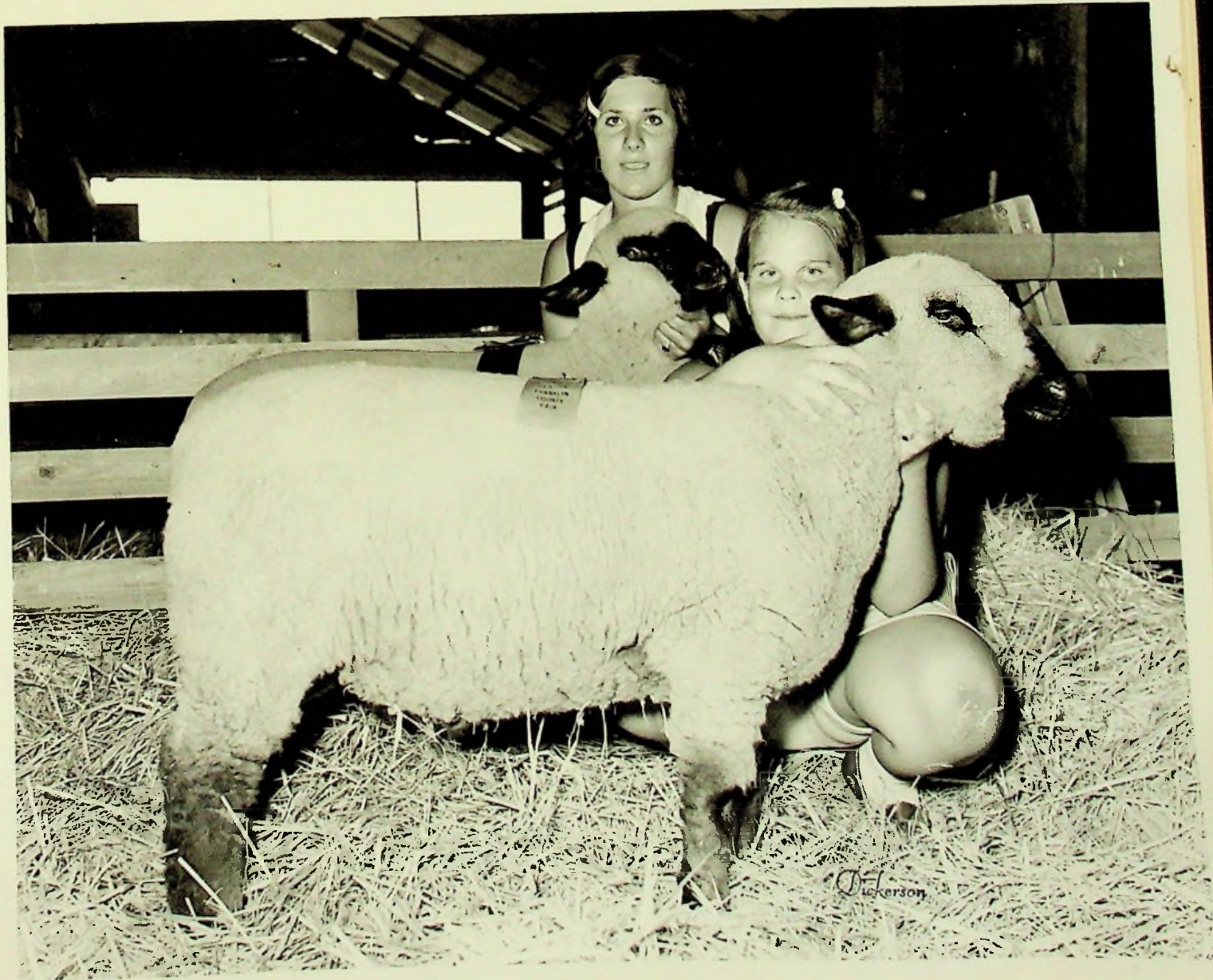


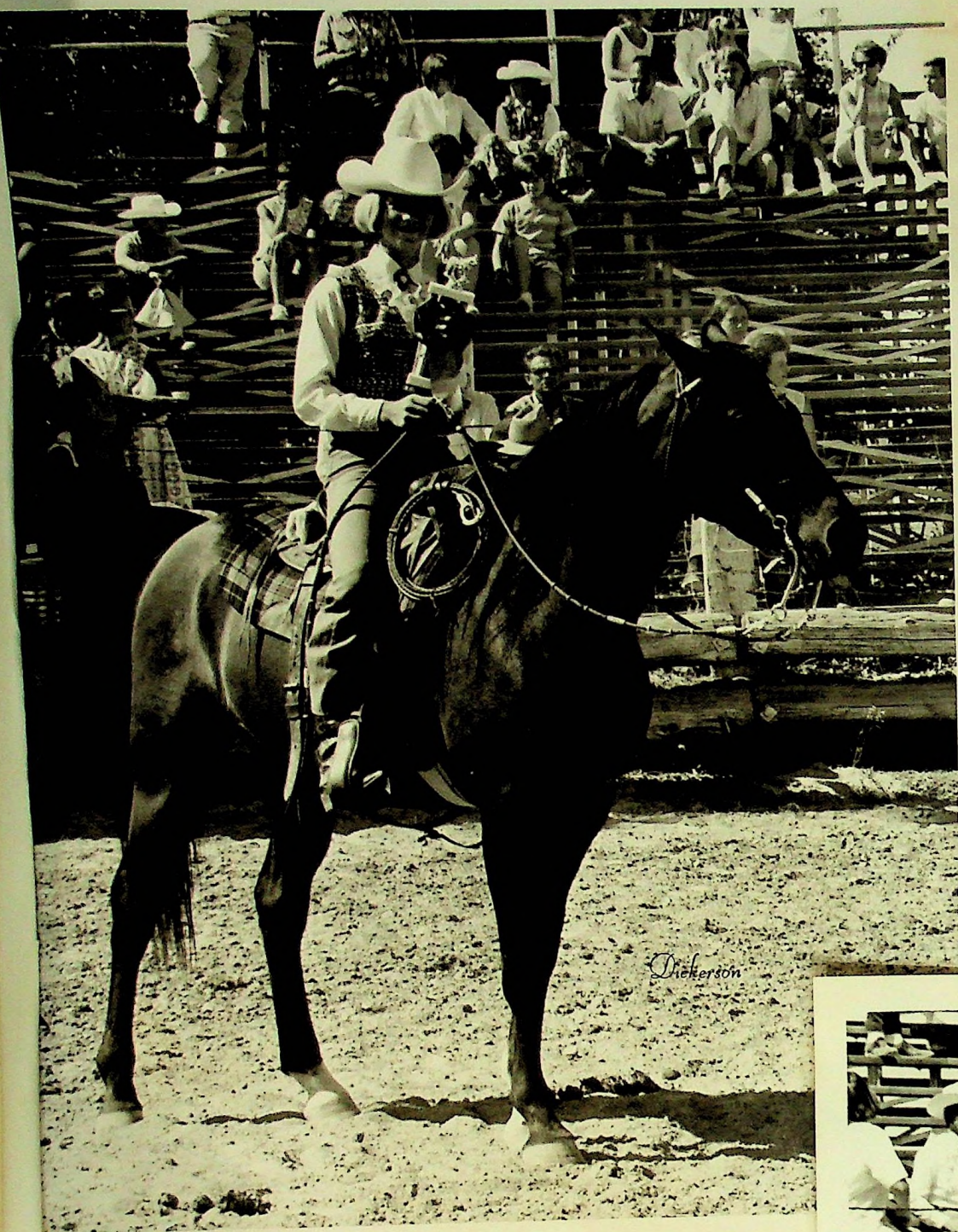
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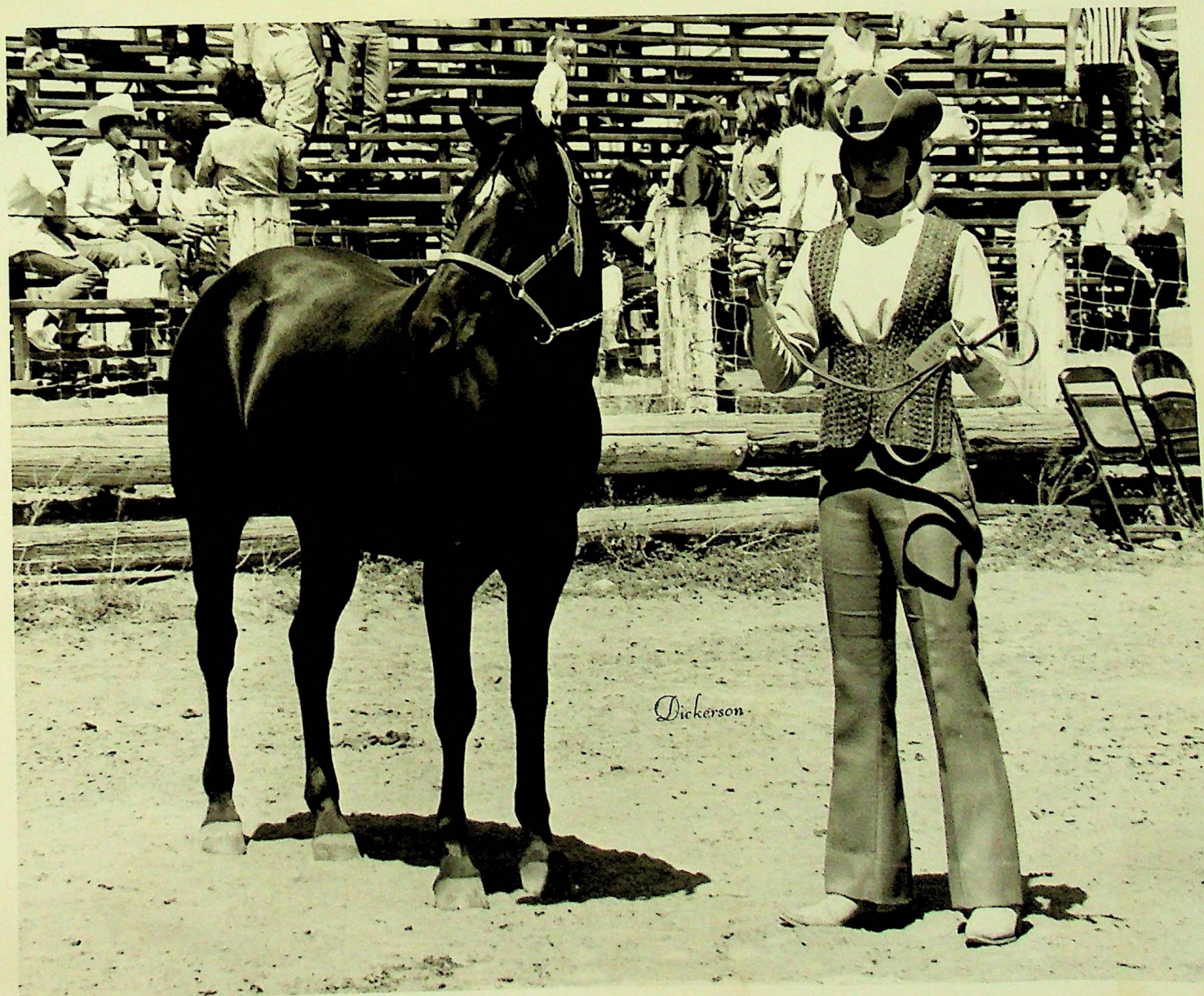
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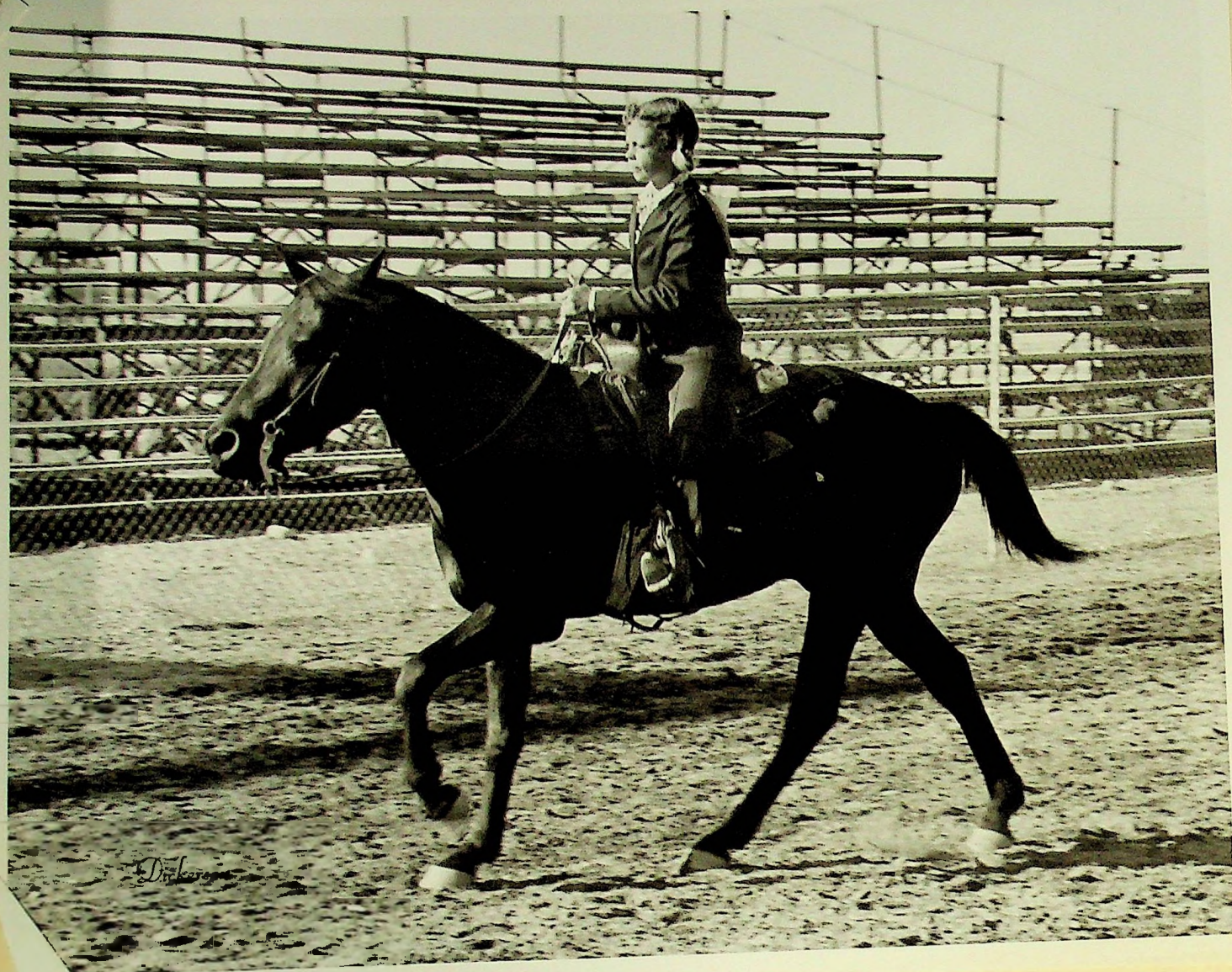




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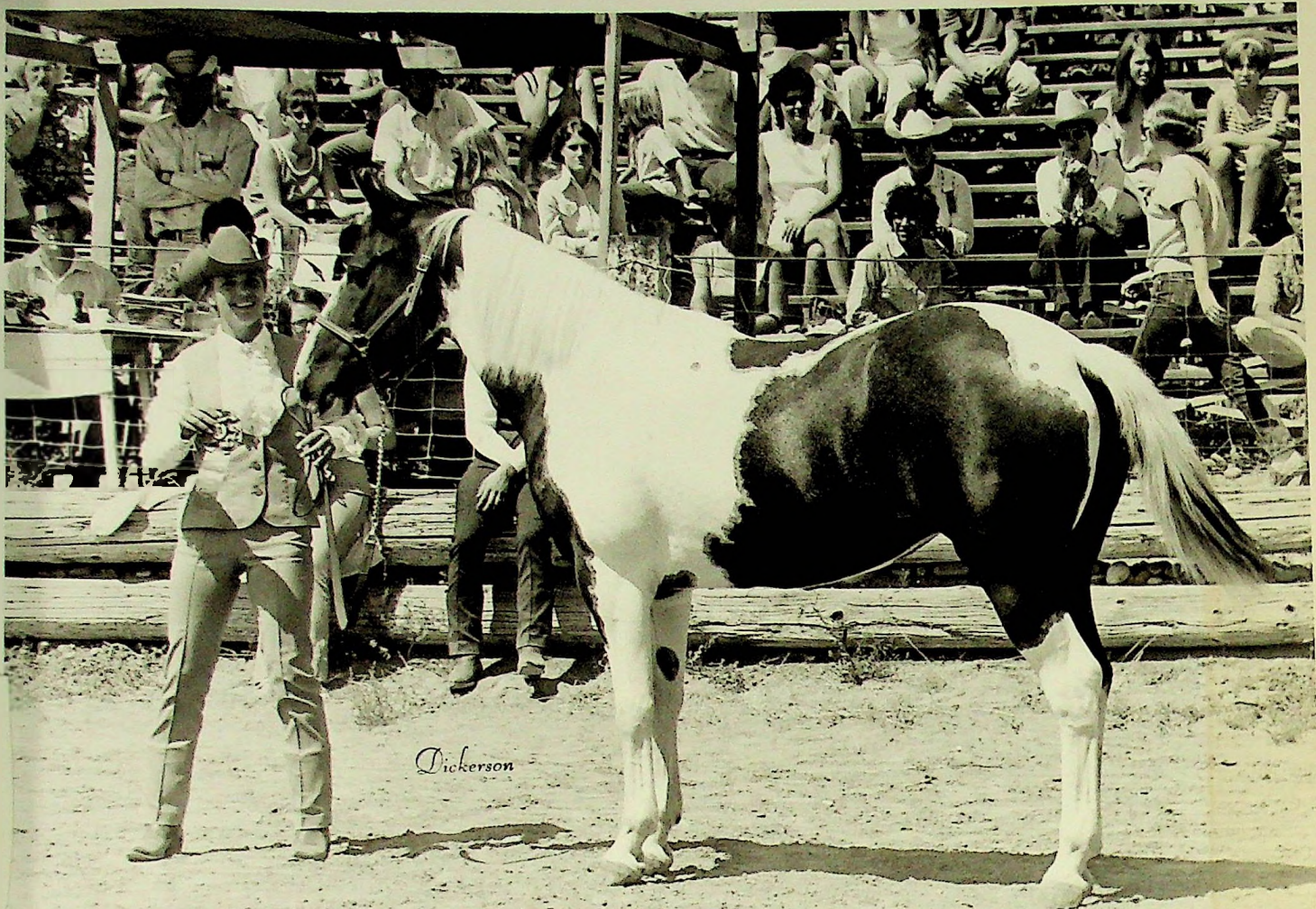
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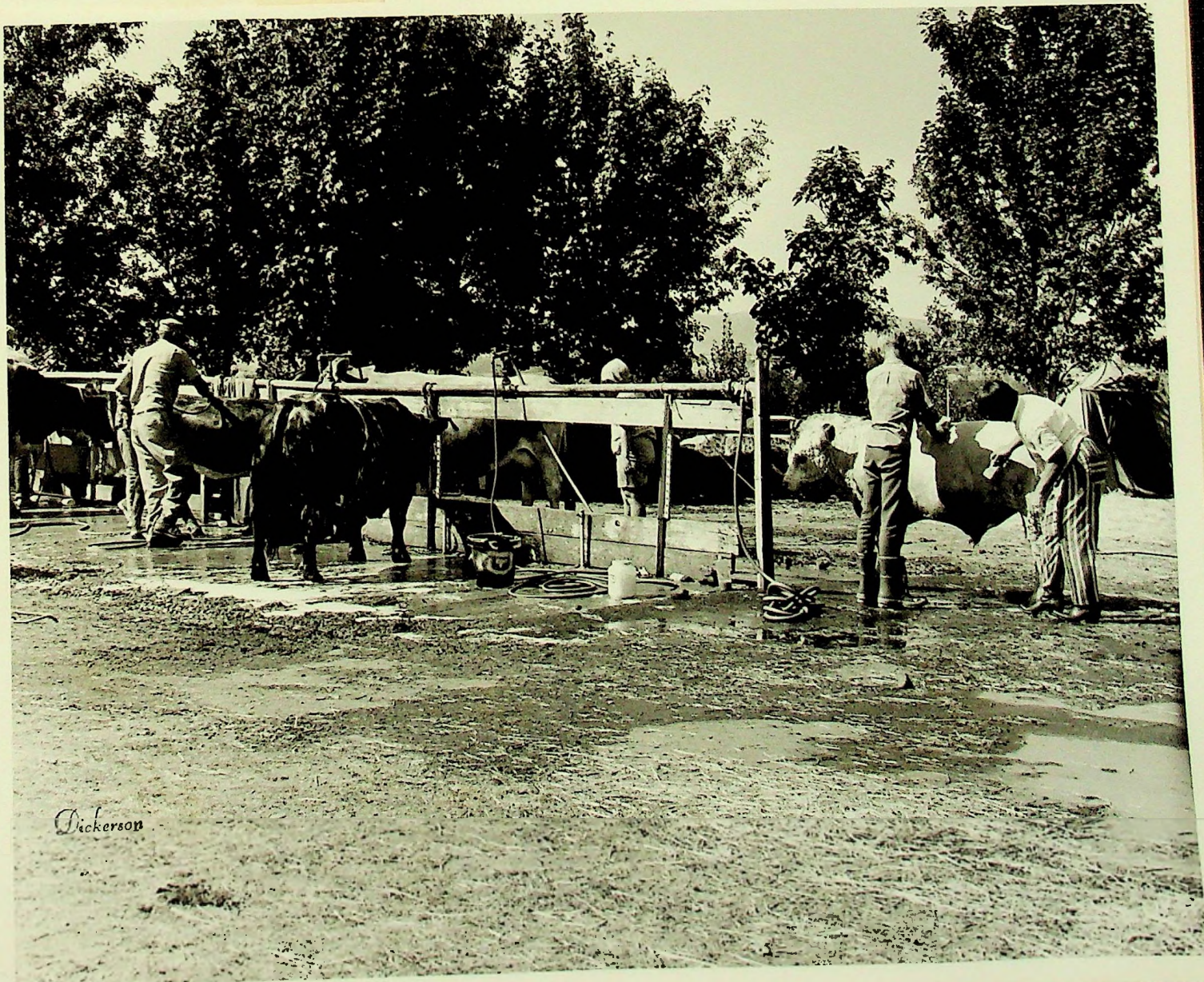
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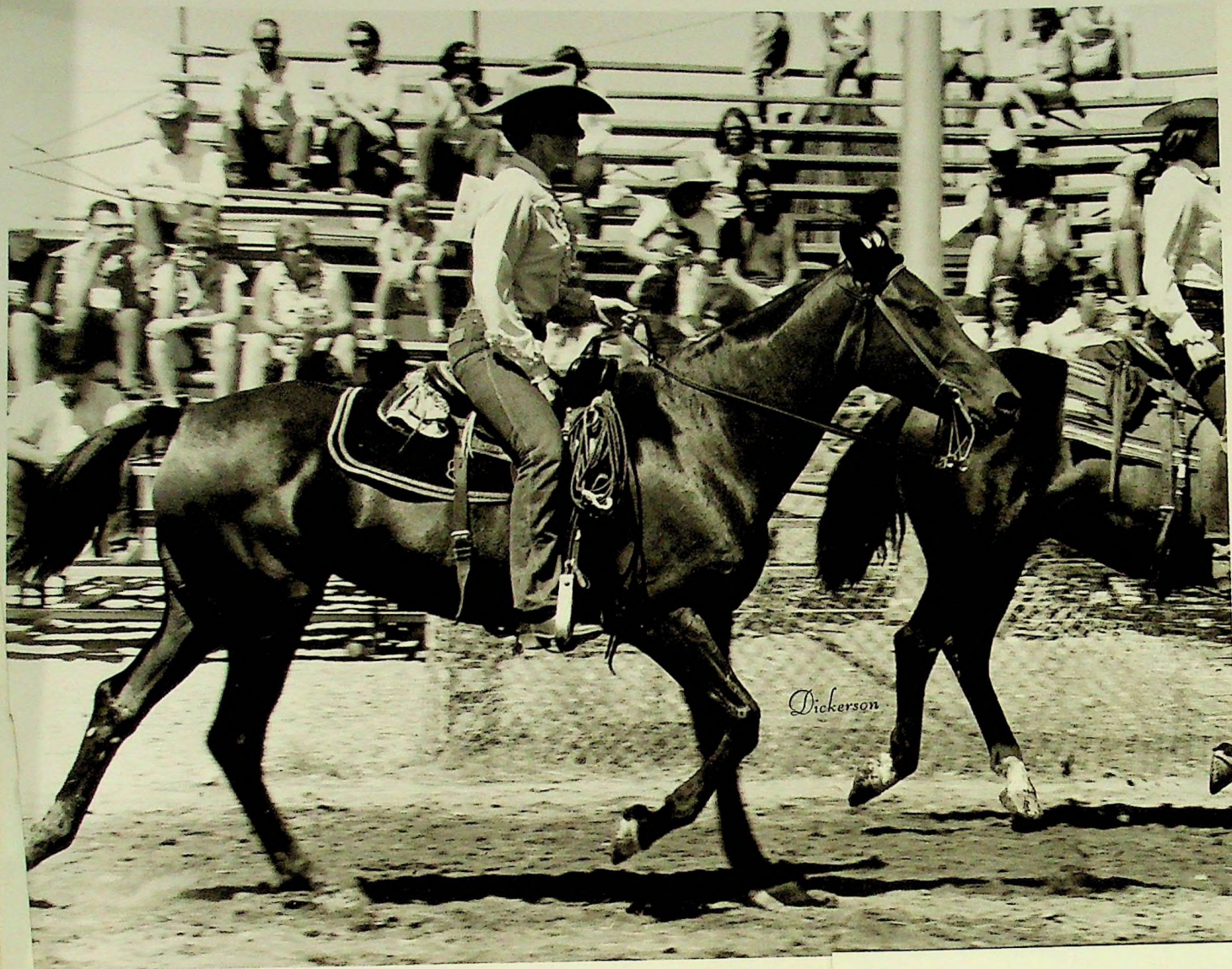




Susan
Branden

At the
Wash rack





Angela Walls

Don Walked
receiving
AWAY



