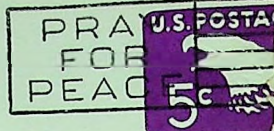




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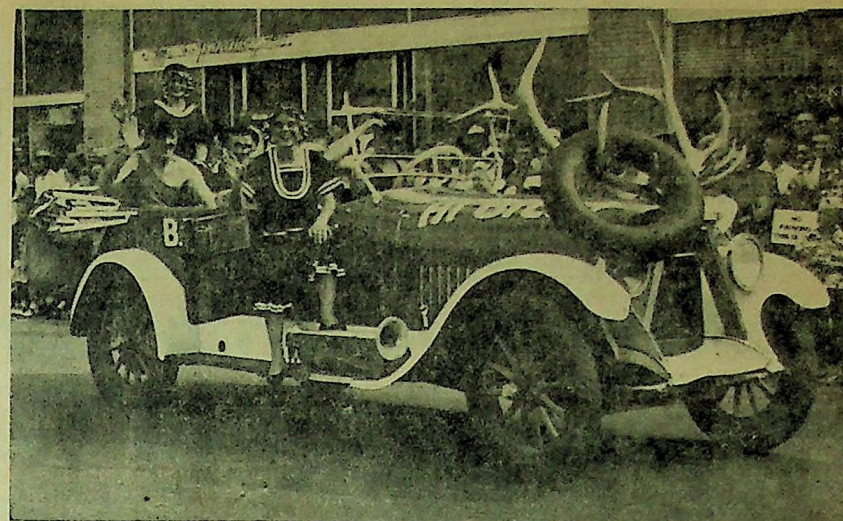


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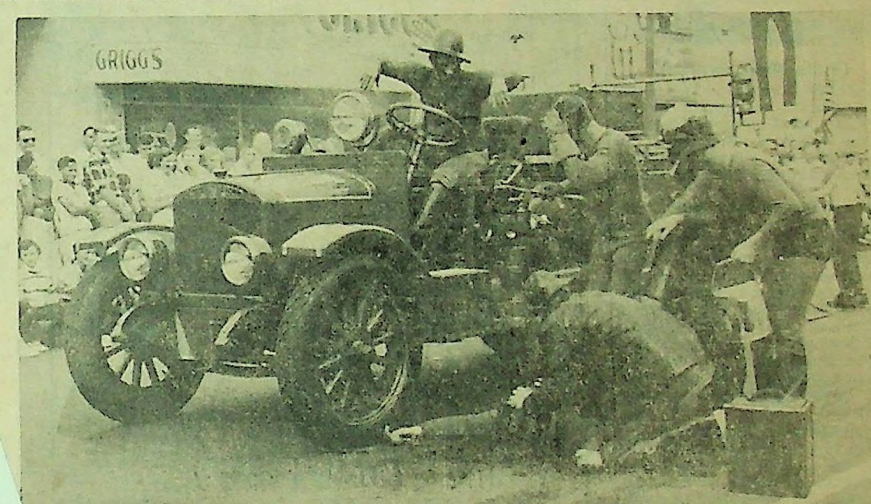
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June 25, 1965

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Benton-Franklin Fair Association
c/o Kenneth E. Serrier
P. O. Box 417
Kennewick, Washington

The Internal Revenue Service recognizes only the legal name of an organization for purposes of exemption and filing returns.

Our records indicate you were granted exemption under the name of Benton Fair Association. The name disclosed on the Form M-0284 recently submitted is Same as above (address).

Please check the appropriate box below and if appropriate, furnish two conformed copies of your articles of incorporation, constitution or other enabling instrument wherein your name was changed:

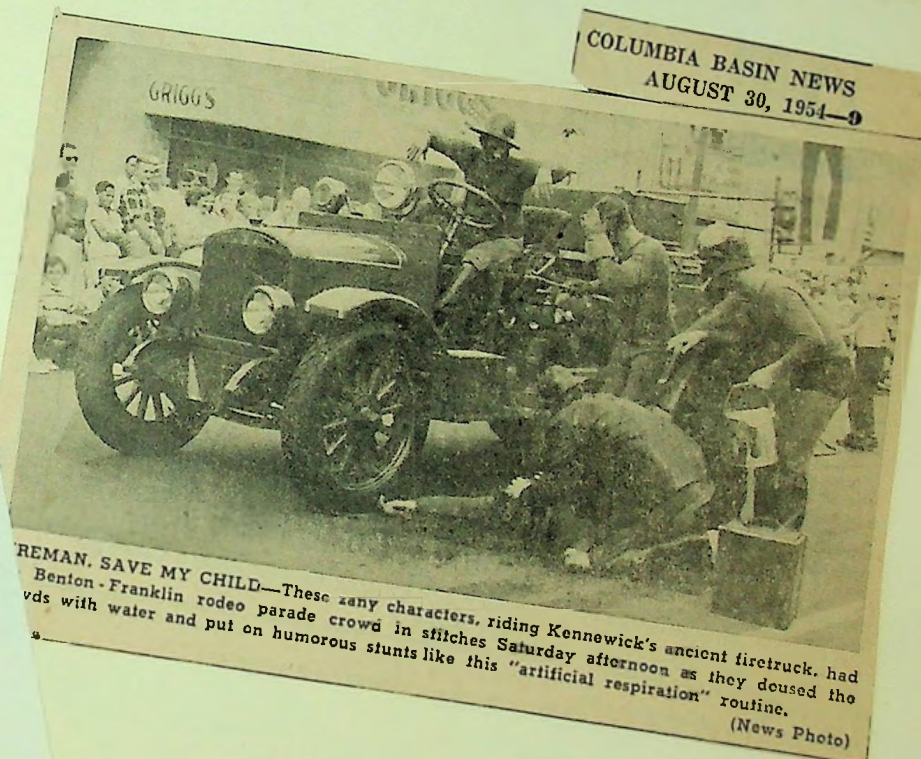
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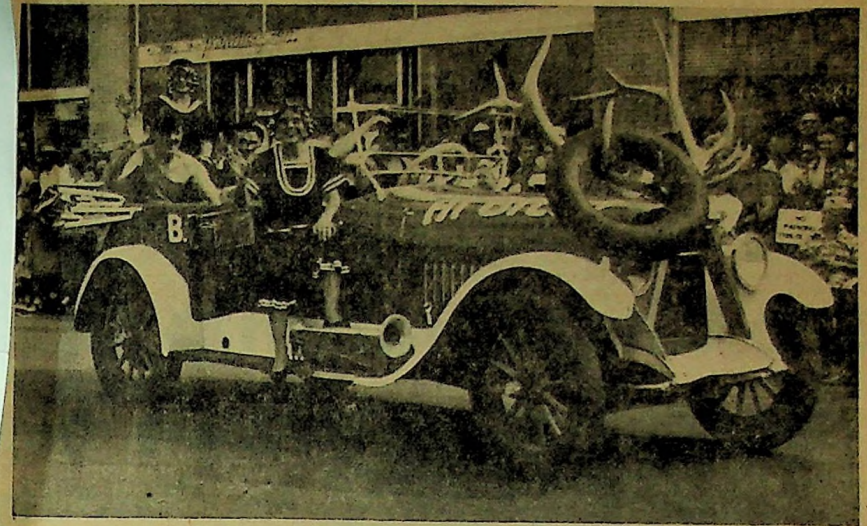
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For your file and to keep the records straight - I signed the
form and dated it today and mailed it this morning.

Yours very truly,

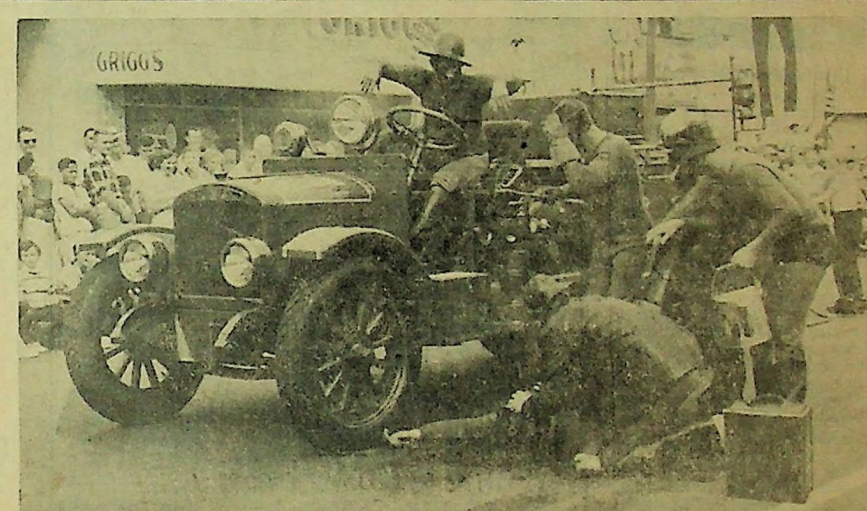
Edward D. Hopkins
Secretary.

September 12th. 1964.



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Col. Edward D. Hopkins
 714 W. 5th Avenue
 Kennewick, Washington

Re: Benton-Franklin Fair Association

Dear Ed:

I am enclosing the Internal Revenue Service inquiry which we have completed for the above association. Would you please sign and date the enclosed and mail in the self-addressed stamped envelope which is attached.

Very truly yours,

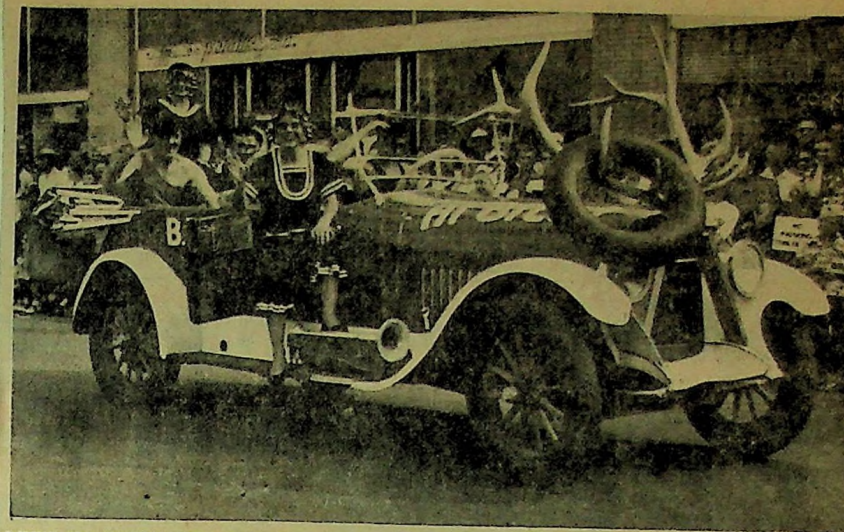
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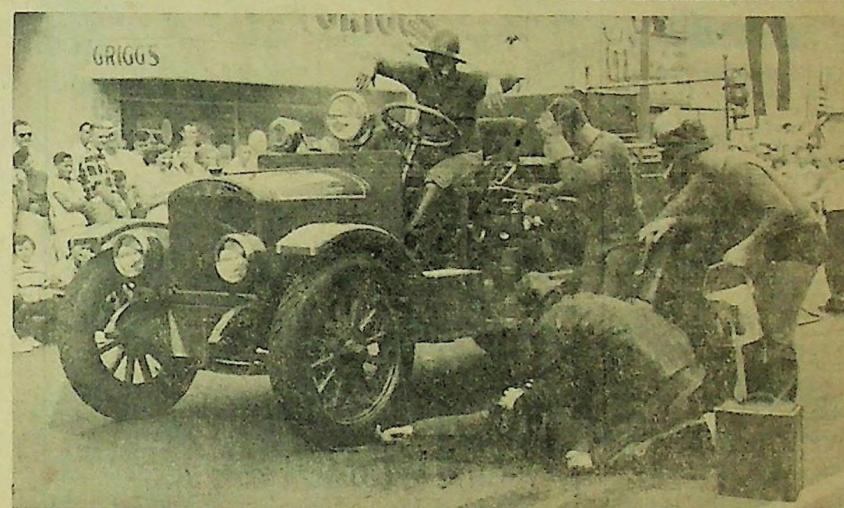
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Colorful Parade Highlighted Fair

A colorful parade and more than a little policking were high points of the Benton County Junior Fair, held Friday and Saturday in Benton City.

Determined young folk, members of 4-H and FFA clubs displayed their livestock in enclosures near the city park. At the same time, a determined crowd of fairgoers and smokers of the magic words which make big political medicine before election day.

Most distinguished aspirant for office attending the fair was Gov. Albert D. Rosellini, who addressed a large crowd Saturday evening, when trophies were awarded fair contestants. The governor attended a luncheon in his honor Saturday noon in a Benton City restaurant, and a Chamber of Commerce open house Saturday afternoon.

The parade, scheduled for morning featured many gaily decorated floats, bands, mounted groups and a number of fantastically garbed kiddies who won applause for their outlandish ruses. Sweetest honors went to the Prosser Chamber of Commerce float, bearing Miss Prosser, Judy Clure, and her princesses, Suzzy Miller and Sandra Davis. In the children's division, sweepstakes honors were won by two brothers with a tricycle-covered wagon inscribed "Benton City or Bust".

First place in the comic division went to Kenneth Lemmer and second to Patty Surch. Sherry Howard won first place in the bicycle division and Lila Garberg placed second.

First place in the organizational division was won by the Grandview Chamber of Commerce float, with the Pasco Jaycee and Chamber of Commerce float second and the Kiona Rebekah Lodge third. The American Legion Drum and Bugle corps of Pasco was judged top band and the Ki-Be High School band second.

Junior organization division winner was the float of the Prosser Campfire Girls, and second place went to Whitman Council Campfire Girls. The Highland Livestock 4-H Club won third place.

First in the mounted division was the Benton County Mounted Posse, with the Benton City 4-H Club second and the Sage and Sun 4-H Club third.

Winner in the commercial division was the entry of Tri City Electric Utilities, with the Din Inn, Kiona, second. The Kent Stepettes of Walla Walla won first place in the novelty division.

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Agriculture Firm Foundation Says

3-Yr. Boy & Uncle Killed In Crash —Funeral Today

Daniel E. Kinley, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon H. Kinley of Benton City, was killed in a two car crash one mile west of Richland Sunday evening. The car was driven by the boy's uncle, Larry Kinley of Wapato, who also died as the result of injuries. Carol J. Swor of Pasco, fiancée of Larry Kinley, was hospitalized with a broken clavicle and other injuries while Wayne Brehm of Richland was less seriously injured.

The occupants of the second car were only slightly injured. Funeral services for Daniel E. Kinley will be held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) at Elman's Deseret Memorial Chapel with Rev. John R. Reitan of the Richland Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be in Deseret Lawn Memorial Park in Kennewick.

Daniel was born in Pasco July 11, 1957. Survivors include his parents; three brothers, Paul, Leon and Leslie; and one sister, Diana; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Kinsling, Yakima; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Kinley, Benton City; and his great grandmother, Mrs. Wanda Kinley of Mabton.

REPPS HOSTS TO REBEKAHS IN MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Kiona Rebekah Lodge held initiation for Mrs. Kenneth Everett at the last meeting. It was a very impressive initiation with all officers present but one. Mrs. Maynard Repp, Noble Grand, appointed a committee of three to meet with the Odd Fellows Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Maynard Repp entertained the Rebekah officers at the Repp Rimrock Retreat over the weekend.

Saturday morning two cars left at 8 a. m. stopping in Yakima to do some shopping and arriving at the mountain home in time for dinner. The afternoon was spent in hiking and visiting. Then at 9 p. m. Jack Hamilton arrived with another car load of ladies. After card playing and visiting they all drank coffee and had cake and cookies. Plans were made to arise early, fix a picnic lunch and drive to Mount Rainier which they did and it was the first time for a number of the girls.

Maynard Repp and Jack Hamilton did the driving and the girls were glad they were on hand to do it as there were many rocks on the highway and much traffic. It was a beautiful, sunny day and all enjoyed playing in the snow as well as walking through the paths of beautiful blooming flowers at Paradise Inn.

All drove back to the Repp's Retreat and had supper and left for home with many thanks to the Repps for a very enjoyable weekend of sightseeing, hiking, rock hunting, visiting and with all that luscious food the girls brought in they felt sure every one put on a few pounds.

The officers who were fortunate to be able to attend were Mesdames Louis Rowley, Thomas Stringer, George Hanson, Jack Hamilton, Lloyd Carnahan,

CANDIDATE VISITS

Willard A. Bergh and wife Maxine of Seafield, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction was a visitor in the city. He was employed in the Seattle public schools working in the same office with Mrs. Dorothee Brown, formerly of Benton City.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Washington, have under consideration a proposal to amend an ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ZONING RESOLUTION OF BENTON COUNTY AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 9, 1946, AND AS AMENDED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, a copy of the proposed ordinance being as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 10000
THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING RESOLUTION OF BENTON COUNTY, AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 9, 1946, AND AS AMENDED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Washington:

SECTION 1. The Zoning Resolution of Benton County, as adopted December 9, 1946, and as amended, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the Zoning Ordinance of Benton County.

SECTION 2. Purpose and Designation of Districts.

1. For the purpose of promoting public health, safety, morals and general welfare, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Laws of Washington, Laws of 1935, all land within the unincorporated portion of Benton County shall be classified according to the following use districts:

(a) Residential District, R
(b) Suburban District, S
(c) Agricultural District, A
(d) Commercial District, C
(e) Industrial District, I-1
(f) Industrial District, I-2
(g) Landing Field District, L.F.
(h) Highway Scenic Districts, H.S.
(i) Parks and Recreation Areas, P.R.A.
(j) Unclassified, U

2. The boundaries of such use districts shall be as shown on the "Use District Maps" which have been and hereafter be adopted by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners as hereinafter in this Ordinance provided.

3. There shall be maintained in the office of the County Auditor at all times, and likewise in the office of the Planning Commission, a map of the County showing the classification of all properties for use, according to this ordinance, which same shall be available for inspection by the public and which shall constitute the use maps of the County, and as changes of areas are made to any other use, the same shall immediately be shown on such maps. A map of the entire County is hereto attached showing all of the County under the classification as set forth therein, and which same is made a part of this Ordinance.

4. That the owners of property within the County are afforded the opportunity and means through the medium of this Ordinance to change the classification and use of their property referred to in paragraph three supra, which means shall be accomplished only by the medium as hereinafter described in Sections 20 and 21 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. That section X, as enacted to be inserted after Section X in said Resolution and to state as follows:

SECTION X. A. Highway Scenic District, H.S.
1. Highway scenic Districts may be designated and established on one or both sides of any highway in combination with roadside scenic vistas where able to the passing motorist. Within the considered H. S. Districts, no outdoor advertising structure or signs shall be permitted.

2. No person, firm or corporation shall, thirty days after the effective date of this amendment, erect or maintain upon any real property in the County of Benton outside the corporate limits of any City or town any outdoor advertising structure until a permit for the erection and maintenance of same shall have been obtained from the County official duly authorized for this purpose.

3. An application shall be made to the County official duly authorized for this purpose for each outdoor advertising structure to be erected and maintained and each application shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar (\$1.00). The application shall

(d) If placed within one thousand (1000) feet of any public park or public playground and in public view thereof.

6. Erection or maintenance of the following is prohibited:

(a) Any advertising sign if visible from any highway which simulates any directional, warning, or information sign if likely to be construed as giving warning to traffic such as the use of the words "stop", "slow down", etc.

(b) Any outdoor advertising structure on private property the written consent from the owner of which has not been obtained.

7. All outdoor advertising structures, together with supports, braces, guys, and anchors, shall be kept in good repair and in a proper state of preservation.

SECTION 3. That Section XXIV shall read as follows:

SECTION XXIV. Penalty. Any person, firm, or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, or imprisoned in the County Jail for a term of not exceeding ninety (90) days, for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 4. Section XXV Shall read as follows:

SECTION XXV. Validity. Should any section, clause or provision of this Resolution be declared by the Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared invalid.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this day of _____ 1960.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

Chairman _____

Member _____

Member _____

ATTEST:

Benton County Auditor and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Washington.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Prosecuting Attorney, Benton County, Washington.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: That a hearing will be held on the proposal to adopt the above ordinance, on Monday, the 25th day of August, 1960, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., at the office of County Commissioners of Benton County, in the Court House at Prosser, Washington, at which hearing any person or persons may appear and be heard either for or against the adoption of said ordinance as proposed.

DATED at Prosser, Washington, this 11th day of August, 1960.

VERNER MILLER, County Auditor of Benton County and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

Publish once on August 18th, 1960.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Washington, have under consideration a proposal to amend an ORDINANCE PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF PLATS, SUBDIVISIONS, OR DEDICATIONS, PRESCRIBING STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, LAY-OUT, AND DEVELOPMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF EXCEPTIONS AND VARIATIONS THEREOF; TO BE KNOWN AS THE PLATTING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC OF BENTON COUNTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44 OF LAWS OF 1935, AND CHAPTER 186 OF LAWS OF 1957, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section VII of Ordinance No. 63, passed by the Board of County Commissioners on the 15th day of February, 1960, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION VII. MINIMUM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. All Streets and other public rights of way shall be improved in accordance with Minimum Road Improvements as set forth hereinafter. The Plat will be accepted; or a bond of sufficient amount to insure completion of said improvements within one year from the date of the filing of the Plat shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners.

2. All streets and other public rights-of-way shall be graded and gravelled to the following specifications:

(a) Minimum Grading: All Streets and roads shall be graded according to the following specifications:

Total Width: 44 feet
Ditch Section: 9 feet each side
Roadway: 13 feet each side of surface; center line adequately sloped for drainage

Profile: Grades as approved by County Engineer.

(b) Ditch Section: 9 feet Total Width: 1 foot Ditch Slope: 6/1 Back Slope: 3/1

Ditch Slope and back slope may vary where excessive cut or fill cause the catch point to be outside the right-of-way.

(c) Road Graveling: Ballast: 4 inches compacted (minimum) Top Course: 2 inches compacted (minimum)

3. General: (a) Monuments: Concrete or iron pipe monuments approved by the County Engineer shall be set at the intersection of the center lines of all streets; all angle points of street center lines; all points of curvature and points of tangents in street center lines at the radial point on cul-de-sac;

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and all external corners of the subdivision.

(b) The corners of all lots within the subdivision shall be marked by a steel rod or post firmly driven into the ground to a depth of at least 12".

SECTION 2. That Section IX of Ordinance No. 63, passed by the Board of County Commissioners on the 15th day of February, 1960, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION IX. Fees. 1. At the time of the filing of a preliminary Plat, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$10.00 to the County Engineer.

2. At the time of the filing of a Plat for final approval, the applicant shall pay to the County Auditor the Statutory filing fees.

3. In the case of Field Engineering Costs, such shall be charged to the subdivider, and shall be paid before final approval will be given.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this day of August, 1960.

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Agriculture Firm Foundation Says Gov. Rosellini

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"Agriculture is the third most important industry in Washington State's economy," Gov. Rosellini declared. "We have made great legislative progress in bringing our agricultural laws up to date and providing ways in which our farmers may assist themselves in improving markets for their crops."

"I cannot tell you how many times I have felt pride and pleasure in my appointment of Joe Dwyer as State Director of Agriculture. I wish I could read to you from the hundreds of letters that have come to me commending my appointment of Joe."

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from West Richland about a Dessie McCarroll moved here month ago having purchased the Lockhart residence after renting her home in West Richland. Mrs. McCarroll lived in Benton City for several years before moving to West Richland. She stated she always liked Benton City and decided to move back to be with her many friends here. She has been employed at G. E. for sixteen years.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Mrs. Valda Reynolds has accepted a position with Kaiser's Market.

Too Late To Classify

NOTICE!

PLEASE Return to Mrs. Hazel Archambeau baton taken from hamburger booth at park.

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4. No permit shall be granted for the erection, construction or maintenance of any outdoor advertising structure which does not conform with the zoning code of Benton County.

5. Signs and advertising structures shall be prohibited within the following territories:

(a) Within a distance of three hundred (300) feet of the intersection or junction of a state highway or county F. A. S. Secondary with another state or County F. A. S. Secondary highway, or with a railway at a point where it would obstruct or interfere with the view of a vehicle, train or other moving object on the intersecting or joining highway or railway.

(b) If placed along any highway in such a manner as to prevent a clear view of vehicles approaching within a distance of five hundred (500) feet along said highway.

(c) If placed closer than the frontyard set back for the residential zone.

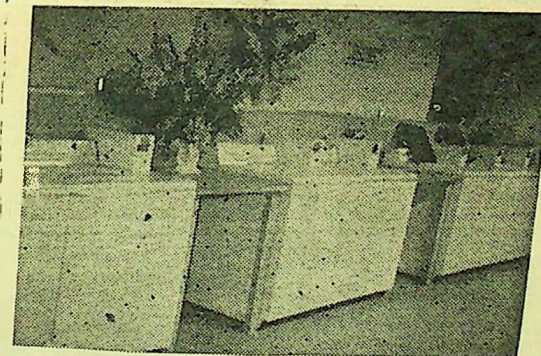


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Charred remnants of the covered bleacher section at the fairgrounds will be cleared away and replaced by portable bleachers for fair and rodeo patrons this summer. A new steel structure will be built at a later date.

New Structure Will Be Fireproof

Posse To Build \$150,000 Grandstand

Benton County Sheriff's Posse intends to build a \$150,000 grandstand for the Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo this summer. The old one was destroyed Saturday by fire.

Frank Girton, secretary-treasurer of the posse which owned the still smoldering stands, today said the posse intends to rebuild with a concrete and steel structure about a block east of the present site.

"The posse doesn't have \$150,000," Girton said. "We are exploring avenues for a loan or any other way to secure money. Right now, we don't know where it will come from."

Girton said the posse will have something for fair patrons this summer—either portable bleachers or a new grandstand. "We

intend to make it the latter."

"We assume a cigarette was tossed in the middle section of the grandstand. It was old, weather-beaten and dry, and a cigarette butt would do it," Girton said.

Records from 1949 to 1967 also were lost in the fire.

Girton said many old pictures and files of fairground activities were lost.

B. W. Hooten, fairgrounds caretaker, said he attempted to reach the fire department by telephone but kept getting a recording. The fire department said the first call it received was at

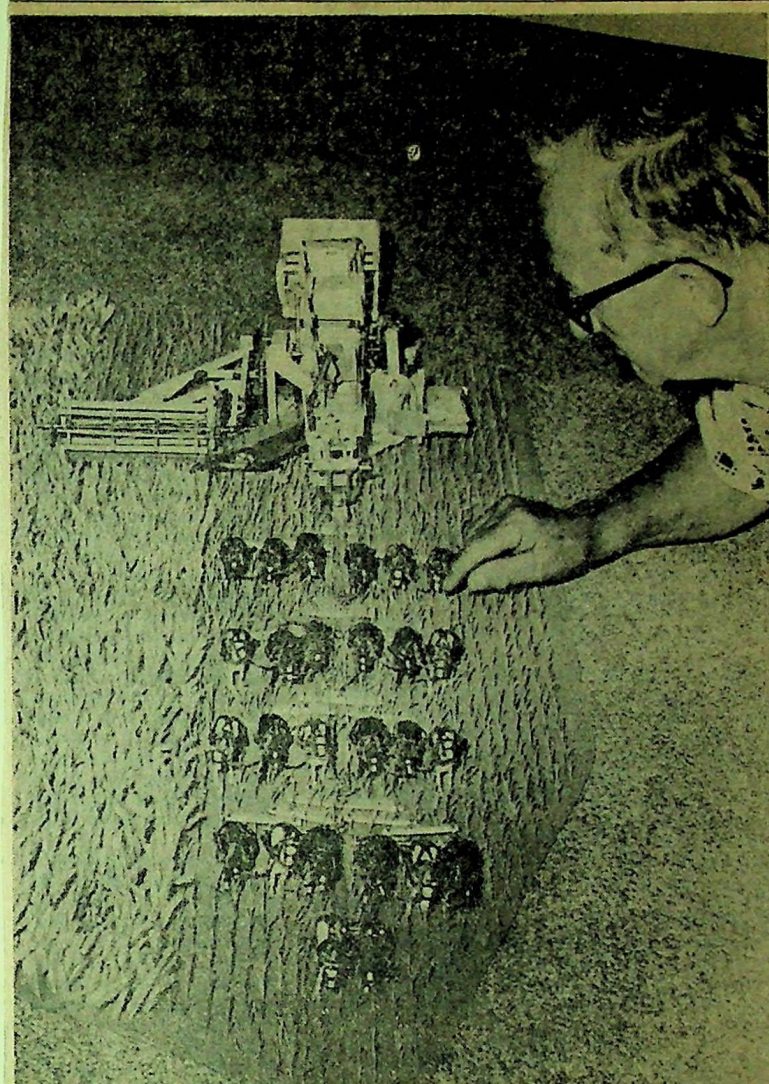
7:49 p.m. Three others followed immediately afterward.

Hooten agrees with telephone officials that the phone lines from the fairgrounds were beginning to burn at the time Hooten was trying to call. He added that he was upset and trying

to reach "any kind of a number."

The fire also scorched a ticket booth. Nothing else was damaged.

The fire departments—Kennewick and Kennewick rural—were alerted by several calls of persons who saw the flames.



Henry Smith of Kennewick looked over his model horse-drawn combine on display in the Grange section at the Benton-Franklin County fair. (Herald photo by Bob Woehler)

26 horses pull minicombine

By BOB WOEHLE
Herald Staff Writer

A pioneer Horse Heaven wheat rancher has built a miniature horse-drawn combine for the Benton-Franklin County Fair that's complete down to the 26-piece harnesses for its 26 toy horses.

Henry Smith, 72, Kennewick, said he spent 750 hours building the combine, doing it from memory, since it's been nearly 50 years since he last rode one. It is on display at the fair's Grange booth section.

The fair entered its second day today, with the first performance of the Sun Downs rodeo at 8 p.m. The fairgrounds are open until midnight.

Smith's combine is fully operational and when it's hooked to electricity, each gear and wheel moves.

A stickler for detail, Smith

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made most of the parts himself in the machine shop at the family farm south of Kennewick.

He searched through toy stores for the 26 horses and finally found what he was looking for at a Portland store selling English-made horses.

None of the American-made horses looked like the working types that used to pull the combines," he said.

Smith was a boy of 12 when his father Hans first told him to climb aboard a combine and help out by driving the rig.

His father settled in the Horse Heaven Hills in 1885. Horse-drawn combines were a godsend to the wheat

growers who before had to take their wheat to stationary threshers, Smith said.

The hitch section of the Holt combine has 1,000 pieces, not including such details as the rock in the driver's hand.

"You often had to hit a reluctant horse in the rump with a rock to keep it moving," Smith said. A box of rocks was a standard tool on a combine, he said.

The header on the toy combine is 9 inches wide, compared with 16 feet for the original.

The real combines had a crew of four, a driver, header puncher, machinist and a sack sewer, whose job was to fill and sew shut 140-pound sacks of wheat.

After the fair, Smith said he'll probably donate the combine to the Benton County Historical Museum at Prosser.

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Fair organizers ponders ways to get top stars

By BOB WOEHLER
Herald Farm Writer

Bringing in big-name entertainment would be one way to spruce up the image of the Benton-Franklin County Fair, a survey of Eastern Washington fair managers shows.

And working out an agreement between Sun Downs Inc. and the fair board for use of the rodeo arena grandstands for the big-name shows is highly possible, fair and Sun Downs officials say.

This year the Benton-Franklin County Fair spent \$10,000 on four entertainment acts that included singers Sally Flynn and Clay Hart, Pat Roberts, the LeGarde twins and Bruce Mullens.

"Why can't we have acts like Walla Walla and Yakima?" was a question repeatedly asked by fairgoers this year.

"We don't have a grandstand where we can charge special admission to hold big shows," answered fair officials, who are wondering if the lesser-known entertainers helped draw a crowd large enough to pay fair costs.

However, less than 100 yards from the band stand where entertainers performed this year is a covered

grandstand that can seat 3,000. It is owned by the fair association and leased to Sun Downs.

While the Benton-Franklin County Fair was spending \$10,000 for its entertainment, Walla Walla was paying \$13,000 for one night of Jeanne C. Riley and Freddy Fender, packing the house and making money, according to fair manager Frank O'Leary.

Walla Walla also paid \$3,750 for an auto demolition derby, which reaped sizeable profits for the fair, O'Leary said.

Greg Stewart, manager of the Central Washington Fair and Rodeo in Yakima wouldn't say what the fair is paying Bill Cosby and Jim Nabors, this year's headliners, but did say acts like these cost \$25,000 or more.

"We are planning on making money and have had heavy advanced ticket sales, including many from the Tri-Cities," Stewart said.

"We depend on big-name entertainment to create excitement for our fair and draw people to the grounds," he added.

Stewart, O'Leary and Bill Bailey, who is manager of the Grant County Fair, wonder why Benton-Franklin County

doesn't use the Sun Downs grandstands for big-name acts.

"You certainly have the people to draw from," Bailey said.

"It puzzles me why our fair entertainment competes with the night-time rodeos," said Wes Brown, Benton County commissioner.

All three Benton County commissioners said they could see no reason why the fair board and Sun Downs couldn't work out some way to use the grandstand for double duty for rodeos and big-name entertainment.

Both Yakima and Walla Walla use their rodeo arenas with a portable stage for the entertainers.

Charles Pease, fair board member and past president, says putting the grandstands to more use has been a goal of his.

"I think we are on the verge of taking another approach to the whole situation," Pease said.

The fair board meets next Tuesday to review this year's fair, which concluded Aug. 28.

Dale Beltz, president of Sun Downs Inc., a private corporation that leases the grandstands and rodeo area from the fair association,

which is controlled by the fair board, said mutual use of the grandstands "has been in the back of my mind for some time."

He said he knows of no reason why something can't be worked out and would be willing to discuss it with fair board officials.

Max Smolinski, former manager of the Benton-Franklin County Fair, said the bicoounty fair is unusual because of the complex ownership and control of the fair facilities.

"The only way this is going to work is to tie it together under one board of control," Smolinski said.

Pease said he thinks the fair board would be receptive to anything that will increase attendance and revenue for the fair.

"I like what Walla Walla does and perhaps we could do it here," he said.

Walla Walla has big-name entertainment one night to kick off the fair, follows up the second night with something like the demolition derby and then finishes it off with three nights of the rodeo.

"I think we must expand our five-day show to take in the horse fair and do something like Walla Walla is doing," Pease said.



Using the covered grand stands at the rodeo arena, (center) for events other than rodeos during the Benton-Franklin County Fair is a

possibility for the future, fair officials say. (Herald photo by Bob Woehler)

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Fair board women say it can be done



Ruth Simmelink



Mary Richmond

By ESTHER KNOWLES
Herald Staff Writer
Mary Richmond and Ruth Simmelink, Benton-Franklin County Board members, have shown there is a place for women on fair boards.

Few women are members of a board, both said. Large fairs have no women board members — the male contingent doesn't think women could do the "hard" work.

"We do the same work at home, in our yards, as we do at the fair," Mrs. Simmelink said.

Both feel there is a place for women on the board. Women can talk to women. They are more aware of what can be done, and do more to advertise the fair when traveling.

"Women also will try the little things, the touches that make things go," according to Mrs. Richmond. "Like

sunshine signs, painting poster letters — things men wouldn't break their necks to do."

Women also have an influence on the type of entertaining, and continually look for things to advance the fair, making it better for the majority of the people.

"Board members always have the opportunity to poll the board for opinions. If we suggest a good idea, we are expected to go ahead and prove the idea is worth while," Mrs. Richmond said.

"Women on the board are prone to listen to requests and follow them through," according to Mrs. Simmelink. "Men are apt to say, 'It can't be done, we suggest you call Ruth or Mary'."

Both women worked with the fair for years before becoming board members. Mrs. Richmond worked with the

first Kahlolus Grange booth.

"It was sometimes hard to find willing workers but the fair gets in your blood," she said. Fairs are the last resort for the farmers to advertise themselves.

"People who don't take the time to go to the fair are missing the pulse beat of the area and its people. It isn't just limited to farming."

Both are longtime area residents. Mrs. Richmond, who operates a Kahlolus wheat ranch, started school in Finley, graduating from Rathbun, Idaho, schools before going on to Whitman College.

The first woman on the Benton-Franklin Board, she has been a member since 1965.

Mrs. Simmelink started her first year of school in the old Fruitland School which stood in what is now Fruitland Park in Kennewick, attended the grade school on Washington Street where the post office now stands, and graduated from Kennewick High School.

Working with the fair started for her in 1947 as a member of the Locust Grove Grange. She also was superintendent of the Home Economics Division.

Secretary of the board, she has been a member since 1965.

As the fair approaches each year and runs its course, both "women" board members are looking for additional ways for a "bigger and better" fair next year.



Benton County Historical and Pioneer Association booth at the Benton-Franklin County Fair, August 25-28, 1966.

The booth was planned and managed by Mrs. H. E. Oliver.

Pictured are Mrs. Winnie Angell and Mrs. Margaret Thompson.

Sun Downs gets racing license, if ...

By JAY MacDONALD
Herald Staff Writer

Although local legal battles still threaten to block horse racing at the Benton-Franklin County Fair, the Washington State Racing Commission has given Sun Downs, Inc. a racing license.

The racing commission on Monday granted the license to hold the Aug. 26-29 races if Sun Downs shows that:

- A valid lease exists.
- Some \$110,000 in debts owed to creditors of Tri-City

Rodeo and Racing Association, the former lessee of the track, are paid.

• Money is put in escrow under commission control to cover the advertised purses of the races and the costs of the race services to assure horsemen will be paid.

Sun Downs has held that the lease that existed between the TCRRA and the Benton-Franklin County Fair board remains valid and is transferred to them.

Ed Heinemann, executive

secretary of the racing commission, said the commission chose not to make a judgment on the validity of the lease but would accept it unless a court injunction or restraining order questioned its validity.

An eight-month battle between the fair board and Sun Downs over the writing of a new lease had put the race meet in jeopardy. A suit has been filed in Benton County Superior Court by the fair board for damages and payment of taxes.

Heinemann said the commission prefers to have the dispute settled locally.

"It's kinda like a neighbor getting into a squabble between a husband and wife," he said in stating the commission's approach.

Heinemann said the license would be in effect even if a suit is filed against Sun Downs but that the commission would have to abide with an injunction or restraining order against the lease.

Neither would the commission withdraw the lease if "three or four disputed accounts" were unsettled at race time.

Some TCRRA creditors are at odds with Sun Downs over the percentage of payment they expect to receive. While earlier estimates of repayment were near 80 per cent, Sun Downs now says it will pay at near 70 per cent.

Heinemann said the escrow fund, often not required of

tracks which show good past records, was made a condition to August racing at the Kennewick track because it is under new ownership.

The fair board had earlier threatened to tie up the racing at this year's fair by filing suit to invalidate the original lease. It chose to withhold the action when it was learned the racing commission would not confirm racing dates if court action on the lease was pending.



Something to thistle at

Linda Miller, 20, found it easy to get a suntan while hoeing thistles in a wheat field on the Glenn Miller farm south of Kennewick on Clodfelter Road. (Herald photo by Lon Martin)



BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR BOARD

1st Row: Jan Russell, 1st V.P., Bonnie Andrews, Bill Heaston, Ruth Simmelink, Sec'y., Mary Richmond, Cork Simmelink.
2nd Row: Gordon Lueck, Pres., Cliff Rasch, Dave Alme, Bob Brown, Dick Moore, Treas., Charles Pease, Don Bauermeister, 2nd V.P. Not pictured: Bill Preston

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Fair and rodeo court

The 1978 Benton County Junior Fair and Rodeo court is (left to right) Princess Lori Thompson, 15, Kennewick; Queen Candace Henrich, 16, Kennewick; Princess Michele

McCoy, 15, Finley, and Princess Susie Shields, 17, Kennewick. They will preside over the August event in Benton City.



Shari Lewis arrived at the Tri-Cities airport Wednesday and quickly got acquainted with Richland Girl Scouts Kay Pennell, left, and Mar-nae Collins, Lambchop, who arrived with Miss Lewis, found a comfy spot on Kay's shoulder. The troop representatives were chosen to meet Miss Lewis because of their perfect attendance records.

Girl Scouts greet Shari, Lambchop

By BEVERLY JACOBSON
Desert Living Editor

When Shari Lewis arrived at the Tri-Cities Airport Wednesday night there were two little Girl Scouts to greet her.

They gave her a badge of the Mid-Columbia Council and in exchange got a warm hug and posed for pictures with the famous ventriloquist and her puppet Lambchop.

The perky Miss Lewis, who will perform with the Mid-Columbia Symphony Orchestra in concert at 8:15 p.m. tonight in the Kennewick High School auditorium, says Scouting is an important part of her life.

She became a member of the National Girl Scout board Oct. 24.

"My mother was a Girl Scout leader and I've been in Scouts all my life. When I was little I went to a camp called Laughing Water. What's the name of your camp?" asked Shari turning to the girls.

Placing Lambchop back in its protective case, the

ventriloquist went on to describe how she had been a scout leader for five years, from the time her daughter Mallory, was 7. "There were 27 girls in the troop. My husband was super."

I had to work every weekend so when there were camping trips and outings, he took them. The girls called him "Uncle Daddy," said Shari.

Ventriloquism was something that always came natural to her. Her father was the official magician for New York City and her mother was a musician.

When Shari saw that she wasn't going to make it as a ballerina she brought out the hundreds of puppets she kept in drawers and boxes under her bed.

Lambchop was introduced on the Captain Kangaroo television program.

"I had been working with the big, hard dummies and for that show I was asked to bring something smaller because, they said, I was small and delicate and needed something more my size," said Shari.

The energetic comedienne has written 15 books and writes a syndicated column "The Kids Only Club," which appears six days a week in 67 newspapers around the world.

Shari says the column is about things kids can do without grownups.

"It offers creative independence for kids," she said describing a recent article showing ways youngsters can make money through projects like Trash for Cash; collecting and redeeming used aluminum cans for money.

Her latest publication is "The Kids-Only-Club-Book" which tells kids how to start their own clubs "without a leader."

From here she goes to Tulsa and Minneapolis and then to New York City where she will tape an appearance on the "Kids are People Too" television show.

"Seventy-one music and art students from my high school will be on that show with me," she said proudly.

Sun Downs plans \$1 million expansion

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By HEC HANCOCK
Herald Sports Editor
A \$1,096,737 expansion program which will provide the Tri-Cities with the only major race track in the Northwest offering Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred and Appaloosa racing was announced Friday by the Sun Downs management.

Clearing the way for the ambitious undertaking was the authorization received earlier this month from the Administrator of Securities for the state of Washington and the Securities Exchange Commission of the federal government to issue 1,100 units of limited partnership shares at \$1,000 for additional capitalization of \$1.1 million.

The additional capital, Sun Downs General Manager Jim Simons reported, will be used to underwrite the new construction as well as reducing outstanding indebtedness.

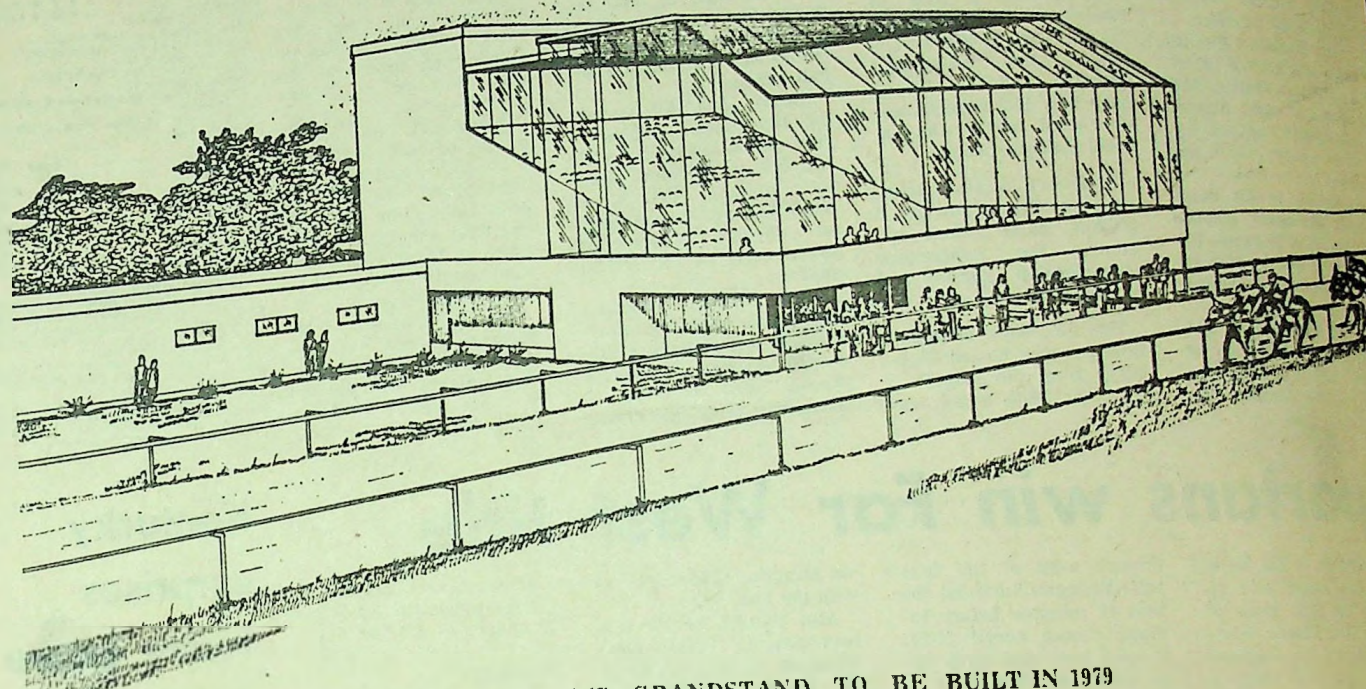
"We will proceed on a two-fold basis," Simons explained. "First, of course, we will now sell the limited partnership units to interested persons. At the same time we will be seeking out long-term financing for the building project."

Under the terms of the authorization Sun Downs can't take out any monies until \$500,000 has been received in limited partnership interests.

Principal outlay will be an all-weather grandstand, club house and turf club to be erected at an estimated cost of \$957,737.

Already completed at a cost of \$120,000 are eight new barns which can house 160 horses. That brings the total stall capacity to approximately 380.

Another \$19,000 has been committed to barn



expenditures which puts the expansion program total at \$1,096,737.

The new facility will be a three-level building, its front and sides enclosed with thermal pane glass and providing 13,680 square feet of space.

The existing structure will be extended 40 feet to the west and will be completely renovated.

The top level will be serviced by an elevator and will house a turf club that will seat 400 patrons. A restaurant, lounge, parimutuel facilities and closed circuit television will be included.

The club house on the

mezzanine floor will have two restaurants, a lounge, parimutuel windows and a 3,300 square foot observation deck.

Located on the ground floor will be three food service locations, a lounge and parimutuel windows.

When completed the new building which will have air-conditioning and heating will accommodate between 3,000 and 4,000 patrons in either winter or summer.

Plans also call for the construction of new jockey quarters adjacent to the grandstands.

Included in the \$957,737 figure is \$117,737 earmarked for access roads,

parking lot and landscaping.

No definite date for the start of construction could be given at this time but Simons said he hoped to be in a position to put the construction contract out for bid by early spring.

It's estimated that construction will take four or five months. While the building won't be available for the six-day spring meeting which will get underway March 17 and finish with the \$60,000 Fun Sun Quarter Horse Futurity there's a

chance at least a portion will be completed in time for the 16-day fall meet-

ing in September.

"We see this as a vote of confidence in the Tri-Cities," said Simons. "This is already the fourth largest marketing area in the state and we feel certain it can and will support an operation of this scope."

The Tri-City area, Simons pointed out, is over twice as large as Yakima where Yakima Meadows has made substantial progress in recent years.

During its just completed meeting Yakima Meadows experienced a 34 percent increase in parimutuel handle and is now averaging \$247,000 a day.

"Given a comfortable, attractive facility we're confident the Tri-Cities will support quality Quarter Horse racing."

"In fact this program should be the realization of the partners' avowed goal of making Sun Downs the Quarter Horse capital of the Northwest," said Simons.

Sun Downs was established in 1976 to succeed the former Tumbleweed Race Track.

Principals in Sun Downs, are general partners, Dr. Dale Beltz, Ed McKay, L.W. Vail, Walt Slipp, Vern Gramling, Jim Simons, John Westland, and Sun Downs Inc.

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Baking competition

Teri Van Hollebeke, showed off a pan of rolls just prior to popping them in the oven in the Benton-Franklin County Fair's home economic competition.

Kiddies Parade is Tuesday

The kiddies Parade for costumed is scheduled Tuesday as part of the annual Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo.

The parade will be held along the Kennewick Parkade starting at 7:30 p.m.

Youngsters who wish to enter should be there by 6:30 p.m. for judging, a Kennewick Jaycee official said.

There will be awards for two age groups, 7 and under, and 8 to 12, in three categories — western, pets and science fiction.

The parade route is west along Kennewick Avenue from Washington Street, then south on Dayton to Keewaydin Park.

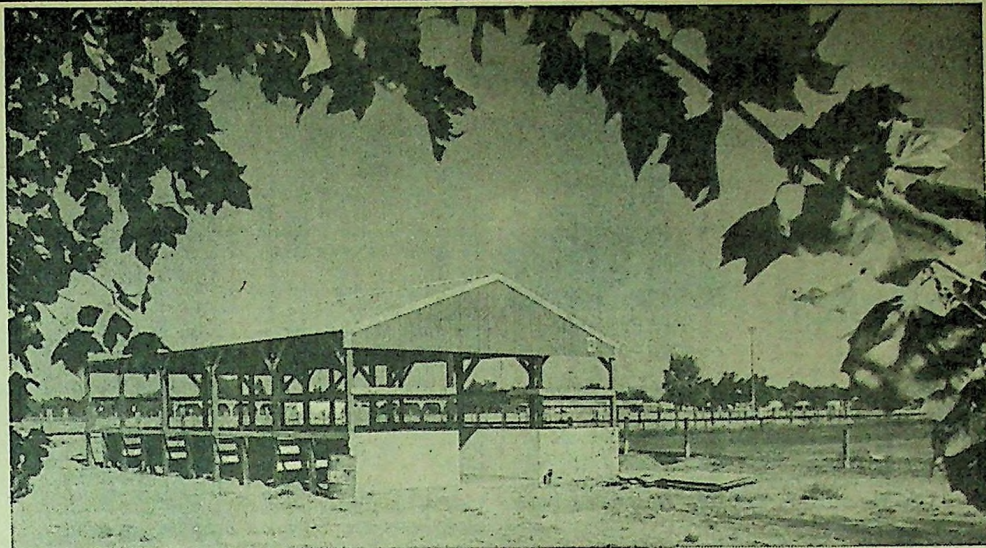
Each youngster who enters will get a certificate for a free hamburger and milk shake.

The Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo court will lead the parade.

Rembrandt

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)

— The Norton Simon Museum has acquired another Rembrandt, an early portrait titled "A Bearded Man in a Wide-Brimmed Hat."



Newest addition

A horse barn is the newest addition to the Benton-Franklin County fair grounds. The project of the Ranchette Saddle Benders 4-H club the 50-foot barn has stalls for 20 horses. The Saddle Benders helped raise the money for the materials for the barn and the fair board provided the funds to erect it, a fair official said.

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Louise Creighton and Kathryn Flora rested in the new eating area at the Benton-Franklin

County Fair after a weeding session in the gardens surrounding the space they landscaped.

Fair snack glade made

A new outdoor eating area near the food booths will provide fair-goers with space where they can rest and enjoy a refreshing snack at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

The landscaped space with its round, blue and white tables surrounded by evergreens, trees,

flowers and shrubs was the community project of the Flower Fiddlers Garden Club.

Kathryne Flora, Richland, designed the landscaping which includes boulders, more than 75 plants and flowers in curved beds that are edged with bender board and covered with a thick

bark mulch.

The area is protected with a service fence on two sides and a decorative split rail fencing on the entry side.

The project was submitted to the fair board in February and the 17-member club did a major part of the planting March 29 and 30.

They spent \$334 earned at plant sales and 142 hours completing the planting which will be maintained by the Fair board. The board had the tables built, placed the boulders and provided the gravel surrounding the tables which they have set in concrete.

12 events in pony show

The Cavalcade of Ponies Show at the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo Friday and Saturday will feature a dozen events.

The program Saturday begins at noon at the horse and pony arena.

Events include Western equitation, pet pony driving, pleasure pony driving and lead line class.

There will also be a pony team pulling contest; scurry; chuck wagon race; flag race; hitch driving for four ponies; English equitation; roadster, and pony chariot driving competitions.

Fair awards announced

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The fitting and showing awards were presented at the Benton-Franklin County Fair Thursday. The winners were:

Beef—4-H junior champion, Kenny Richardson; reserve, L'Raee Moore; Intermediate champion, Dawn Cargill; reserve, Mike Louder; Senior champion, Hooty Haffer; reserve, Susan Richardson; FFA champion, Debbie Lyon; reserve, Randy Haffer.

Swine—4-H senior champion, Andy Hanks; reserve, Monte Andrews; Intermediate champion, Casey Cochrane; reserve, Leslie Barrow; Junior champion, Cindy Easterday; reserve, Mike Pink.

Dairy—4-H Junior champion, Deri Howie; Intermediate champion, Cathy

Boone; senior champion, Mike Boone.

Sheep—4-H senior champion, Connie Brown; reserve, Martina Irribarren; Intermediate champion, Tony Zilar; reserve, Michele Taggares; Junior champion, Miguel Irribarren; reserve champion, Terry Brown; FFA champion, George Sharp; reserve champion, Ken Bradley.

Ball Brothers Co. special award—Beth and Caroline Moore, both 4-H.

Dairy judging—Holstein junior champion, Keri Howe; reserve, Alice Baker; senior champion, Cathy Boon, also grand champion; Jersey junior champion, Mike Boone; reserve, Alice Kamrowski; senior champion, Mike Boone, also

grand champion and reserve.

Best youth educational—Swine, Basin Pioneer; Dairy, Whitstran Dairy 4-H Club; Beef, Kahlotus Livestock; Sheep, Valley View; Goats, Livestock Trainer.

President's awards for outstanding exhibits—Commercial Display, Shelby Plant Show; Youth Livestock, Pasco Heights; Open Livestock, Leon and Suzanne Kennedy; Overall—Sheep barn, George and Mary Ward.

Two results omitted from the Kiddies Parade Tuesday included Grand champion, Chris Henderson, as a green martian and Michael Gonzales, third place in Space category ages 1-6.

Queen Dori and court to reign over fair again

For the second year in a row, Queen Dori Ramsey and her court will reign over the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Sun Downs Rodeo.

Due to a change in the time of selecting the queen and her court last year, the 1979 Fair and Rodeo court will not be chosen until

October.

Queen Dori and her princesses, Toni Garrett and Rhonda Kramer, were chosen just prior to last year's fair and will serve until October.

Sun Downs officials said choosing the queen and her court in October will give

the new court several months to order uniforms and prepare for personal appearances, which usually start in April.

"It will also give more girls a chance to compete," a fair official said.

Dori, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett

Ramsey of Kennewick. Princess Toni, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, who serves as the court's chaperone. Princess Rhonda, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kramer of Kennewick.

The court has appeared at Walla Walla, Pendleton,

Yakima, Omak and Grandview this past year representing the fair and rodeo.

They will preside over a luncheon for visiting fair and rodeo royalty Aug. 26 following the fair parade. They will also lead both the grand parade and the kids parade.



Dori Ramsey, center queen of this year's Benton Franklin County Fair and Rodeo, is flanked by her court, Toni Garrett, left, and Rhonda Kramer, right.

250 entries due at Sun Downs Rodeo

More than 250 entries, including some of the top names in the sport, have been received for the 30th Sun Downs Rodeo Thursday through Aug. 27.

Heading the field that will compete for approximately \$15,000 in prize money, including \$6,000 added, are such standout performers as Tom Ferguson, world all-round champion, Joe Alexander, six-

time Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association bareback bronc riding champ, Joe Marvel and Monty Henson, top saddle bronc riders.

Challenging the cowboys' skills will be the stock of Harry Vold of Fowler, Colo. Vold stock has been featured at more than 30 rodeos including the Pendleton Round-Up, Cheyenne Frontier Days,

Ellensburg and Edmonton, Alberta.

Cowboys from throughout the West and Canada will compete in steer wrestling, calf-roping, saddle bronc riding bareback bronc riding and bull riding.

In addition, cowgirls will compete for nearly \$2,000, including \$500 added in barrel racing.

Sessions Thursday through Saturday will start at 8 p.m. while next Sunday's concluding performance will start at 6 p.m.

Special attraction of the Sun Downs Rodeo this year will be Francisco Zamora, a popular figure on the rodeo circuit. Zamora, who bills himself as a Charro — a professional Mexican cowboy — is well known for his artistry of classical Magway roping and horsemanship. He'll ride the Ti Juana Taxi, a well known horse.

"We're expecting one of the best fields of contestants in recent years and are looking forward to an outstanding rodeo," reports Peggy Gorton, Sun Downs rodeo director.

Included in the field are expected to be such well known local contestants as Martin Happonstall of West Richland. Happonstall, a deaf mute, is one of the top bull riders in the area.

Also entered is bull rider Mike Ring of Toppenish, usually included among the top point earners in the country.

Among the contestants expected for the Sun Downs Rodeo are the following: In saddle bronc riding, Joe Marvel, Battle Mountain, Nev.; Monty Henson, Mesquite, Texas; Bud Monroe, Billings; Jim Kelts, Con-sort, Alberta and Dave Bothum, Redmond, Ore.

Among the bull riders ex-

Record 113,214 attend fair, rodeo

The 1978 Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo that ended Sunday set an attendance record of 113,214 for the five-day event.

Fair officials said Saturday's crowd of 42,076 was the largest in fair history.

The 113,214 total compared with the previous record of 100,690 in 1976 and the 95,800 last year.

"We managed to set the record in spite of poor attendance on Sunday," said David Alme, fair board

treasurer. On Sunday 4,500 attended, about half the number that showed up last year.

"We're really pleased with the attendance record. It shows our efforts to make the fair attractive as possible is paying off," Alme said.

He said it will be a while before all the bills are in and paid. Only then will it be known, how much money the fair made.

"I will say the record attendance has prompted the fair board to think seriously about making some major improvements to the fairgrounds for next year," he said.

These could be remodeling, or expanding the livestock barns, or further improvements to the grounds and parking area.

"I think we should start looking at some long-range programs," Alme said.

Attendance tops 1977 by 4,587

Benton-Franklin County Fair officials expect the event's biggest crowds tonight and Saturday and attendance so far is outpacing last year's total by 4,587.

"We had 19,850 people attend the fair and rodeo Thursday, which is 2,598 over a year ago," said David Alme, fair board

treasurer.

Fair officials say with any break in the weather, attendance could top 80,000. The fair runs through Sunday and traditionally Friday and Saturday crowds reach 25,000 to 30,000 each day.

The fair will try a new twist this year to boost attendance on Saturday with

Saturday Midnight Fever." For \$6.50, a person can have unlimited carnival rides and dance to country and western music between midnight and 3 a.m.

"We'll limit tickets to the first 2,000," a fair official said.

"It's something new and we hope it works out," said Dick Moore, fair board

president.

Other weekend events include the fair parade at 10 a.m. Saturday in downtown Kennewick and the Sun-downs Rodeo at 8 tonight and Saturday.

For entertainment there is the Rainbow Riders grandstand show at 7 and 10 p.m. Friday and the Sheb Wooley show at 7 and 10 p.m. Saturday.



Sign of the times

Kathie Langston put finishing touches on a sign for the Aug. 23-27 Benton-Franklin County Fair.

It was one of 40 signs being readied for the fair. (Herald photo by Bob Woehler)

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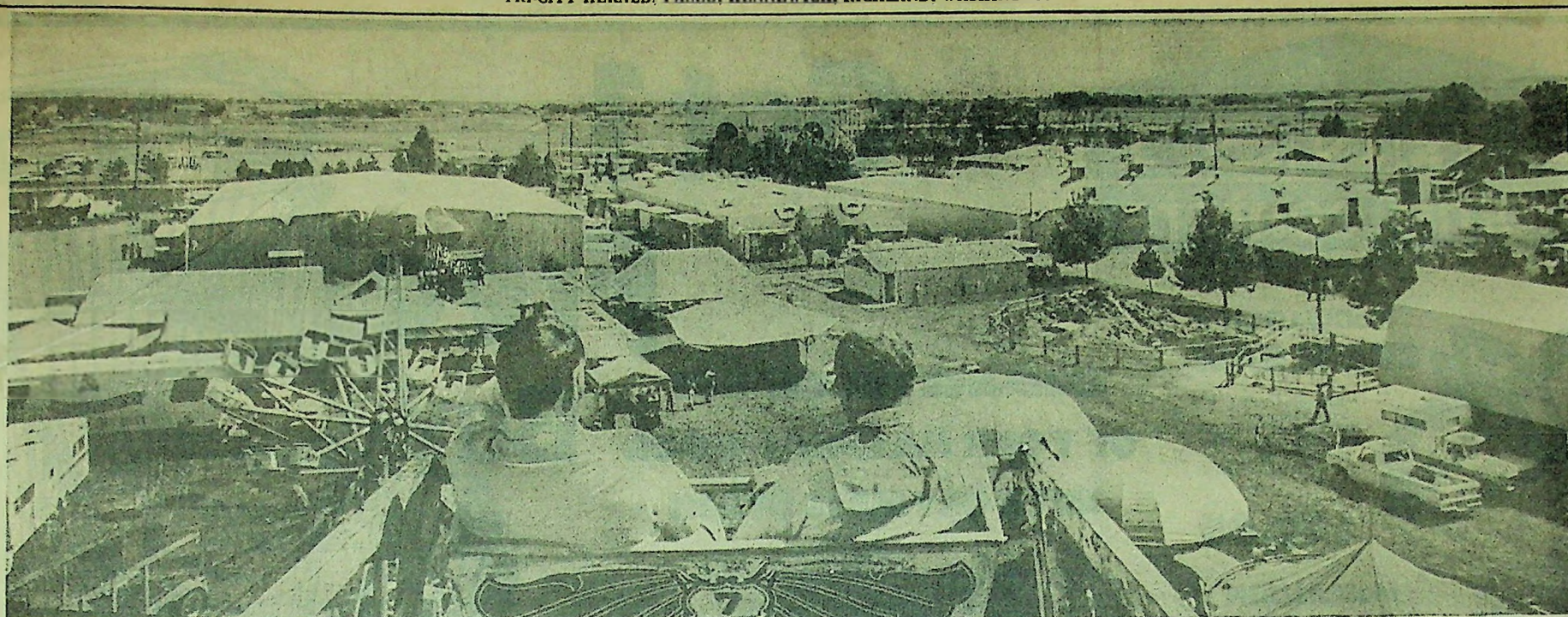
Applications for entries in the Benton-Franklin County Fair Grand Parade are being accepted by the Kennewick Jaycees parade committee.

The parade this year will be held in downtown Kennewick at 10 a.m. Aug. 26.

People or groups wishing to take part in the parade should contact Jim Bateman at 783-4438 or Jim Robanske at 586-2749. Entry blanks also can be obtained by writing to the Kennewick Jaycees, parade committee, Box 7151, Kennewick.

Awards will be presented in 17 categories, with first place receiving a 28-inch trophy. Second place and third place will receive ribbons.

There will also be a sweepstakes trophy and a mayor's trophy.



The Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo takes on a different perspective when seen from the top of the Ferris Wheel. (Herald photo by Bob Woehler)

Benton County Fair results

Results in the rabbit competition at the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo are as follows:

4-H Rabbits—Best of show, 4-H, Mike McCorkle, Burbank; Best opposite of show, Heidi Herrman, Connell.

Standard Chinchilla, best of breed and Best opposite, Brian Lee, Benton City.

New Zealand, best of breed, Marty Wellenbrock, Kennewick Californian, best of breed, Mike McCorkle, best opposite, Mike Lee, Benton City. Flemish giant, best of breed, Trina Gibson, Pasco French lop, best of breed, Mike McCorkle;

best opposite, Mary Kloeppel; Red Satin, best of show, and best opposite, Debi Sauer;

Future Farmers of American rabbits—White Satin, best of breed, best of show and best opposite, Brian Westfall.

Open Class—New Zealand, best of breed and best opposite, Jeff Fricchette; Siamese Satin, best of breed, Kristin Sefens; best opposite, Debbie Parcher.

Fitting and Showing Rabbits—Junior, Shauna Samson grand champion; Sherri

Maling, reserve. Intermediate, Sheri McCorkle, grand champion; Heidi Herrman, reserve; Senior, Marty Wellenbrock, grand champion; Mike Lee, reserve; FFA, Brian Westfall, grand champion; Kevi Gray, reserve; Fryers, Brad Wellenbrock, top fryer, Marty Wellenbrock, first fryer.

4-H and FFA dairy—Fitting and showing, 4-H—Junior, Keri Howie, champion; Intermediate, Cathy Boone, champion; senior, Mike Boone, champion.

Holsteins—Keri Howie, junior champion; Alice Baker, reserve; Cathy

Boone, senior champion and grand champion.

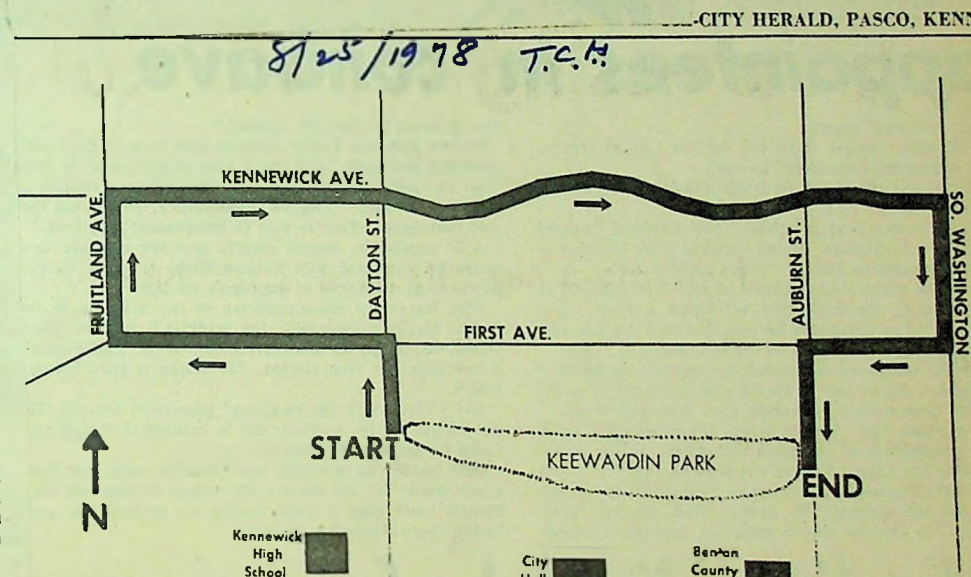
Jerseys—Mike Boones, junior champion; Alice Kamrowski, reserve; Mike Boones, senior and grand champion; Mike Boone, reserve senior and reserve grand champion.

Large animal round robin showmen—Connie Brown, Selah, 4-H senior; Dawn Cargill, Finley, 4-H intermediate; Cindy Easterday, Mesa, 4-H junior; Debbie Lyon, Benton City, FFA.

Small animal round robin showmen—Marty Wellenbrock, 4-H senior; Kelli Shannon, 4-H intermediate; Shauna Samson, 4-H

juniors.

Poultry—FFA champion and reserve bantam, Brian Westfall; 4-H champion bantam, Elan Campbell; reserve, Tom Pitkin; FFA champion and reserve chicken, Brian Westfall; 4-H champion chicken, Leiton Zunker; reserve, Cathy Alexander; 4-H champion and reserve turkey, Bernard Lind; FFA champion and reserve duck, Brian Westfall; 4-H champion and reserve duck, Bernard Lind; FFA champion goose, Bernard Lind; 4-H champion and reserve goose, Bernard Lind; 4-H champion pigeon and reserve pigeon, Tom Thibert.



This map shows route of Benton-Franklin County Fair Saturday. The parade will start near the

Kennewick High School and end near the Senior Citizens Building on Auburn Avenue.

Largest parade expected

The Kennewick Jaycees are expecting the largest Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo parade in 10 years Saturday, with 109 entries signed up for the 10 a.m. event.

The parade will be held in downtown Kennewick for the first time in at least seven years. In the past, it has been held in Pasco but was shifted to Kennewick this year after participation and interest in the parade declined.

James Bateman, Kennewick Jaycee chairman, said 19 floats have entered, in-

cluding some from as far away as La Grande, Ore., Post Falls, Idaho, and West Seattle.

Ronald McDonald is the parade grand marshal and the U.S. Army Reserve will provide the color guard.

There will be three high school bands, Kennewick, Kamiakin and Pasco.

Also to appear is Kim Miracle, Miss Washington Teenager, who's from Benton City. She placed in the top 10 in the national competition.

The parade will form and end at Keewaydin Park and

travel on First Avenue, Fruitland Street, Kennewick Avenue, Washington Street and Auburn Street.

Novelty entries include

competitors in this year's muscular dystrophy bed race and the Kennewick fire fighters and Keystone Cops.

Doyle criticizes highway proposal

Robert Doyle, Kennewick, a candidate for state representative, has criticized a proposal to include Highway 395 in the interstate system.

The proposal was made by Rep. Claude Oliver, R-Kennewick, whom Doyle, a Democrat, hopes to defeat.

"I am disappointed that Oliver has failed to recognize the pressing needs in his own district," Doyle said. "One of my top priorities in Olympia will be to work for funding of highway projects in this district."

Doyle said he would work for construction of the

North Richland Bridge, widening of the bypass highway and aid to cities to help them handle increased traffic.

Highway 395 connects Pasco with Spokane. Oliver has proposed getting it on the Interstate system to guarantee construction of four lanes. The state Department of Transportation has directed an application prepared for including Highway 395 on the interstate system.



Charlotte Bates held the two historical plates her club is selling this week at the Benton-Franklin County Fair. (Photo by Dorothy Adcock)

Commemorative plates sold by BPW at fair

Decorated plates commemorating the naming of the Franklin County Court House as a state and national historical site are for sale this week at the fair.

The Pasco Luncheon group of the Business and Professional Woman's Club is selling the plates and picture post cards in a booth at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Proceeds from the sale of the plates will go to the club's student scholarship fund. One plate shows the exterior of the Court House and the other pictures the Tiffany dome.

The Walla Walla Veterans' Hospital and the Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle, will benefit from the sale of picture postcards. One postcard shows

the Memorial Rosebud garden at the VA Hospital. Money from the sale of this card will go to the purchase of honor rose bushes, care products and to the placing of names of deceased veterans from Benton and Franklin Counties on honor plaques.

The second card pictures the Wishing Well located in Volunteer Park, Pasco, which was originally used for coin deposits to benefit COHMC. Due to vandalism, coins are not collected in the well anymore, but money from postcard sales will be contributed to COHMC to help Benton and Franklin County children who receive care there.

The BPW Club is also conducting a Card-A-Thon at the fair. Cards stamped with "Mailed at Benton-

Franklin County Fair" can be purchased for 20 cents, including stamp, to be mailed anywhere in the United States. Club women will keep a record of states receiving cards to determine how far the fair can be advertised. Non-stamped cards sell for 10 cents.

The Wishing Well in the park was built by the Pasco Orthopedic Guild and Auxiliaries and The Queen of Spades Garden Club built the planters around the well. The rose garden is a project of the Blue Mountain District of Federated Garden Clubs. Photos on the cards were taken by Geneva Newell, a BPW member.

Nita Rettinghouse is in charge of the fair booth project.



The Sons of the Pioneers have been signed to perform at the Aug. 23 to 27 Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Sons of Pioneers, Wooley, Ingraham booked for fair

The Sons of the Pioneers, Sheb Wooley, Toni Ingraham and the Rainbow Riders have been signed to entertain at the Benton-Franklin County Fair this year, fair officials announced today.

Each will present two shows on their night during the Aug. 23-27 fair.

The Sons of the Pioneers, a long-time western singing group, will perform at the Wednesday night fair opener.

On Thursday, Toni Ingraham, a country and western singer who has appeared at fairs and rodeo audiences throughout the country will perform.

The Rainbow Riders, formerly known as the Califor-



TONY INGRAHAM



SHEB WOOLEY

nia Cowboys, will be making a return visit to the fair. They are a country and western music group.

On Saturday Sheb Wooley, who also performs under the name of Ben Colder, will perform. Wooley has been in several movies with stars ranging from Errol Flynn in "Rocky Mountain" to Clint Eastwood in "The Outlaw Jos-

ey Wales." Besides acting Wooley is also recording artist and singer and has written a number of well known songs, including "The Purple People Eater" and "Are You Satisfied." He co-starred in the popular television western "Rawhide" with Eastwood and Eric Foner.



Heather Parker, 8, pinned the neck of 11-year old Chris Schadler's cotton knit blouse.

Arts awards given

Mid-Columbians were awarded 11 cash prizes by judges Don James and Mary Fenstermacher at the Fine Arts division of the Benton-Franklin County Fair Tuesday.

"We had more than 135 entries and the quality is excellent this year," said Fran Spooner, superintendent of the division.

Winners were: President's award, \$50, Sandee McVeigh; Best-of-Show, \$50, Edie Johnson.

Other awards include oil painting, \$25, Marian Hart; acrylic, \$25, Jean Hutfless,

Eltopia, watercolor, \$25, Lois Borg; collage, \$25, Denise Evans, Prosser; batik, \$25, Julie Intravartolo; drawing, \$20, Cynnie Little; pottery, \$20, Elva Rohman; sculpture \$20, Jack Hess and prints, \$20, Lynn Johnson.

Second and third place winners received \$10 and \$5 awards.

All during the fair Tri-City artists will be demonstrating oil, watercolor, acrylic painting, drawing and pottery in the Fine Arts building.

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4-H'ers busy preparing for Benton-County Fair



Becky Parker, 15, carded her Suffolk sheep, Caesar, before blanket-ing him to keep him clean for the fair. (Herald photos by Mary Jane Lewis)

By MARY JANE LEWIS,
Herald Staff Writer

Sewing machines are whirring and the fragrant smells of fresh bread come from the oven in the William Parker home in Pasco as 4-H'ers practice cooking and finish sewing projects for the Benton-County Fair.

"We stand in line for the machines this time of year," said Phyllis Parker, mother of four of the girls in the 4-H clubs she leads.

Three of the machines belong to Phyllis and the others in the room are brought in by club members on sewing days.

There are eight girls in her Busy Bodies Club and nine in the BusyBodies Two, a younger group. The older group act as big sisters for the first year members.

The older girls are involved in photography, gardening, leadership, sheep raising, sewing and cooking activities. They are preparing to enter the style show, revue, Expo sewing contest and team cooking as well as demonstrations at the fair.

The younger girls are finishing simpler items like double-knit shorts and t-shirt tops they will exhibit.

In the winter the two clubs each meet twice a month, once to sew and once to cook. But after they come home from the 4-H camp-out at Camp Wooten in the Blue Mountains, they take their projects more seriously and one or the other club meets daily in the Parker home during the week.

The girls that plan to prepare a meal for four to six guests at the fair have practiced their specialties on their families and neighbors.

"We make a list of all the utensils and supplies we will need as we prepare the practice meals so we know exactly what we need to take to the fair," said Debbie Loftin.

Debbie and Bethany Parker, both 14, have selected the following menu: Layer Beef Bake, muffins, tossed green salad, peas and Mud Pie.

LAYERED BEEF BAKE
1 cup quick brown rice

1 pound lean beef
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons minced onions

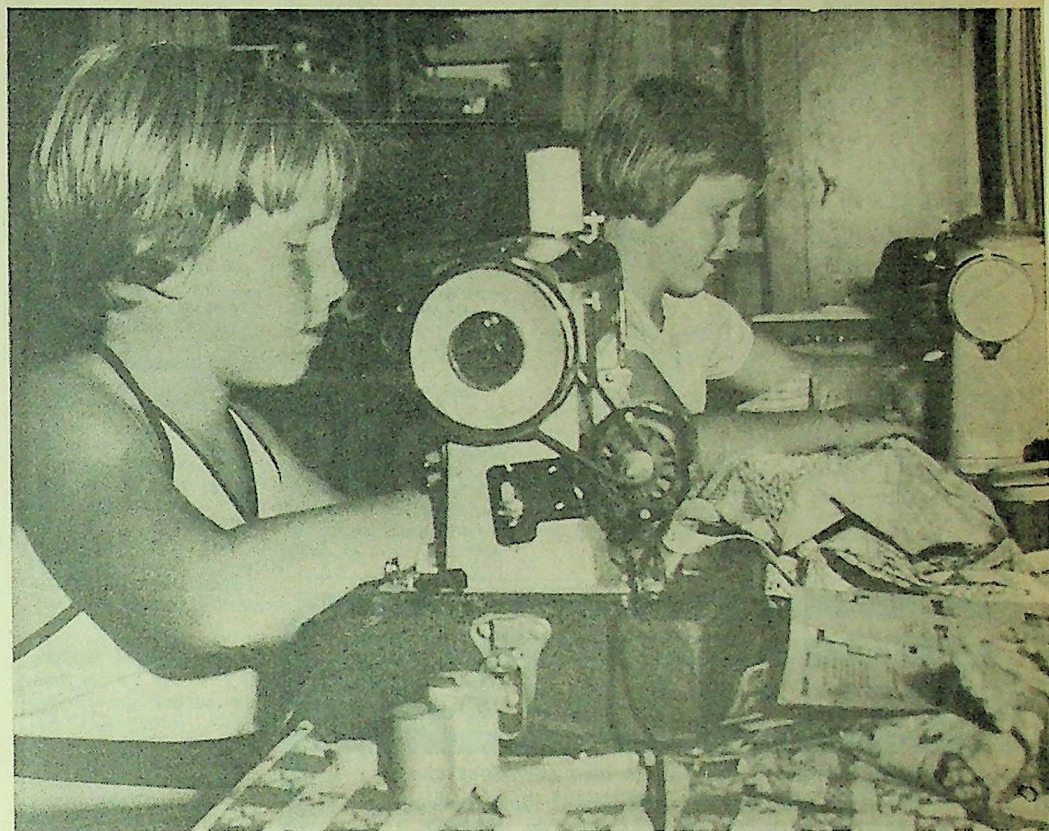
There are 130 hogs, another record number, but only 65 beef, down 20 from a year ago.

"Beef costs so much this year many youngsters went to the smaller animals instead," Bauermeister said.

Weather

Chance of showers with partial clearing tonight and Friday highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s. Variable winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance

of rain 40 percent tonight and 20 percent Friday. The high Thursday was 73, low today 55. The high a year ago was 91, low 54.



Heidi Parker at left and Carol Andeline, both 11, put the finishing stitches on blouses, shorts

and a wrap-around skirt to exhibit at the Fair.

desert living

1 eight-ounce can to-mato sauce
4 slices Provolone or sharp cheese

Cook rice according to package directions. Combine meat, salt, onions, and sauce. Line an 8 by 9 inch pan with half the mixture, cover with rice and top with cheese. Spread remaining meat mixture over top and bake 30-40 minutes at 375 degrees.

MUD PIE
4 cups of ground chocolate cookies
1/2 cup butter (melted)
1/2 gallon ice cream chocolate syrup

Combine ground cookies and butter in medium size bowl, mix, spread over a 9 by 13 inch pan. Slice ice

cream into slabs and lay evenly over top of cookie mix. Pour chocolate syrup over the top and freeze until ready to serve.

In addition to sewing and cooking and special projects the Parker girls, Bethany, Becky, Heidi and Heather also have sheep in a club which their father leads.

"We don't know quite how we are going to manage caring for the sheep and entering all the contests we have planned," says Mrs. Parker.

She also has promised to help supervise food projects, and intends to keep an eye on all her club members' demonstrations. "But it will all work out somehow," she said.

B-F Fair board seeks \$32,000 TCH, 2/10/78

The Benton-Franklin County Fair board has requested \$32,000 from the state to erect a new metal show building.

The request is in addition to \$16,000 the fair board wants to improve parking lots at the fairgrounds.

The money would come from the state fair fund, which is administered by the State Agriculture Department.

Fair officials said the \$32,000 is a special request and didn't know the chances of the Benton-Franklin fair to get the money.

The building would be used to house livestock, fair officials said.

The \$16,000 request is the top priority and includes fencing, blacktopping of walkways and parking lot improvements.

In other business, the fair board is attempting to sign up entertainment acts for this August's fair. The budget includes \$10,000 for entertainment. No names were mentioned as possible acts.

Fair board president Dick Moore has been talking with Sun Downs Inc. officials on use of the grand stand area for a night of entertainment at the fair, but nothing specific has come from these talks, a fair official said.

11,500 attend fair opening 8/24/1978

First-day attendance at the Benton-Franklin County Fair topped 11,500 Wednesday, fair officials said, 20 percent more than last year's first-day crowd of 9,500.

Helping bring the crowds in Wednesday was a break in the wet weather and the "Sons of the Pioneers," who played before 4,000 people at two performances.

Today's crowds should be larger, fair officials said,

because the Sundowns Rodeo will have its first performance at 7 p.m. in the rodeo arena. More than 240 cowboys have entered.

Headlining tonight's entertainment on the fair grounds will be country and western singer Toni Ingraham.

"It was a good kickoff for us," said David Alm, fair board treasurer, who keeps track of attendance. Fair officials are hoping attendance will reach 100,000 by the Sunday closing.



Holly Sifton, 8, showed her father Jack the red Wednesday opening day of the Benton-Franklin ribbon she and her hog Wilbur won at County Fair. (Herald photos by Bob Woehler)

Wilbur the laundry room pig is all washed up

By BOB WOEHLE
Herald Farm Writer

Holly and Wilbur went to the fair Wednesday. It was Holly's first, and Wilbur's last.

Holly is an 8½-year-old Finley 4-H member, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sifton.

Wilbur is her 235-pound Fair results, schedule on Page 4. Pictures on Page 20.

Hampshire hog.

Wilbur will be sold Friday at the market stock sale to the highest bidder. Then it's off to parts unknown.

Holly said she'll be sorry to see Wilbur go, because he was a like a pet, but she understands why and knows he's destined to end up as someone's ham dinner.

Holly is already making plans of what to do with the money she earns from the sale of Wilbur and another pig that doesn't have a name.

"I might buy another pig for next year, but I think I'd rather have a lamb," she said. "Pigs feel tough and scratchy."

Both Holly and Wilbur showed signs of nervousness Wednesday when they went into the judging ring.



Wilbur the pig and Holly Sifton had their eyes on the judge during Wednesday competition at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Wilbur was a little shy, especially after he was attacked by a bullish Duroc pig.

And Holly, because she's 60 pounds, had trouble making Wilbur go where she wanted him to. Most of the time Wilbur wanted to root around in the dirt floor of the arena, an act that doesn't win points with the judge.

So Wilbur got a red ribbon, not a blue. It probably

wasn't his performance that earned him the red, but rather his home life environment.

Holly's dad Jack explained that Wilbur was the runt of the litter and spent a month in the Sifton's house in the laundry room where he was nursed by the family.

"Even with this help, he didn't fill out as well as the other pigs," said Sifton, a Burlington Northern

employee and part-time farmer.

However, because Wilbur shared the same roof with the Siftons, he gained something Holly's other pig didn't, a name.

The other pig won a blue ribbon, but isn't considered a member of the family.

Holly and Wilbur are destined for a farewell performance in the arena Friday when Wilbur will be sold.



Katrina Gouger, 15, a Utah visitor to the Tri-Cities, sampled an elephant ear, a dessert treat

made of yeast dough. (Herald photo by Bob Woehler)

Elephant ears, lamb big hits at fair

By BOB WOEHLE
Herald Farm Writer

This year's gastronomical hit of the Benton-Franklin County Fair is barbecued lamb sandwiches and elephant ears.

The lamb sandwiches are served by sheepman Greg Prior on behalf of St. Joseph Catholic School's parents club.

The elephant ears, a throwback to the pioneer days of the Mormon Church, taste like a deep-fried sugar and cinnamon crisp and look like a pizza. They are being sold by the Kennewick Mormon Church.

Both items draw lines of hungry customers.

This is the second year St. Joseph Church has sold barbecued beef and lamb.

Other fair stories, picture on Pages 2, 4, and 12.

They earned \$8,000 last year, half of which went to help pay for teachers salaries at the school.

It's the first year for the Mormons and if opening night was an indication of what's ahead, they'll make money too.

Ray Pratt said they sold 1,500 elephant ears Wednesday. At 65 cents each that's \$975.

Pratt said elephant ears were developed by the early-day Mormons of Bloomington, Ind., as a dessert. They are similar to other desserts made by the pioneer who often had only flour, sugar and a few spices on hand.

"It's a yeast dough run through a pizza machine and deep fried," Pratt said. He hinted the recipe for the dough is a secret.

But their popularity is no secret at the fair because anytime you get within 50 feet of the booth, you can expect to see people standing or sitting around chewing on something that really does look something like an elephant's ear.

The smell of the barbecuing beef and lamb from St. Joseph's booth is one of the first things fairgoers encounter as they come in the main gate.

Parents man the booth and Prior and Bob Devine are the captains.

Slow-cooking over coals and then serving up a liberal quarter pound of lean sliced meat is what bring

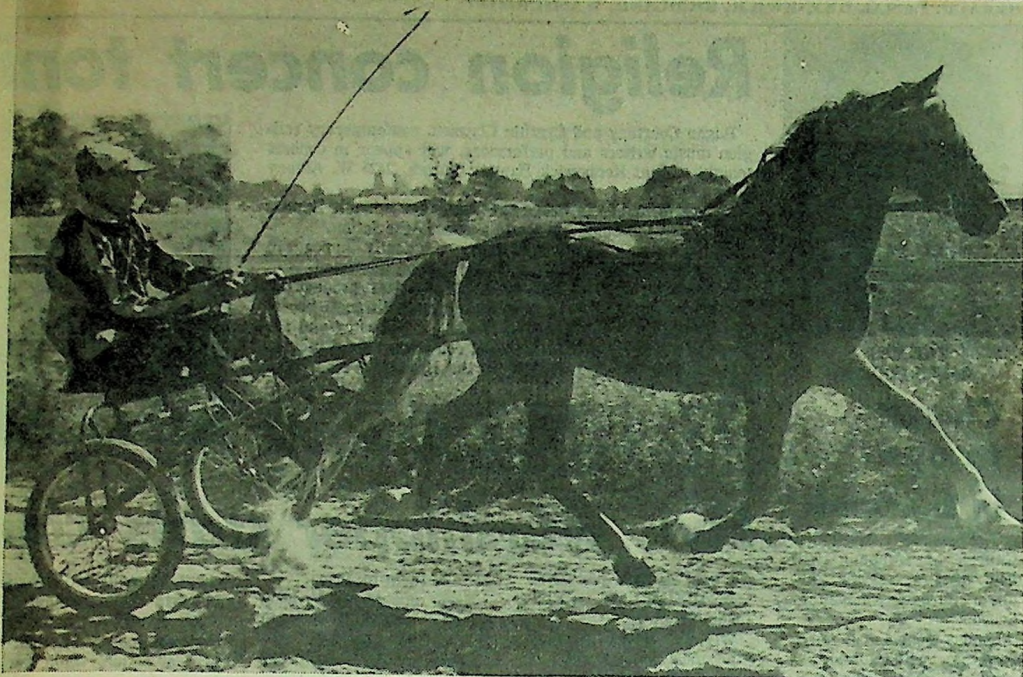
the customers back for more.

Prior said the lamb, because its unusual is the fastest seller. A beef sandwich is \$1.75, a lamb sandwich \$2.25.

"We use store-bought barbecue sauce, but have our own special seasoning salt," Prior said.

He said a lady from Texas raved about the sauce last year and demanded the recipe. "When we showed her the bottle from the store, she couldn't believe it," Prior said.

Besides barbecued meat and elephant ears, fair food booths offer a variety ranging from hamburgers to fried chicken and home-made pecan pie to ice cream dipped in chocolate and rolled in nuts.



Lew Cloninger, Pasco, drove his high-stepping Hackney pony, Blue Mountain Music Man, from a sulky cart. This is a new class for horse

shows and Cloninger will perform at the Benton-Franklin County Horse Fair Saturday.

Horse Fair opens tonight

Youngsters and horses will be put to the test at the annual Benton Franklin County Horse Fair scheduled to start tonight and run through Sunday.

Fair officials said they have 296 entries, who will compete in 12 different classes at the Sun Downs rodeo arena in front of the grand stands.

Most of the horses will be kept at barns on the fairgrounds in southeast Kennewick off 10th Avenue.

A highlight of this year's horse fair is to be the Parade of Stallions scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Admission to the horse fair is \$2, but people wishing to see only the Parade of Stallions can pay a special admission of \$1 for that event.

The parade is to feature 25 horses, each to perform in the main arena. They represent a dozen different breeds.

The three-minute demonstrations include pleasure driving, costume, stock horse patterns, English and western under saddle and halter.

Many of the stallions are champions and many are

coming to the fair from Oregon and Western Washington.

The horse fair itself starts at 7 tonight when horse judging begins. Most of the competition will be Saturday, with judging of various classes starting at 7:45 a.m. and lasting until 9 p.m.

Fitting and showing competitions test both the horse and owner, halter competition is on the horse itself.

There are seven different performance classes, including trail, western equitation, western pleasure, English equitation and

pleasure, bareback equitation and pony equitation.

Equitation tests how well a contestant rides a horse and pleasure tests how pleasant a ride the horse gives the rider.

The program is:

FRIDAY
7 p.m.—Horse judging contest
9 p.m.—Superintendents, leaders and parents meeting.

SATURDAY
7:45 a.m.—Horse fitting and showing.
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Horse trail classes.

11 a.m.—Registered horse halter classes.
3:10 p.m.—Horse performance classes, western pleasure, English equitation.

7 p.m.—Parade of Stallions.

SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.—Interdenominational church services.

9 a.m.—Grade halter classes.
10 a.m.—Horse performance classes, Pony equitation, western equitation, English pleasure, bare-

back equitation.
2 p.m.—Horses may leave ground after last horse class is judged.



G.L. Longgood of Walla Walla brought down this steer in 9.9 seconds at the Sun Downs Rodeo Thursday night. Longgood's time was good enough for second place behind Kennewick's Colby Combs. (Herald photo by James Mason)

Rodeo star keeps moving

It was a short rodeo for Joe Alexander Thursday night.

The seven-time Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association

bareback champion failed to score in his ride at the Sun Downs Rodeo.

Alexander, board Two Spot in the first event of

the evening, elected to put both hands on his horses rigging midway through his ride rather than risk injury and took a no score.

"He wasn't going to give me a good ride so I wasn't going to expose myself," said Alexander, fifth in the current PRCA standings.

"I have seen that horse before in rodeos and he usually hasn't given his rider much of a ride, but I thought I would come here and try it anyway," said Alexander, who hails from Marysville, Calif.

Alexander arrived in Kennewick Thursday evening from Jerome, Idaho. Immediately following his ride at Sun Downs, Alexander departed for Pendleton. He left for Utah and another rodeo early this morning.

He figures that he may be able to participate in five rodeos this week, riding

twice in one night if time permits.

"Actually I've cut way back this year on attending rodeos," said the man called 'Alexander the Great' around the rodeo circuit. "I'll probably go to 65 rodeos this summer. Normally I'll go to about 90."

"I'm taking it a little easier this year, relaxing a little more," he said. "If you're ahead in the point standings like I was before you go all out. But if you're not you tend to take it a little easier."

Alexander said he will probably put 60,000 miles on his car this year, although he has put on as much as 100,000 in previous years—a 300 mile per day average.

"You get used to it," he said. "It's fun. I enjoy it or I wouldn't be doing it."

Kennewick cowboys shine

By ED CLENDANIEL
Herald Sports Writer

In a rodeo featuring the top cowboys throughout the nation, a pair of Kennewick riders snared the limelight Thursday.

Joe Raymond and Colby Combs of Kennewick snatched leads in two events after the first of four nights at the Sun Downs Rodeo.

Raymond was the only bull rider to accumulate a score out of the five cowboys in the event, registering a 62 to stand in first place heading into tonight's action.

The rodeo continues at 8 p.m. at the Benton-Franklin County Fairgrounds.

Combs owned first place in the steer wrestling and recorded a second place showing in the calf roping in Thursday's competition. Combs was timed in 6.7 seconds for a bulging 3.2 second advantage over sec-

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ond-place G.L. Longgood of Walla Walla.

Combs trailed Willard Moody of Wynnewood, Okla., in the calf roping. Combs tied his calf in 16.2 seconds while Moody turned in an 11.2 clocking.

Moody is hoping to improve on his third-place standing in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association calf roping. Moody has won \$18,636 this season. He'll be anxiously awaiting the time of the nation's top cowboy—Tom Ferguson of Miami, Okla.—in the event tonight.

For the most part, it was the stock and not the cowboys who scored most of the triumphs after the first day.

Only two bareback riders were able to tame their

mounts out of nine riders and only four competitors were able to obtain a clocking in the calf roping.

Too, just five of the steer wrestlers out of 10 competitors were able to bring down their bull.

Roy Smith of Challis, Idaho, second in the current PRCA standings, had the time ride in the bareback riding. Smith totaled 65 points aboard Hell to Set, giving him an excellent chance of improving on his earnings of \$17,141 in the event this year.

Rawley Stanley rode Red Gold to a score of 60 points for second place.

There was a three-way tie in the saddle brone competition with Jim Pratt of Alturas, Calif., Oliver Louis of Vernon, B.C., Can., and

Ty Henricks of Denio, N.Y., each knotted at 69.

In the barrel racing, 12-year-old Brenda Mays of Myrtle Point, Ore., delighted the large gathering by clocking in at 18.1 seconds for a strong fourth-place showing. Mary Knowles of Pendleton and Julie Doering of Athena were tied for first place with a time of 17.8.

Rodeo results

BAREBACK RIDING—1, Royce Smith, Challis, Idaho, 65. 2, Rawley Stanley, Adams, Ore., 60.
CALF ROPING—1, Willard Moody, Wynnewood, Okla., 11.2. 2, Colby Combs, Kennewick, 16.2. 3, J.K. Posey, La Grande, 17.6.
SADDLE BRONE RIDING—1, (tie) Jim Pratt, Alturas, Calif., Oliver Louis, Vernon, B.C., Can., and Ty Henricks, Denio, N.Y., 69. 4, Pat Fuller, Clarkston, Wa., 66. 5, Pat Shannon, Bragg, Ore., 61.
STEER WRESTLING—1, Colby Combs, Kennewick, 67. 2, Gene Longgood, Walla Walla, 99. 3, Max Wilson, Astoria, 114. 4, Chuck Boothright, Clarkston, 127. 5, Pat Noble, Grass Valley, Ore., 76.5.
BARREL RACING—1, (tie) Mary Knowles, Pendleton, and Julie Doering, Athena, 17.8. 3, Carla Hamilton, Boreman, Mont., 19.4. Shanna Indersmible, Beaver Creek, Ore., 18.0. 5, Brenda Mays, Myrtle Point, Ore., 18.1.
BULL RIDING—1, Joe Raymond, Kennewick, 67.

County fair schedule

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Friday

6:45 PM Introduction-Queen & Court
7:00 PM Rainbow Rider's Stage Show
8:00 PM Ronald McDonald
8:00 PM Sundowns Rodeo-arena
10:00 PM Rainbow Rider's Stage Show

Saturday

6:00 AM-12:00 NOON Cowboy Breakfast
8:00 AM Continuous 4-H Demonstrations
9:00 AM Judge ARBA Rabbits, Poultry
10:00 AM Grand Parade-Kennewick
11:00 AM Hanford High Tumbling

12:00 NOON Calvalcade of Ponies Show
1:00 PM Rick Vale Vocal Stage Show
2:00 PM & 4:30 PM Dick Harward & Colliers

5:00 PM Dairy Milking Contest
6:00 PM 4-H Style Revue-Franklin County
6:45 PM Introduction-Queen & Court

7:00 PM Sheb Wooley Stage Show
8:00 PM Sundowns Rodeo-arena
8:30 PM Ronald McDonald

10:00 PM Sheb Wooley Stage Show
12:00 PM-3:00 AM Saturday Mid-Night Fever

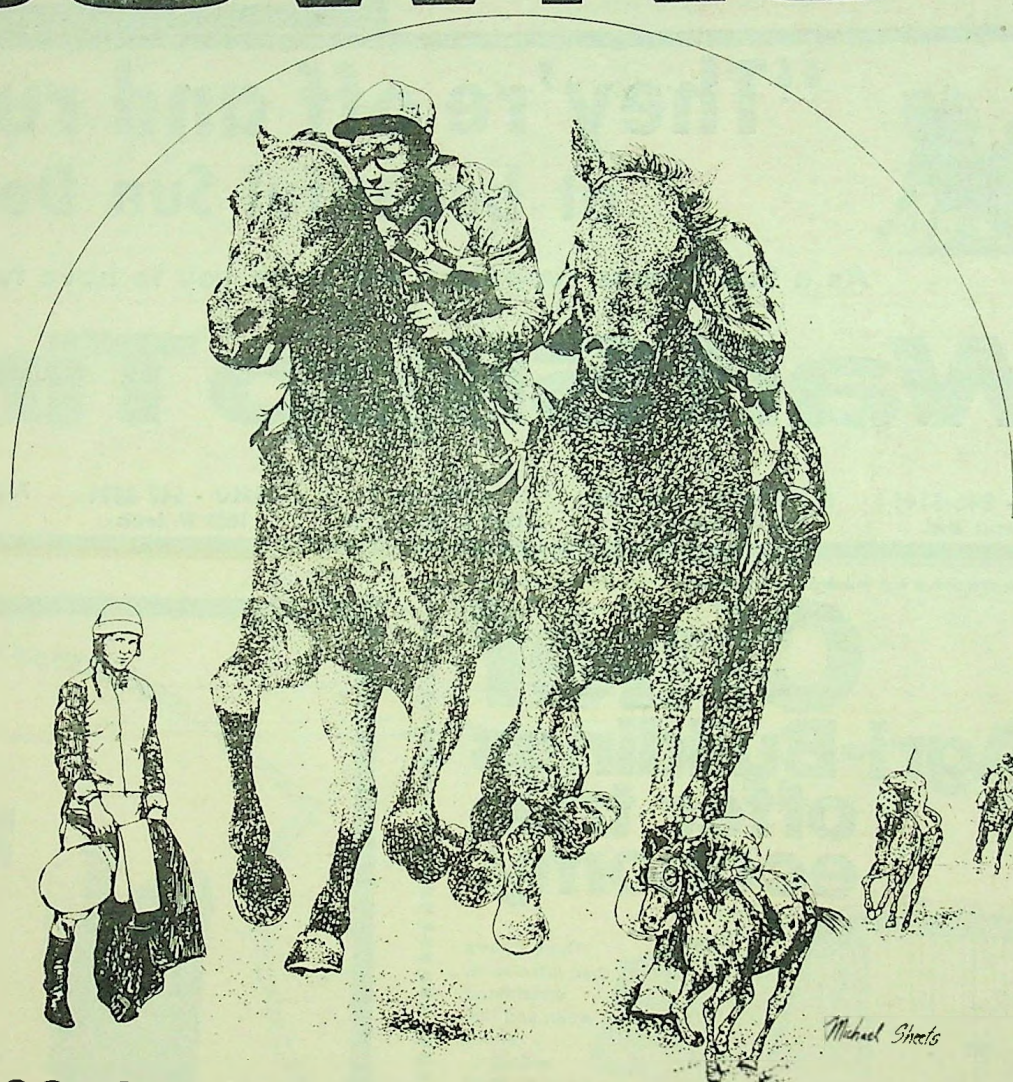
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Fair attendance
record 124,143

By LARRY GANDERS
Herold Staff Writer

A record 124,143 persons attended the Benton-Franklin County Fair this year, an increase of 9 percent over last year, fair officials said today.

David Alme, fair treasurer, said the previous record for a five-day fair was 113,214 set last year.

Non-commercial exhibits were up 25 to 30 percent and brought many of the additional persons to the fair, according to Carol Langston, executive secretary.

There was also a waiting list for commercial display space, she said.

Alme said increased ticket sales, combined with other revenues such as those from commercial displays should increase income 20 percent from last year.

"And we went into the fair very strong with most of our bills paid," Alme said.

Total attendance Saturday was 44,600, six percent higher than 1978's

crowd of 42,073.

The fair closed at 5 p.m. Sunday with attendance for the day at 6,150, more than a third above 1978's 4,500 persons.

Fair officials said they will consider making more improvements in the parking lot from additional revenue.

Don Bauermeister, fair president, said they will also consider replacing three older barns which this year housed Grange booths, sheep, and commercial displays.

Alme said fair attendance Wednesday was five percent more than opening day last year and each day was more than the same day in 1978.

Thursday's attendance of 21,636 was an increase of 9 percent and caught some fair officials off guard, Alme said.

Alme said Kiwanis, who sold admission tickets, found themselves unexpectedly short-handed as long lines formed outside the gates Thursday evening.

Lecture

Barbara Kubic, Kennewick, will give a talk on Indian pictographs and rock paintings, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, behind the Interpretive Center at Sacajawea State Park, Pasco.

Films

"Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will be shown at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at the Pasco Public Library, and at 3 p.m. Wednesday, and 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Mid-Columbia Regional Library.

The Richland Public Library will show "The Third Man," at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Benton-Franklin Fair & Rodeo

The Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo will run from Aug. 22 through the 26 at the fairgrounds in Kennewick. Admission will be charged at the gate.

Benton-Franklin fair funds increase 40%

A profitable Benton-Franklin County Fair has given fair board members 40 percent more working capital than at this time last year, the fair treasurer reports.

David Alme said the fair board has a balance of \$75,840, compared with a September balance of about \$55,000 last year.

This year's fair, Aug. 22-26, attracted a record, 124,143 persons, 10,000 more than last year, he said.

Alme said total gate receipts were \$87,704, about \$20,000 more than 1978.

The fair's 20 percent share of carnival profits totaled \$12,991, nearly \$4,000 more than 1978, he said.

Alme said good weather and good publicity contributed to the record crowds that brought increased

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But he said fair board members had kept expenses down this year, allowing an "unusually high" \$62,630 balance prior to the fair, he said.

Alme said the exact profit may not be known until all income and expenses are tabulated for the year.

He reported August receipts at \$125,018, compared with \$102,140 for 1978.

August expenses were \$67,101, about \$12,000 more than last year.

Alme said he expects the working capital balance to remain close to \$75,000.

He said the money will be used for next year's fair and possibly for a number of improvements, including replacing some of the older fair display buildings.

110-year-old thresher on display at Fair

By **BOB WOHLER**
Herald Staff Writer

A 110-year-old McCormick thresher and a 106-year-old McCormick reaper are part of a new historical display at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

"I got the idea after visiting other fairs," said Fair Manager Carol Langston.

She placed an advertisement in The Tri-City Herald asking people to donate for display old farm machinery.

The results were the antique thresher and reaper and two tractors built in 1926 and 1928.

"We hope this display will grow in the future and that we can have some demonstrations of how this old equipment worked," she said.

The thresher and reaper were loaned by Ben Grant, Franklin County farmer and custom combine service owner.

Cyrus McCormick revolutionized grain harvesting when he sold his first reaper in 1841. By 1851, he had sold several thousand and in 1857 he sold 23,000 reapers and made \$1.2 million profit.

Before the reaper and thresher were invented, farmers had to cut wheat by hand and transport it to threshers.

The reaper and thresher were later combined into what eventually became the modern combine that both cuts and threshes wheat.

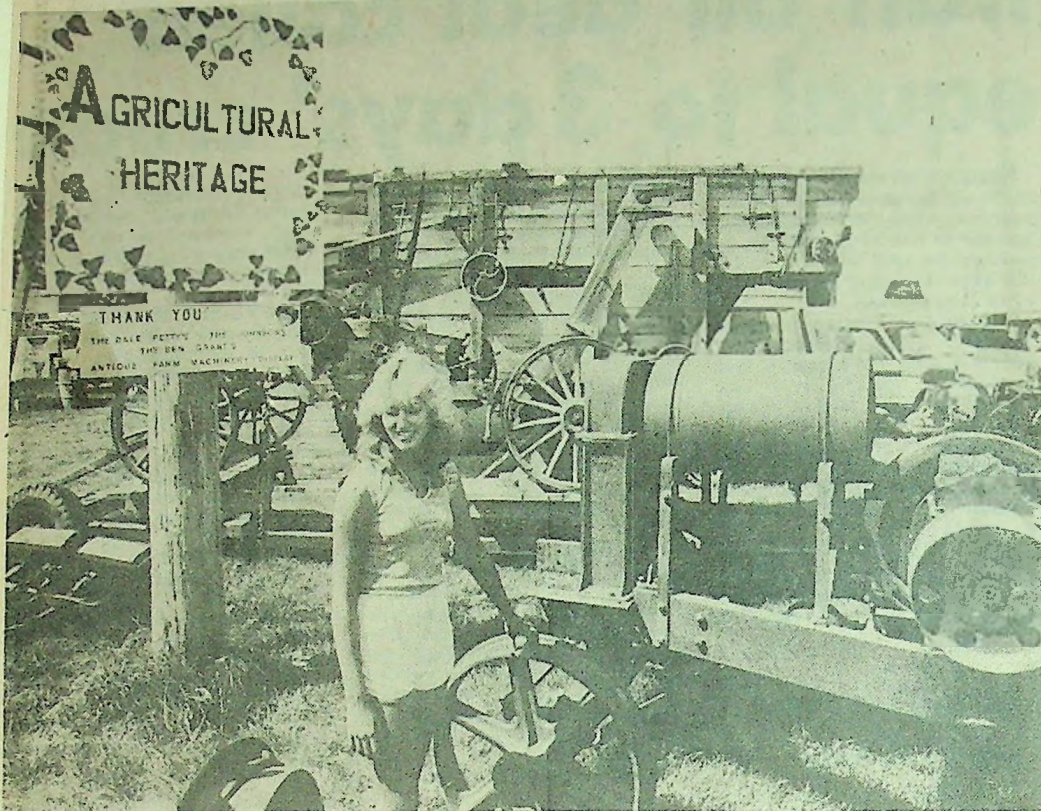
Dale Petty donated the 1926 Case tractor, which has four cylinders and is 5,600 pounds. He also donated a 1928 Hart Parr, the forerunner to the Oliver and White tractors. The Hart Parr has two cylinders and is 6,100 pounds.

The modern day counterpart of these relics is usually about 5,000 pounds and most have four cylinders.

Bruce Johnson of West Richland donated an old disk and harrow and the fair acquired on its own an old manure spreader.

"We also have a man bringing in a 1921 crawler tractor," Mrs. Langston said.

The agricultural heritage display is at the rear of the fairgrounds behind the display of modern farm machinery, near the goat barn and not too far from old MacDonald's Farm.



Herald photo by Bob Woehler

Joan Boyd, 15, Kennewick, paused among the old farm machinery on display at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

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Record crowd foretold for fair

A record attendance of more than 120,000 was predicted for the Benton-Franklin County fair by fair officials Saturday afternoon.

"We're running 10 percent ahead of last year, which set a record," said David Alme, fair treasurer.

"Our revenue is ahead of last year with more money from the gate and from the concession stands," he said.

Attendance through Saturday afternoon for the 1979 fair was 118,393, compared to 108,714 for the same four days a year ago.

He said the public just seemed to be in a fair-going mood and credited the tight gasoline situation with keeping

people in town for the weekend.

Fair President Don Bauermeister said he was pleased with the turnout and said as soon as all the bills are paid the fair board will start thinking about making improvements.

"We are going to take a good look at replacing some of the old barns, especially those where the Grange booths are housed and fixing up the parking lot," Bauermeister said.

Alme said the fairgrounds were in the best shape in history, with much more green grass than before.

Today is childrens day at the fair with youngsters 12 and under admitted free. The fair will close at 5 p.m.

Something to crow about

By **BOB WOHLER**
Herald Staff Writer

Rather than fiddle around, a chicken named Nero ran off with first prize at the Benton-Franklin County Fair's chicken race Saturday.

Nero was handled by Laisia King. A crowd of more than 500 watched the event, which drew 25 entries.

Second place went to Shady Sadie, handled by Duane Finch. Both wore matching green gingham outfits.

Dixie, a "Southern fried" chicken, entered by Earla Muhlbeier of Mesa, took third place.

Several of the frantic chickens ended up in the crowd, including one small black chicken that perched atop a boy's head.

Winner or Dinner, one of the pre-race favorites, ended up as dinner — he failed to finish.

Flash Bulletin hopped out of his cage 15 minutes before the race and was last seen cowering under a 1969 Buick.

Kevin O'Brien's chicken, "Roger Bannister," won the best-dressed chicken award wearing a track suit, complete to small cleated track shoes.

Larry, 'Busty' parade winners

More than 50 children under 12 years old participated in the 1979 Benton-Franklin County Fair Kiddies Parade Tuesday.

The event, sponsored by the Kennewick Jaycees, traditionally signals the opening of the fair season, according to Walter Brant, Kiddies Pa-

rade chairman.

Dressed in western and television character costumes, the children paraded behind the Pasco High School Band down Kennewick Avenue in the parkade.

Some, including grand prize winner Larry Brisbois, 6, Kennewick, marked with their pets. On a rope beside Larry was "Busty," a sheep.

Parade sponsors treated the entries to a cup of pop and a balloon after the parade.

First place Kiddie Parade winners will march in the 1979 Benton-Franklin County Fair Grand Parade through Kennewick Saturday at 10 a.m.

Coordinator Jim Robanske said more than 100 entries have signed up for the Grand Parade. He expects more than 8,000 persons to view it.

At least 15 floats from Idaho, Oregon and Washington will be in the parade. Pasco High School, Kennewick High School, Kamiakin High School and Kennewick's Desert Pipers bands are expected also.

An elephant and a 60-foot replica of a Burlington Northern train will also be in the parade, he said.

Kiddie Parade winners were:

Western, age 7 and over — Shellie Rogers, first; Darrin and Wes Bend-cr, second.

Western, age 6 and under — Reese and Christa Bumpacous, first, and Jennifer and J.T. Ashmore, second.

TV Heroes, age 6 and under — Michell and Gus Mastrana, first; Paul Baushman, Beth Baushman and Katherine Titus, second.

TV Heroes, age 7 and over — Shaun Robertson, first and Kristal Kopsho, second.

Pets with kids, age 6 and under — Paul Fansler, first, and Joy Conklin, second.

Pets, with kids 7 and over — Stacy Zunker, first and Spring Conklin, second.



Herald photo by Larry Genders

Larry Brisbois, 6, Kennewick, and his sheep "Busty" marched their way to the grand prize in Tuesday's Benton-Franklin County Fair Kiddies Parade.



Soap suds foamed as Kenny Monteith scrubbed the lamb he will be bringing to the Benton-Franklin County Fair today.



Joan and Kenny worked at setting their sheep up to stand squarely and quietly for fitting and showing.

Animal projects make for fun at the fair



Kenny held a rooster he will be showing.

By MARY JANE LEWIS
Herald Staff Writer

Roosters, rabbits and sheep at the Monteith home in Finley have been getting special treatment this past month.

They have been washed, groomed, trimmed and taught how to stand quietly so they can be judged.

Today Kenny, 15, Susan 17 and Joan, 18 will be checking and weighing in their sheep for judging and sales at the Benton-Franklin County Fair. The experience has proved profitable monetarily and in experience to the three teen-agers.

Joan was the first in the family to enter fair competition. Now she has a bulletin board filled with blue ribbons for a Golden Retriever she trained herself.

"I also raised gerbils, but changed to rabbits because the cat kept eating my smaller pets," Joan said.

Their first rabbits were three Siamese does and one buck. In addition to using the animals for competition at the fair, they also raised breeding stock.

"Last year when we went back to the fair we found we were competing against our own blood lines," Joan said. "But last summer some of our rabbits died so we will be showing a Black Satin doe, a sandy brown colored doe and a Siamese buck that were given to us so we could start over," Joan said.

The Monteiths sell

enough bunnies at Easter to pay a year's feed bill which runs about \$100. Last year they sold 13 rabbits, some as pets and some for breeding stock.

This year all three teen-agers have raised lambs. Each chose a ewe this spring and all three ewes had twins.

"My lambs are much gentler this year because I've worked at handling them more and I know more about fitting and showing," Kenny said.

They washed their lambs several weeks ago and have been carding and trimming the wool to bring out the best points of the sheep.

"The fair has a minimum and maximum weight for lambs which ranges between 100 to 130 pounds. Lambs have to be born after Jan. 1 and before June to be entered in this year's fair," Kenny said.

Each of the Monteiths will take a turn at herds-manship watching the barn and caring for the sheep and the rabbits.

Judging will begin for the three teen-agers at 9 a.m. for rabbits and sheep and poultry will be judged at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Market stock and small animal market stock sales will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Friday. Friday evening and Saturday morning open class poultry and rabbits may enter the grounds.

"The animals have been a good experience for our children," said their mother, Anita.



Joan Monteith reassured a frightened Black Satin doe as she weighed it for the Fair.

Clowns, trick riders part of act at Sun Downs

Trick riders Christiansen Sisters and clown Johnny Tatum are among the entertainment for the Sun Downs Rodeo, Thursday through Sunday.

The Christiansen Sisters, Eugene, have been in rodeo all of their lives and have performed at rodeos in Bremerton and Ellensburg, according to Peggy Gorton, Sun Downs Manager.

Tatum, known for his daring ability fighting bulls, was at the Sun Downs Rodeo last year, Gorton said. Tatum is from Laveen, Ariz.

Clown Donny Greene, Yakima, will also be in the arena, she said.

The primary stock contractor for the rodeo is Vold Rodeo Co., with headquarters in Calgary, Alberta, and Fowler, Colo. Vold qualified 13

saddle broncs, four bulls and nine bareback horses in recent Professional Rodeo Cowboys national competition, Gorton said.

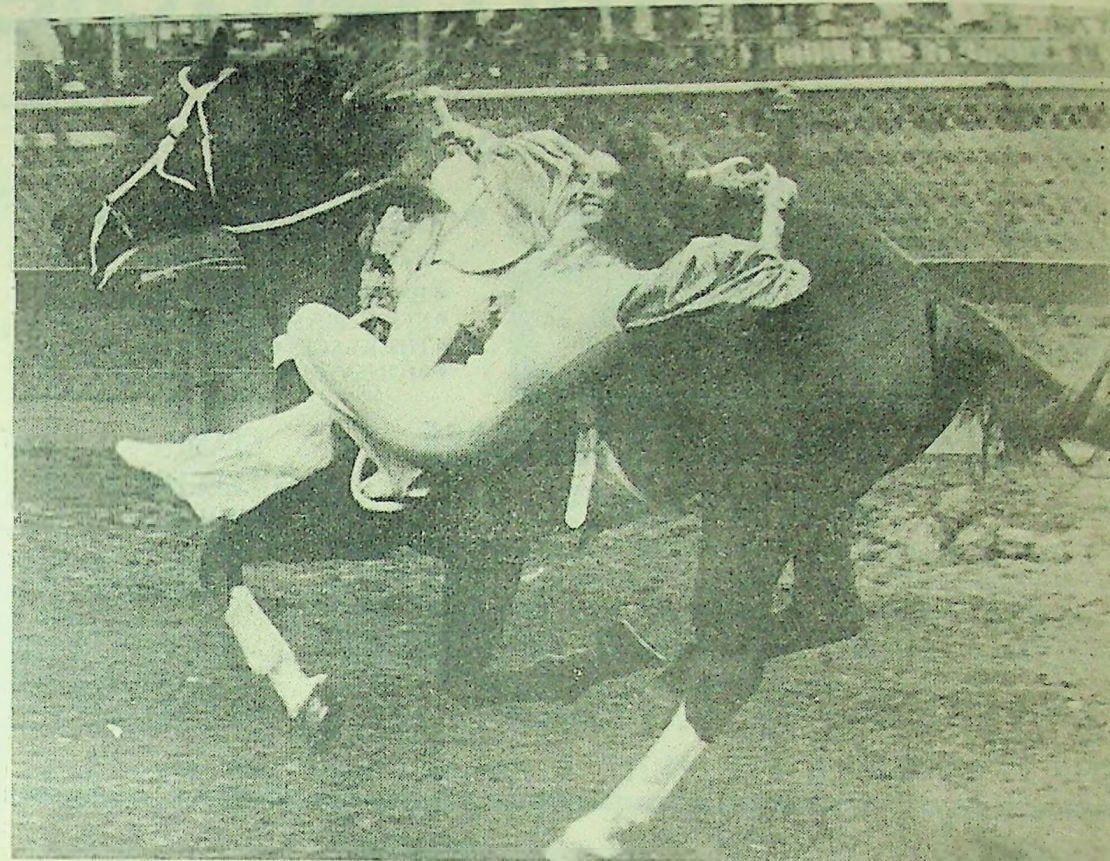
Among the broncs is Peace River, recently purchased for \$12,500, and Sarcee Sorrel, 1976 Canadian National bucking horse of the year.

Other bucking stock will be provided by Kelsey Rodeo Co., Omak, she said.

Kelsey qualified two bareback horses, four saddle broncs and two bulls in the national competition.

Weekend sellouts are anticipated for the rodeo, which is expected to attract numerous nationally-ranked cowboys in calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and bull riding.

There will also be barrel racing competition.



Sherry Christiansen of the Christiansen Sisters is scheduled to perform for the 1979 Sun Downs Rodeo.

'He'll beat the Levis off you'

By MARK MUSOLF
Executive Sports Editor

The youngsters seek him out for sage advice.

The other veterans, most of them many years his junior, kid him about being sure to remember which side of the horse to get off of.

And yet Dean Oliver, who will turn 50 in November, just smiles and goes out and beats the Levis off most of them in professional rodeo's calf roping event.

"I'll know it's time to quit when I can't win anymore," said Oliver during a break in the Sun Downs Rodeo. "But right now it's still fun and I don't see any reason to stop."

Recently Oliver sat down and figured he's logged two million miles on the road, pulling his horse trailer from one rodeo to the next.

"That's the big thing that slows me down a little now. I just don't like the long hauls by myself anymore so I may do 40 or 50 rodeos a year and try to keep them close together," said the Boise standout who showed he still has it by finishing in the money during the first go-round at Sun Downs.

His time of 10.4 seconds Friday, slowed by what he admitted was a piece of sloppy rope work and a strange horse — his was injured recently — showed more than just flashes of fading greatness.

"I just got the rope tangled up in the calf's legs," said Oliver, "and that cost me the win." That's some-



Photo by Jim Cowgill

Dean Oliver, 30 years of roping calves and still going strong, isn't ready to hang up his spurs just yet.

thing the youngsters today have a hard time with. They get upset if everything doesn't go perfect every time. It's no big deal. Those things happen. A baseball player doesn't hit a home run every time."

When Oliver was at his best, it must have seemed to others that things went right for him most every outing. He won eight world

calf roping titles, never missing once between 1958 and 1964. As late as '74 he finished second to Tom Ferguson. Three times he was the world's top All-Around Cowboy.

Oliver has seen changes in his career which has spanned rodeo greats from Casey Tibbs through Larry Mahan to Tom Ferguson and keeps on going.

"I guess the biggest

thing is that we get off the right side of the horse and flank the calf, meaning you reach over his flank to throw him.

"That started about 15 years ago. Before that we got off the left side and threw the calf by his legs.

"Another big change is the size of the calves. I remember getting a lot of stock that would go as high as 350 pounds. Now calves don't go much higher than 270 or 280.

"All of that has dropped times considerably. Many times you would win with a time of 13 seconds, but not any more."

Oliver also feels that college rodeo has given youngsters a much faster start. He often gives courses at colleges, in addition to holding roping schools at his ranch near Boise.

"Youngsters come out of college with a lot of experience under their belts and the good ones start winning right away. Look at Dee Pickett (former Walla Walla Community College rodeo star and football quarterback). This is his second year as a pro and I rate him among the five best ropers in the world.

"When I started it took me five or six years to start winning because I was going against the pros right away."

Those pros are all gone now, many of them literally. But Sun Downs fans haven't seen the last of Dean Oliver. He plans to stick around for a few more years.



TONI GARRETT

KARLA SHAW

KLARENE BROWN

MICKI WANDLING

Rodeo court winners

Sun Downs Rodeo Queen Toni Garrett and her court have already won two first place parade awards and the 1979 Benton-Franklin County fair and rodeo season is yet to begin.

The Tri-Cities court took first place in mounted competition at the Elgin Stampede in Oregon and the Toppenish Pow Wow.

Miss Garrett said more than 20 participated in the Elgin competition.

They also placed second at the Umatilla County Fair Parade and the Water Folies Parade.

The court will represent the Tri-Cities at the Pendleton Round-up, Adams County Fair, Southeastern Washington County Fair and Frontier Days, and the

Grant County Fair.

Miss Garrett, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett, Kennewick. Her parents are also the court's chaperones.

She was the first princess on the 1978 Sun Downs Court. She is a graduate of Kennewick High School.

Her princesses are Micki Wandling, 19, Kennewick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wandling; Klarene Brown, 19, Kennewick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown, and Karla Shaw, 19, Finley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw.

Where have all the cowboys gone?

Initially announced as the largest Sun Downs Rodeo ever with 338 entries, this year's edition is actually down in numbers and wound up with 156 entries.

"Apparently somebody back at rodeo headquarters read me the list of another rodeo when I called to find out who was entered," said rodeo chairman Peggy Gorton.

While a number of the

sport's big names such as Joe Alexander and Dean Oliver have showed up, others have not.

Tom Ferguson, winner of the all-around title here the last three years and rodeo's brightest star, is not competing as had been announced.

"Another problem," said Gorton, "is the gas crunch. A number of the cowboys

here have told me they can't afford to travel as much as they used to."

"I'd guess entries are down about 20 percent at the smaller rodeos because of the gas problem," agreed Oliver, eight times world calf-roping champion from Boise.

"A lot of the guys are getting together and traveling together to save ex-

penses and they're more likely to hit the big rodeos where more money is available.

"It would be nice if you could up the prize money to compensate but how can you? The committee here and other places like it are coming up with as much money as they can. You can't bleed them any more."

Benton-Franklin Fair could be jumbo success

By Larry Ganders
Herald Farm Writer

If early registration estimates are any indication, this year's Benton-Franklin County Fair Wednesday through Sunday should be the biggest ever.

Laurie Bauermeister, of the fair staff said non-commercial exhibitors are up 30 to 40 percent.

For example, she said more than 450 sheep will be entered in the fair this year, compared with 350 last year.

Hog entries are up 25 percent she said. Photography entries are also up 25 percent.

Much of the increase is

in open class competition, she said.

The increase can be attributed partly to efforts by fair officials to get individuals, as well as clubs and organizations, involved according to Carol Langston, fair executive secretary.

Twenty-five outside electrical outlets were added to allow additional commercial space, she said.

She said the 25 new spaces have been reserved and there is a waiting list if any exhibitors cancel.

Fair officials are hoping good weather will bring swarms of people to the fair and perhaps break the record of 113,500 for five-

day attendance set last year.

Ventriloquist Shari Lewis and country singers Cal Smith and Jeannie C. Riley are among the entertainers booked.

Miss Lewis is best known for her popular puppet characters including Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy, and a replica of Fred Astaire.

Smith is noted for his 1974 hit, "Country Bumpkin" while Miss Riley sang "Harper Valley PTA."

Other country groups including San Francisco's Rainbow Riders and gospel yodeler Buzz Goertzen, Lewiston, Idaho are to appear.

More than 100 entries are expected for this year's Grand Parade through Kennewick Saturday, according to Jim Robanske, parade committee member.

Robanske said there will be 15 floats from Idaho, Washington, and Oregon in the parade. Pasco, Kennewick and Kamiakin High Schools will enter their bands, as will the Desert Pipers, Kennewick, he said.

Grand marshals for the parade will be local persons who have won national championships including Richland aerobics champs Nikki Karagianes and Wade Haseall, race walker Chris Hole, Kennewick, pentathlon winner Carina Westover Benton City, and fiddler Brian Goude, Kennewick.

Many national contenders with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association are again expected to compete in the Sun Downs Rodeo, Thursday through Sunday, according to Peggy Gorton, Sun Downs manager.

She said a sell out crowd is again expected for much of the rodeo. Seating capacity is about 6,000.

Among events new to the fair this year is the Sun Basin Hereford Show. Miss Bauermeister said Hereford breeders from all over the Northwest are expected to enter cattle.

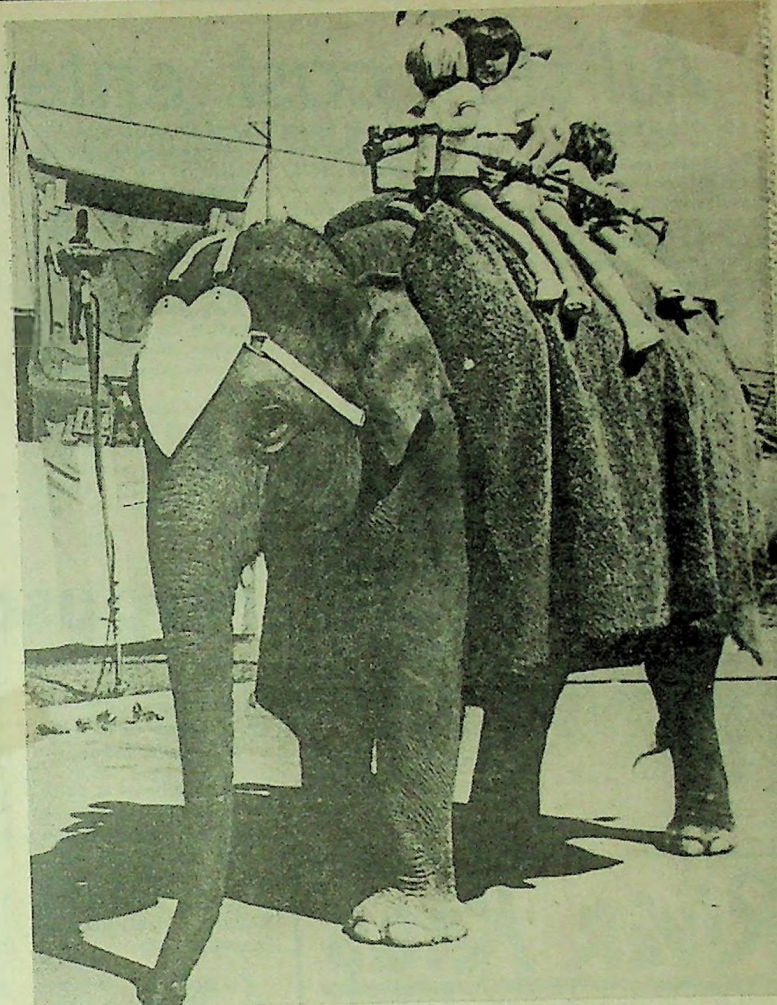
There will also be junior competitions for youth, she added.

She said Mid-Columbia ranchers previously had to go as far away as Spokane to enter Hereford shows supervised by the American Hereford Association. Other shows are in Portland and San Francisco. A Northwest show will be held in Yakima, she said.

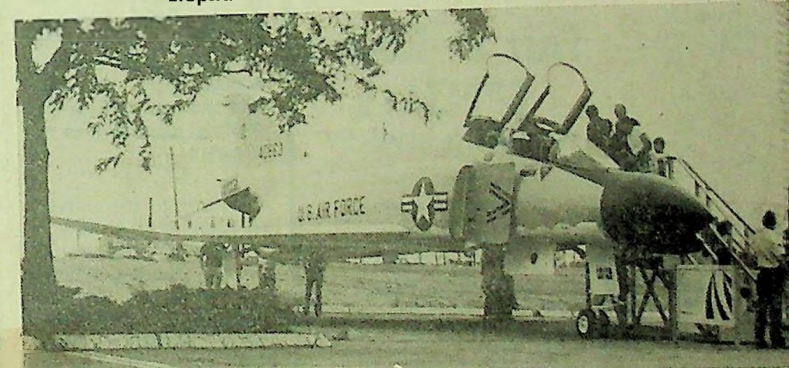
New this year at the fairgrounds is a 150 foot by 70-foot livestock barn and a new hay shed for the alfalfa "hay king" competition.

The fair board and local organizations have had landscaping work done including new parking lighting, more sod, paving of streets, and adding more gardens and a drinking fountain.

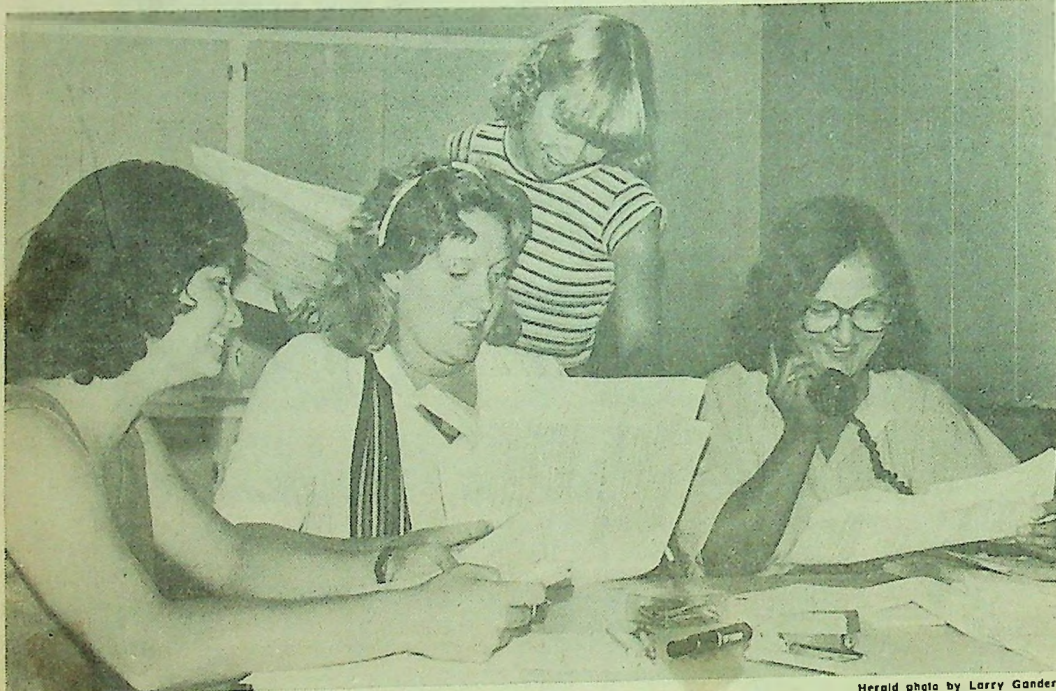
Kitchen areas in fair food booths have been screened to keep flies out. A concrete floor has been added to the hog barn.



Elephant rides are a new attraction at the fair.



This Air Force jet is to be on display at the fair.

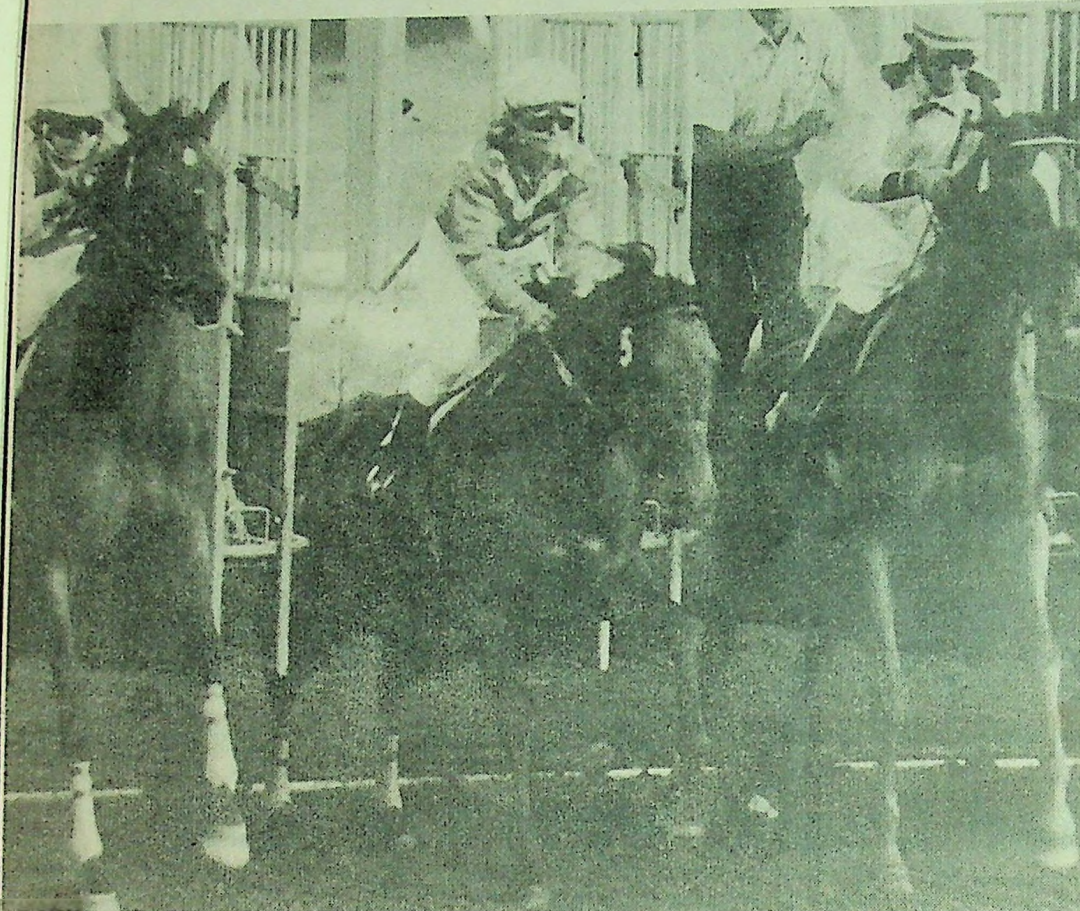


Herald photo by Larry Ganders

Fair staff members Micki Wandling, Laurie Bauermeister, Peggy Colvin and Karen Recher

sorted non-commercial exhibitor applications for the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

Kennewick's woman jockey changed horses in midstream



Kennewick's Rae Schubert broke from the post and went on to win this race at Playfair recently. Schubert is the leading apprentice rider at the track.

"I wanted to be a vet, not a jockey"

SPOKANE — Kennewick's Rae Schubert really wanted to be a veterinarian and never harbored thoughts that, at 25, she would be one of the most successful female jockeys in the Pacific Northwest.

"Oh, I always had ponies and horses when I was a kid and I've always enjoyed riding," the personable young lady who is currently running away with the apprentice rider's title at Playfair Race Course in Spokane told reporters in the jockey's room the other day. "But, I always thought being a vet was what I wanted."

The realities of getting into veterinarian school intruded after two

years at Columbia Basin College and the 1972 Kennewick High School graduate found herself galloping horses for George Inghram at Sun Downs.

"I rode professionally for the first time at Sun Downs in February, 1978. Brought a winner home the first day I was up — a horse named Windsor's Mile," Schubert said.

As luck would have it, the talented young rider promptly fractured her ankle as an Appaloosa she was riding broke from the starting gate. The incident put Rae out of action for three months.

Once back at the races, it was all downhill at both Yakima and Port-

land Meadows where Rae was the leading apprentice rider at the Central Washington track during this year's Spring Meeting.

The 1979 season is the first year of racing in Spokane for the talented local rider and she's well on her way to not only the apprentice jockey's championship but also to setting an all-time record for wins by a female rider.

By the time the Spokane race meet ends in early October, Rae will likely have eclipsed the current record of 33 winning rides held by Portland's Jane Driggers. With 22 trips to the winner's circle to date, Rae Schubert is nearly certain of the record.



Rae Schubert discussed strategy with veteran trainer Jack Thompson.

Tri-City Queens To Participate In Walla Walla Ceremony

Three Tri-City queens will participate in the Cavalcade of Royalty which precedes the coronation of Frontier Days Queen Judy Curcio at the fairgrounds in Walla Walla Thursday.

Taking a bow from the fairgrounds stage will be Tamara Small, Miss Pasco; Bonnie Jones, Miss Kennewick, and Wendy Walker, Miss Tri-Cities.

Prior to the show the three, along with queens and princesses from several other communities, will be guests at a social hour and dinner attended by Gov. Albert D. Rosellini.

The Family Night Show Thursday is the official kickoff of a four day program which includes the Southeastern Washington Fair, and a parade Saturday morning.

The Tri-Cities will be represented in the parade by the Kennewick High School Band, the Riverview School Band, the Atomic Twirlers from Richland, the Benton-Franklin County Rodeo Court, the Tri-City Coolettes, the Kenne-

wick Boy Scouts, the Pasco Steppies, the Pasco fire truck, the Pasco Jaycee firewagon and the Kennewick Jaycee truck.

Headliner for the Thursday night

show is Red Foley, tv. radio and recording star, who will share the spotlight with four other professional acts, including trampoline comic Willy Keo and the Holly-

wood Square Dancers.

Friday the horse races will start at 1:30. Main gate admission includes a grandstand seat for the races.

The night rodeo opens a three day stand Friday at 7:45 p.m. A Motorama, featuring show cars of various types, will open Friday afternoon in the Exposition Building.

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Rodeo's Success Is No Accident

Growing from a dream to one of the foremost and widely-renowned arena performances in the entire Pacific Northwest is the 11-year record of the Benton-Franklin County Rodeo.

Along with the accompanying Bi-County Fair—equal in its prodigious growth since its origin—the Benton-Franklin County Rodeo has to take no "back seat" to any show in the Northwest circuit. While perhaps not the biggest, we of the Tri-Cities like to regard our rodeo second to none anywhere in its quality of excitement, thrills and rapid-fire action.

This contention must be shared by the men who rodeo for a living, since each year brings more and more of the real "big name" cowboys to Kennewick to vie for prize money.

Famous performers and wild professional rodeo stock such as Joe Kelsey and Leo Moomaw will bring to the Kennewick arena spell "a-c-t-i-o-n" and thrills aplenty. Barring bad weather, the Benton County Mounted Posse should see a jam-packed grandstand and bleachers full of wildly-cheering fans at the Friday-Saturday

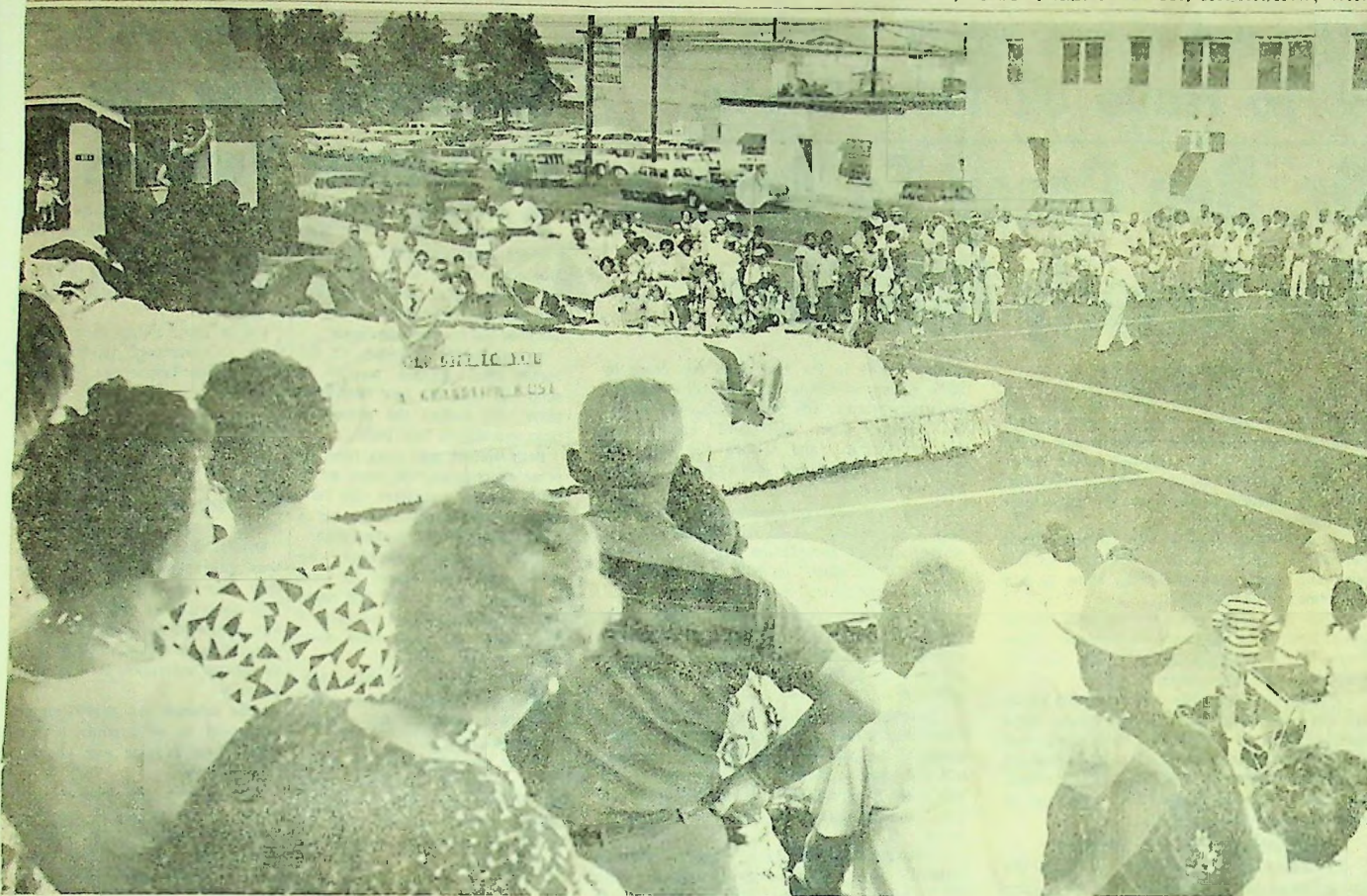
and Sunday performances.

While cheering the waddies, trick performers, arena clowns and wild rarin' mounts, it should also be in order that the men and women who founded and built the rodeo into what it is today receive a round or two of applause.

Since their founding on a dream and a shoestring 11 years ago, the Benton - Franklin County Fair and Rodeo have both come into their own. But not by accident.

The annual event's success is measured only in the thousands of hours of "free gratis" work that men and women of the Posse and Fair Board have given toward "something they believed in." So enthusiastic are some Posse members that they join each year with seasoned professional cowboys in the rough and dangerous action inside the arena.

To the men and women behind the great 1959 Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo a hat should be taken off and waved in appreciation. And a big "ten gallon" Stetson that.



Grandview Float Passes Crowd

One of the more popular floats in yesterday's Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo parade was the entry from Grandview. A large crowd

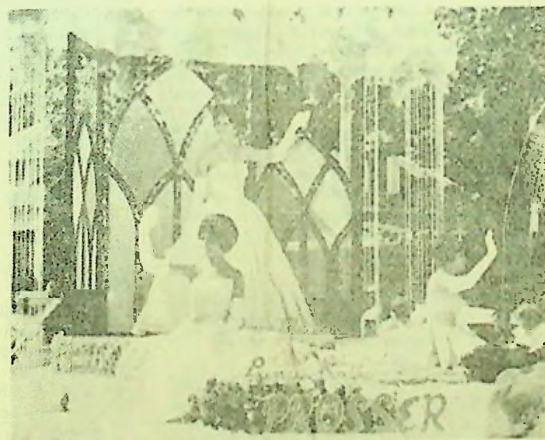
watched as it went down the street. The float, which has taken honors in other parades it appeared in, placed second in its division.



Cameraman Ignored

With their eyes glued to the parade, these happy holiday-makers had no time for the cameraman at yesterday's parade. "I was surprised," said

photographer Ralph Smith. "Show a camera and people usually will forget what they are watching and look at you."



Prosser Girls Wave

The queen and court of the Prosser Chamber of Commerce float showed the charm and personality which made them firm favorites with yesterday's parade crowd. The float repeated its success at several other parades this year and convincingly won the grand sweepstake award. The Tri-City Chamber of Commerce float did not compete.

Crowd Sees Parade



And Away We Go

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Finley Band Makes First Appearance

Although not placed, the band from Riverview School District posed a serious threat to their long experienced competitors in

the marching-music section of yesterday's grand parade — the first for the group from Finley.



Model T Chases Balloons

This 1913 Model T Ford owned by Clarence Medlock, Pasco, wasn't exactly designed for chasing balloons. But with its owner at the wheel, the trusty old "T" made a good account of itself in the balloon-breaking con-

test and other events of the antique car field trials in Kennewick Saturday. The contests were sponsored by Ye Olde Car Club of Kennewick, in connection with the fair and rodeo.



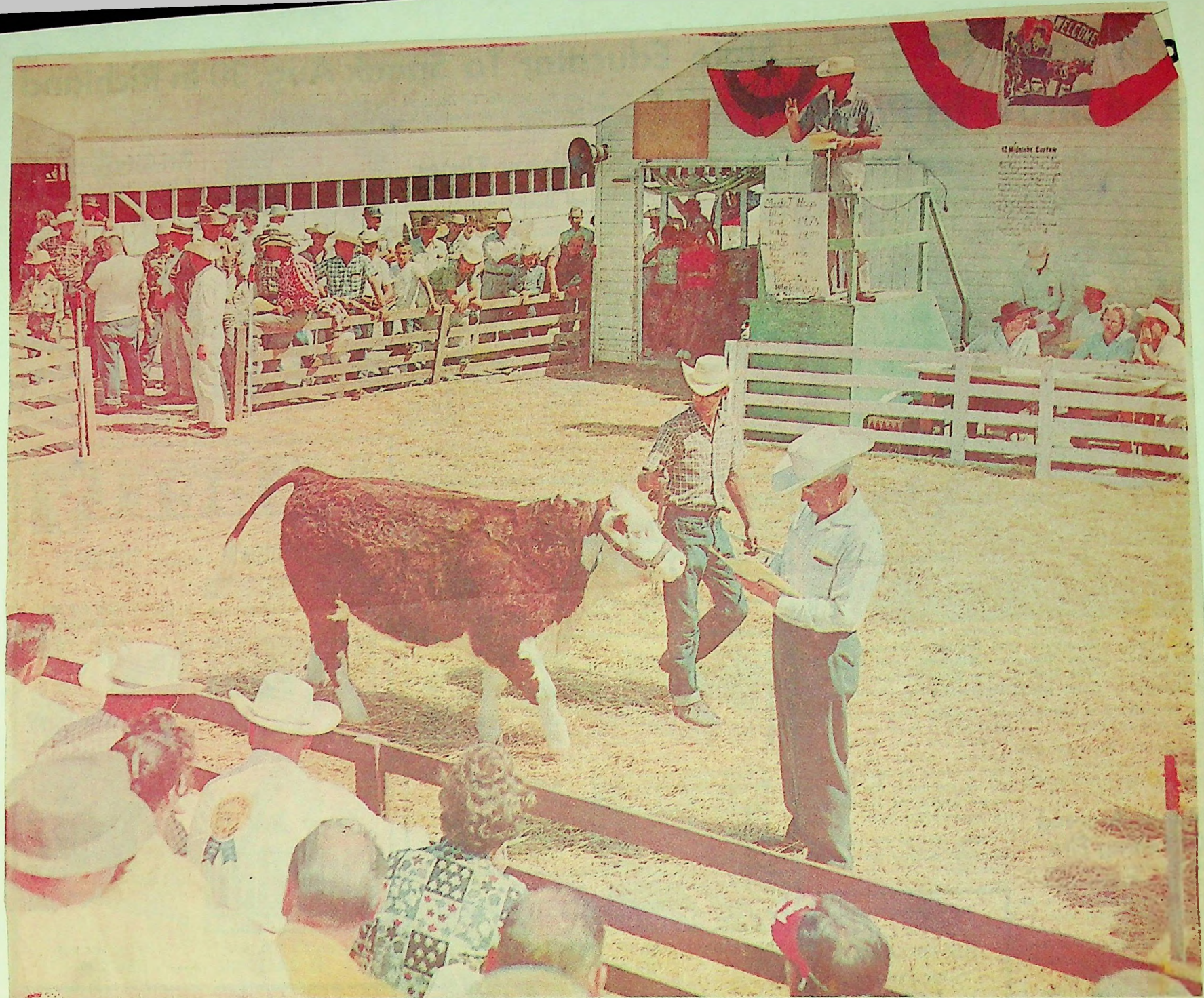
PRICE IS HIGH—Leon Darby, Prosser, received top price of 90 cents a pound at the Benton-Franklin County Junior Fat Stock Sale Saturday for his 82-pound Future Farmers of America grandchampion lamb.



Tables Crowded At Barbecue

Outdoor eating was popular Saturday during the beef barbecue at Keewaydin Park, sponsored by the Kennewick Jaycees. Tables in the park were

filled most of the afternoon as fair and rodeo-goers stopped by for the feed.



Benton-Franklin County Fair Time Draws Near

The Junior Fat Stock Sale is not only a stellar event at the annual Benton-Franklin County Fair, but is also the climatic occasion of the season for 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members of both counties. They raise their beef calves, their hogs and sheep with loving care, exhibit them at the fair and then place the prime animals in the sale ring. This year's fat stock sale will be at 10 a.m. Saturday near the livestock barns at Kennewick Fairgrounds. It is an important part of the fair, which begins Thursday and continues as the Tri-Cities No. 1 annual attraction through Sunday night.

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County studies buying Sun Downs property

By JIM ANGELL
Herald staff writer

Benton County Commissioners learned Wednesday that Rainier Bank is willing to loan the county \$260,000 to purchase Sun Downs race track property without demanding collateral.

Commissioners, meeting with Earl Wandling, Benton Franklin County Fair Association president, agreed to study interest rates for a loan to purchase the property, which will be managed by the fair association.

The fair association originally had planned to purchase the property and deed it back to the

county.

County purchase of the land, a move opposed by commissioners earlier, would simplify dealings between the county and the fair association, said county Administrative Assistant Bob Kelly.

"This is a forthright mechanism for getting the property," he said. "The fair association probably wouldn't have been able to get an unsecured loan. Then if they deeded it to the county, it would have a lien against it. And if the loan was not paid off, the bank could foreclose."

There were legal problems with using money generated by the fairgrounds to repay the debt

for the association's purchase of the land, Kelly said.

"The intent has always been to use the revenue from the fair to service the debt," he said. "If the county owns the land, it will mean county revenue going to pay off a county debt. But if we were to stay with the fair association purchasing the land, it would mean county money would be used to service a non-public debt."

Commissioners agreed to borrow money for the purchase after it was discovered revenue from the property could repay the loan, said Commissioner Debbi Reis.

"Initially, there was some

concern about the county borrowing money when we are already cutting personnel," she said. "But then the fact became clear there would be enough revenue to pay the loan back."

Accountants have told commissioners rental of facilities at the fairgrounds generates \$6,000 each month in income, sufficient to service the debt, Kelly said.

The fair association will be contracted to provide management and scheduling services for the fairgrounds eight months out of the year, with Sun Downs to manage the area during the Paramutual racing season the remaining four months.

Record crowd attends opening day of bicounty fair



Sister St. Charles used some muscle to shuck corn for the Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital booth at the Benton-Franklin County Fair. She said

she grew up on a farm so it's nothing new to her. (Herald photo by Bob Woehler)

By BOB WOHLER
Herald Staff Writer

A record crowd attended the opening day of the Benton-Franklin County Fair Wednesday, with 10,391 people passing through the gates, fair officials said.

The record came despite some early morning rain and wind, but Fair Manager Max Smolinski said sunny weather is predicted for the next three days.

Last year when it rained throughout the opening day, the crowd was 7,100.

Two years ago under good weather conditions, the previous record of 10,000 was established, Smolinski said.

Janet Bennett of Connell won the Future Farmers of

America grand champion beef award for the second year in a row.

Butch Booker of Connell won the 4-H grand champion award.

Sherri Lathim of Kahlolus won the 4-H grand champion ribbon for market hogs and Bert Harris of Pasco the FFA grand champion.

Ann Shaw of Benton City won the 4-H grand champion award for lambs and Frances Cline of Benton City was the FFA champion.

Activities at the fair and rodeo today include the first performance of the Sun Downs Rodeo at 8 p.m., which will feature the selection of this year's rodeo queen.

Contestants are Cathy Car-

ney, Kelly LaHue and Vicki Hadley, all of Kennewick.

At 7 and 10 p.m. today, Johnny Rusk will do his "Tribute to Elvis Presley" show.

Four-H and FFA youngsters will vie for championships in fitting and showing at 8 p.m. today following several preliminary contests during the day. This will be at the show barn.

There are a record 242 commercial exhibits at the fair, Smolinski said.

These include farm machinery and equipment displays, handicraft, political booths and a number of booths offering everything from hand-made belt buckles to old-time religion.

Friday will feature the first running of the Sun Downs horse racing. Post time is 1:15 p.m.

The Alfalfa King contest is scheduled for 9 a.m. and the fitting and showing contest for poultry.

The highlight Friday will be the market stock sale at which 4-H and FFA youngsters sell their show animals. It's scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the show barn.

Other first day results are as follows:

Market hogs—Stan Taggares, Prosser, 4-H reserve champion; Bert Harris, Pasco, FFA reserve.
Market lamb—Terry Brown, Pasco, 4-H reserve champion; Cathy Preston, Pasco, FFA reserve.
Market beef—Randy Smith, Mesa, 4-H reserve champion; Mike Wieseler, Connell, FFA reserve.
Angus, Dale Lathim, Kahlolus, 4-H champion; Connie Williams, FFA

champion; Loran Heinen, Ellipton, 4-H reserve and Justin Haler, Othello, FFA reserve.

British—Susan Richardson, Burbank, 4-H champion; Mike Lancaster, Mesa, FFA champion; Kim Easterday, Mesa, 4-H reserve; Paul Kingman, Pasco, FFA reserve.

European—Butch Booker, Connell, 4-H champion; Janet Bennett, Connell, FFA champion; Randy Smith, Mesa, 4-H reserve and Mike Wieseler, Connell, reserve.

Hereford—Teri Van Hollebeck, Pasco, 4-H champion; Jed Crowther, Mesa, FFA champion; Remia Derume, Washburn, 4-H reserve, and Burl Booker, Connell, FFA reserve.

Swine breeding classes—Wayne Schmeider, Kennewick, champion gilt, Casey Cochran, Kahlolus, reserve.

Dairy—Holstein, Henry Reed, Connell, champion; Rosemary Dillinger, Othello, reserve, and Reed, junior champion.

Brown Swiss, Denise Rill, Connell, champion.

Jersey—Ann Marsh, Pasco, champion, reserve champion and junior champion.

FFA Fitting and showing—Denise Rill, Connell, FFA champion; Rosemary Dillinger, 4-H champion; Ann Marsh, reserve FFA champion.
Open class photograph—best of show, Linda Lineasy; Dick Hodges, flowers; Gary White, landscapes, White, people; White, creative.

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'Plenty of country' at fair and rodeo

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There'll be plenty of country in the 1975 edition of the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Tumbleweed Rodeo with three top country singers and hundreds of exhibits right off the farm.

The 1975 fair which is expected to attract over 80,000 people will run five days from Aug. 20-24.

With four nationally known entertainers, including Tammy Wynette, Dennis Day, Hank Thompson and Kenny Price, fair goers will have their choice of stars to watch.

Reigning over this year's Benton-Franklin County Fair and Tumbleweed Rodeo are Queen Carmen Flitton of Kennewick and princesses Sabrina Bosch of Burbank and Lori Razor and Bonnie Brown both of Kennewick.

"We are trying to bring the people what they always look for in a country fair while at the same time providing some top-flight outside entertainment," said Max Smolinski, fair manager.

Actually the fair gets underway on Aug. 15, a week ahead of the regular fair with the annual 4-H horse show. The three-day show from Aug. 15-17 is so large with its 400 entries that it is held a week ahead of time.

There will be several new features for this year's fair.

One is a new home for Old MacDonald's Farm.

Mid-Columbia Future Farmers of America chapters which have sponsored this popular exhibit in the past will have a new two story barn home.

Old MacDonald's Farm features young animals which youngsters can pet or hold.

The Kennewick Jaycees will sponsor a kiddies parade at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 19 for the first time in downtown Kennewick.

There will be many of the old familiar events including the market stock sale and the grand parade.

The stock sale is where 4-H and FFA youngsters sell their animals. It will be held at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 22. Last year the youngsters received a record \$78,166 for their blue ribbon steers, hogs and lambs.

The grand parade sponsored by the Pasco Jaycees will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 23 in downtown Pasco.

Alfred C. Amon, the first fair president and Kennewick pioneer, will be the grand marshal.

The parade will feature many of the floats that appeared in the Water Follies parade plus several new entries not seen in the follies parade.

Fair President Mary Richmond is anticipating over 10,000 exhibits this year ranging from rare breed cattle to canned jams and jellies.

Of special interest to the female fairgoer is the sewing exhibits in both 4-H and open class. Seamstresses with an eye for the unusual will be competing for prizes.

The top bread, cookie, cake and pie bakers in the two counties will be competing for the judges nod and cash prizes.

The 724th Air Force band will provide the big band sound featuring an 18-piece concert band Aug. 22-23.

"We have put together a great family entertainment package this year with four top stars and have done our best to keep our prices attractive for the entire family," Smolinski said.

Admission for adults will be \$1.50 and children 75 cents daily.

After 5 p.m. adult prices will be



Reigning over this year's Benton-Franklin County Fair and Tumbleweed Rodeo are Queen Carmen Flitton, second from left and her court, left to right, Bonnie Brown, Lori Razor and Sabrina Boush.

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\$2.50 and children still 75 cents, Smolinski said.

The Tumbleweed rodeo that features some of the top professional rodeo cowboys in the country also will have an admission charge.

Some of the other traditional events include the pony show, the Saturday cowboy breakfast at Volunteer Park in Pasco, a milking contest and lamb race.

Meeker Shows will offer carnival rides.

Besides the livestock exhibits there will be displays of farm equipment, commercial exhibits, art, writing, photography, horticultural, food and sewing.

There will also be plenty of booths selling food from fresh corn on the cob to watermelon slices to tacos.

Bonnie (Brown) McKenna

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Fair And Rodeo Queen Crowned

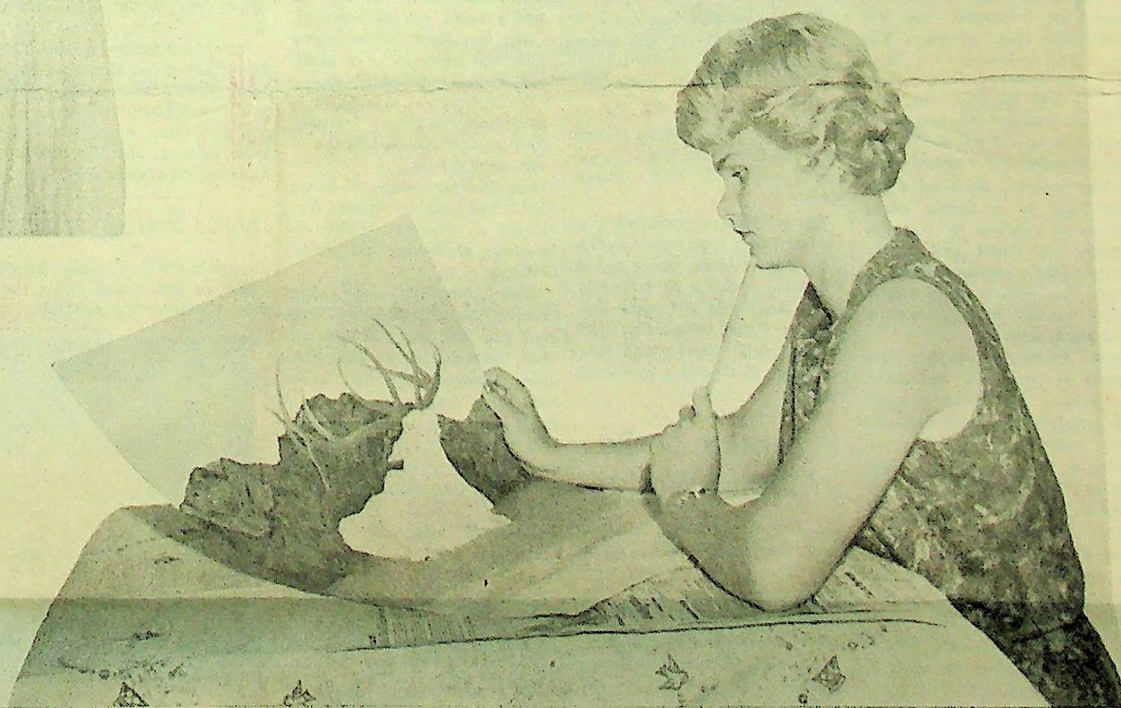
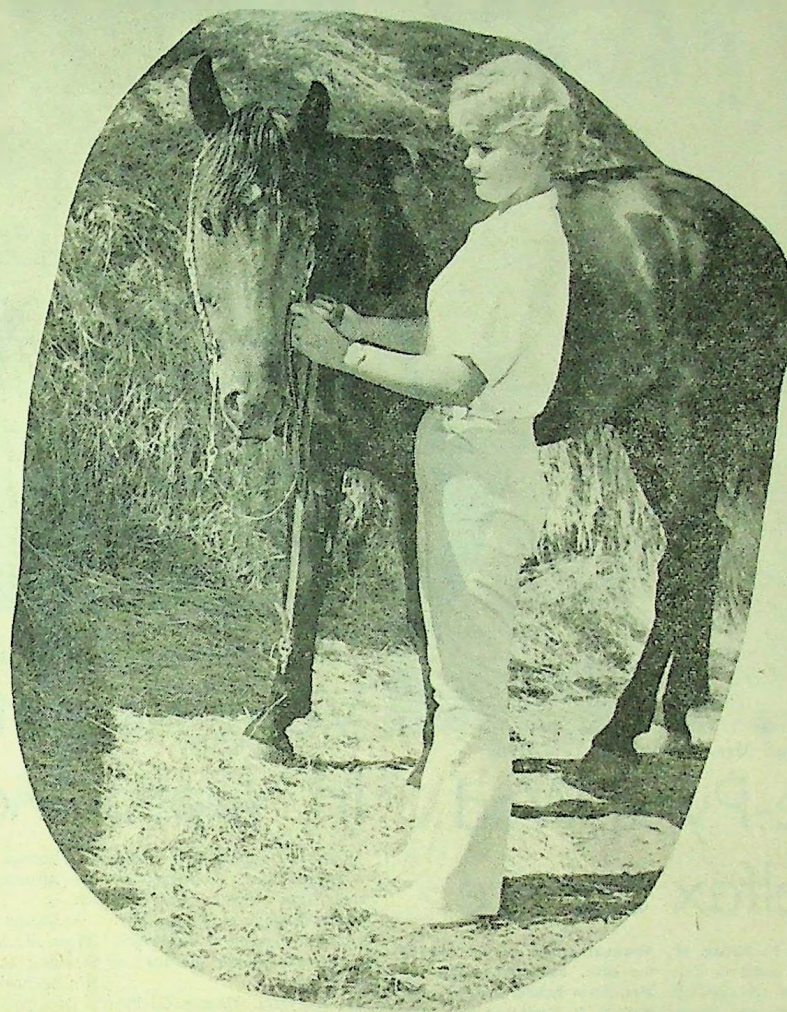
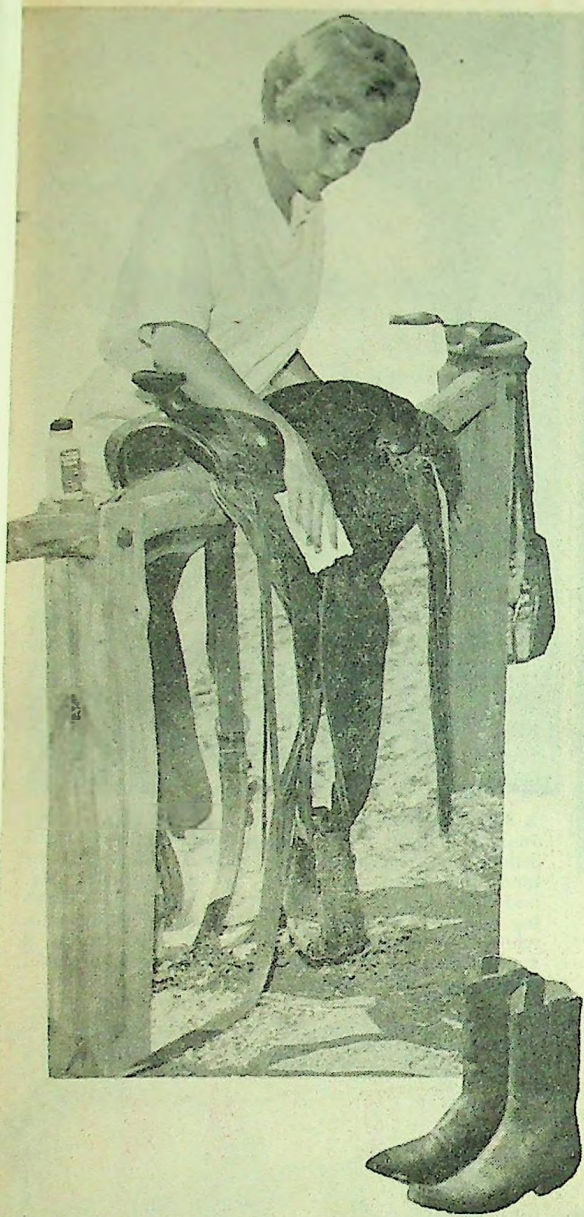
Miss Leo Ann Hamilton, Kennewick, was crowned queen of the 1964 Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo last night at coronation ceremonies at the Kennewick Masonic Temple. Queen Leo Ann (seated) and her three princesses will reign at the big arena and fair event Aug. 28-30

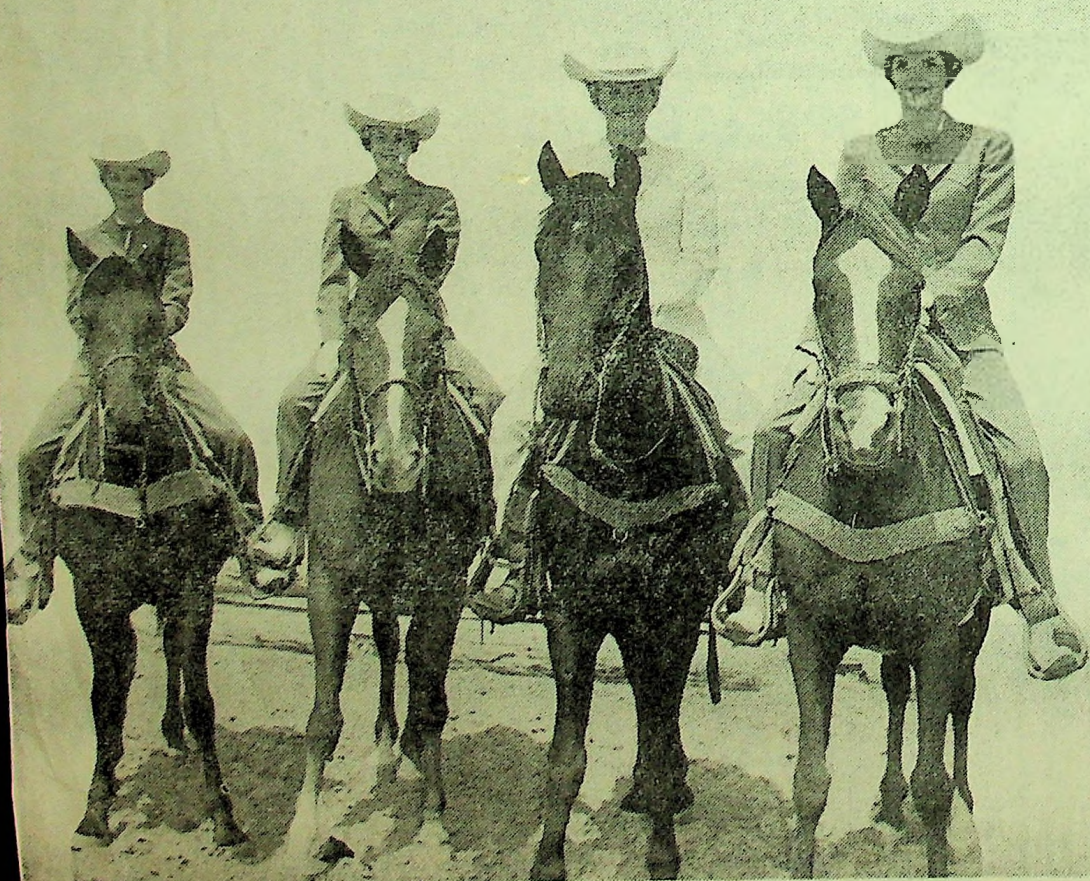
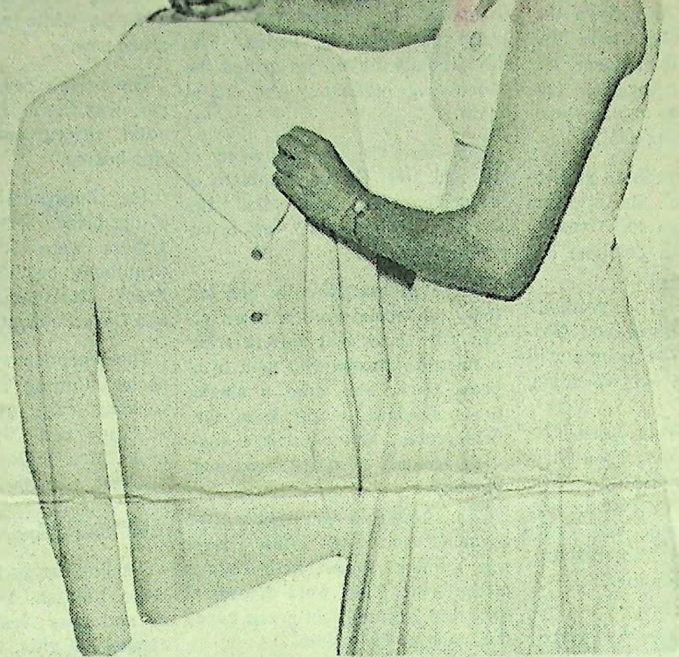
and represent the community at other seasonal festivities. Princesses, standing in regal finery from left, were Marilyn Cunningham, Pasco, and Louise Schulkey and Marcella Chapman, both of Kennewick. (Herald color photo by Ralph Smith)

Queen La Nay

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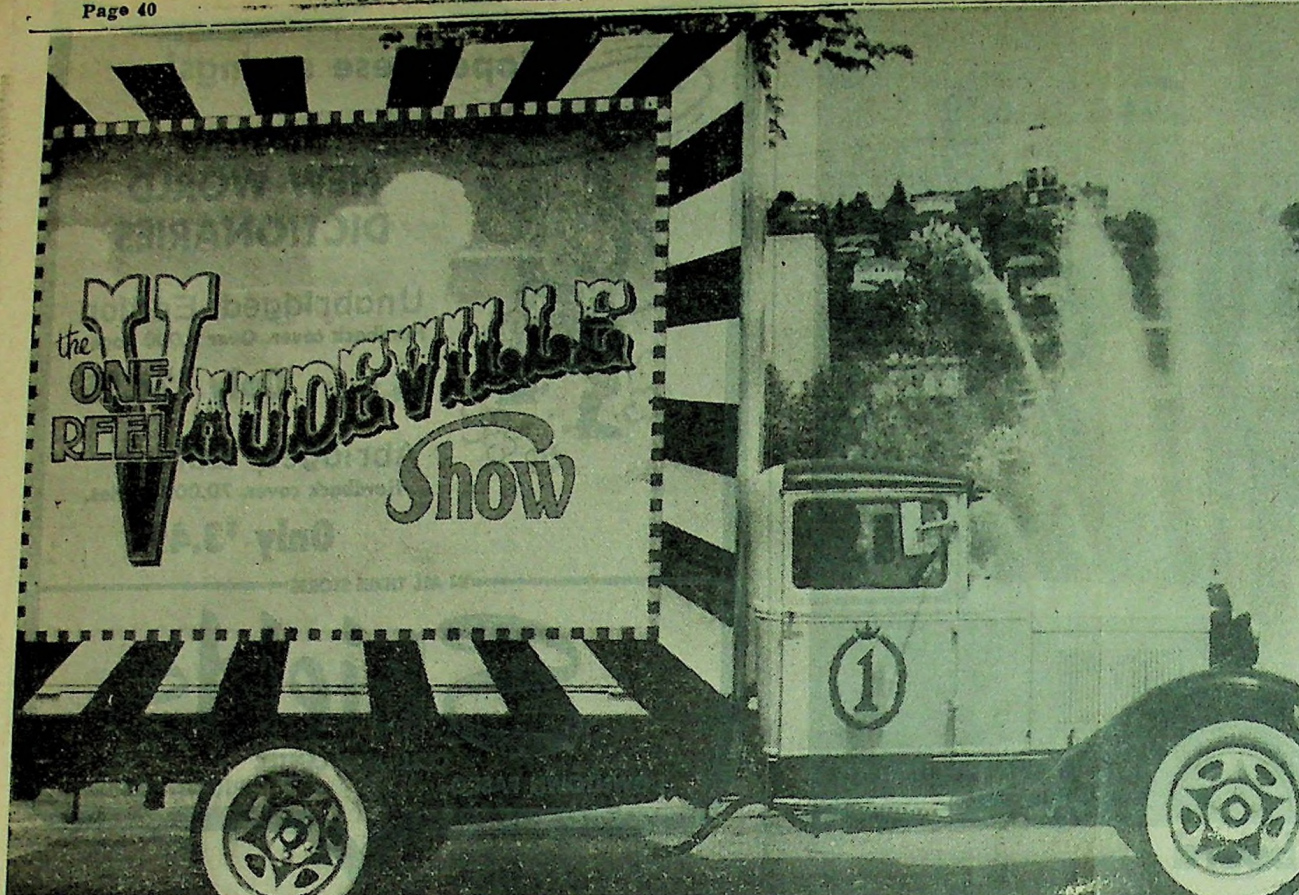
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Appointments and appearances, keeping her wardrobe in order and her horse, Brandy, groomed, keep Miss La Nay Munsey, Benton Franklin County Fair and Rodeo queen, busy these days. She has little time to relax with her favorite hobbies. Always interested in horses, she has been riding for several years. Lawn work, usually a family project, finds Queen La Nay equally at home with the lawnmower and her horse. Along with the lawn, she enjoys caring for the family ducks with the assistance of her sister, Diane. Another hobby is painting. Lower left, she appears with her court, Princesses Janet Heiser, Vicki Smith and LeeAnn Hamilton.





An old Model A truck serves as the transportation and the stage for the One Reel Vaudeville Show.

Vaudeville show's veteran of fairs

The One Reel Vaudeville Show will be on stage eight times during the Benton-Franklin County Fair Aug. 24-27.

Performed on the back of a 1931 Model A, the Seattle-based show has played to thousands at fairs and special shows around the Pacific Northwest.

Northwest.

The One Reel Vaudeville Show was formed in 1972 by four persons to bring original comedy to the public.

The show features music, variety and comedy with the cast varying in size depending on the type of production offered.

Productions have included everything from special events, swing bands and epic scale comic operas to cabaret shows, first-run performances of three-act plays and special

commissioned pieces.

The performances will be at 4 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

This year the troupe is performing something called

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Rodeo royalty

K.C. Ross, an 18-year-old Pasco High School senior, third from left, was named queen of the 1990 Benton-Franklin County Rodeo on Saturday. Her court includes, from left, princesses Francis Baldwin, 16, of Benton City; Kim Darling, 17, of Benton City; and Becky Ripplinger, 16, of Kennewick. Ross, the daughter of Mike and Janice Ross, was crowned at The Hut Restaurant in Pasco by 1990 Miss Rodeo Washington Holley Lynn Fearing of Kennewick, who was 1989 queen for the Benton-Franklin Rodeo.

Kiddies parade Tuesday

Kicking off this year's Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo Tuesday is the Kiddies Parade in downtown Kennewick.

Sponsored by the Kennewick Jaycees, the parade will begin at the Western Auto parking lot at 7:30 p.m. and wind down the Parkade.

The rules require that a youngster must be 12 years or younger, that no motorized bikes or floats can be used and that an entrant may win in only one category.

Entry blanks can be obtained at the fair office, Tri-City Chamber of Commerce office or at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, the start of the judging.

There will be six categories: western, under 7 and from 7 to 12; pets, under 7 and 7 to 12 and comical, under 7 and 7 to 12.



Sun Downs Rodeo court is Dori Ramsey, seated, and Toni Garrett, left, and Rhonda Kromer, right.

Court chosen from 8 girls

Dori Ramsey, 18, was chosen as the 1977 Sun Downs Rodeo Queen. Princesses are Toni Garrett, 17, and Rhonda Kromer, 17.

The girls were selected from a field of eight contestants on the basis of horsemanship, personality and public speaking ability, and they will appear at rodeos

throughout Eastern Washington and Oregon.

The three Kennewick girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ramsey. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kromer.

They will serve during the four performances of the Sun Downs Rodeo during the Benton-Franklin County Fair, Aug. 25-27.

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Fair royalty

Erin Devine, seated, is queen of the 1982 Benton-Franklin County Fair and Sundowns Rodeo, and Kim Motyko, standing left, Janet Eggers, center back, and Kathy Chamberlain are her princesses. Queen Erin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Devine, Kennewick; Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Motyko, Kennewick; Janet's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tod Eggers and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hamilton, all of Kennewick, and Kathy is the foster daughter of LaMar Evans, Pasco. The girls will reign over rodeo events beginning Aug. 24.

Richland girl named Round-Up Queen

Christa Preszler, 17, a student at Richland High School, was named the Benton Franklin County Fair and Horse Heaven Hills Round-Up Queen Saturday night.

She won three of the five categories on her way to taking the 1987 crown. The other finalists were Wendy Healy, 18, a Kennewick High School graduate, and Amber Mohr, 17, of Richland High School.

As the new queen, Preszler will represent the fair and round-up at events around the state.

Princess Janet Eggers West 82

Travel, horsing around are rodeo queen's pleasures

By MARY JANE LEWIS
Herald Staff Writer

"You get to travel, make some really good friends among other cowgirls and meet some of the top cowboys," said Kelly LaHue, who likes her job as Sun Downs rodeo queen.

"We start attending rodeos in April and travel nearly

every weekend through September.

"But the most fun is our own rodeo, getting the crown and reigning over the show. We also are introduced at the races held during the rodeo," Kelly said.

Applications for the job she has held for the past year are available from the Kennewick

desert living

Chamber of Commerce or from Sun Downs, P.O. Box 2062, Tri-Cities, 99302.

"Any young woman between the ages of 17-19 may apply," said Chris Garrett, Kennewick, who has been in-

volved as chaperone for the Kennewick rodeo court for more than 20 years.

Entries will close Aug. 4. Mrs. Garrett said applicants should be able to ride a horse, speak publicly and have plenty of free time.

"You spend lots of hours going to parades and rodeos promoting our rodeo," she said.

Contestants are judged on horsemanship, personality, appearance, poise and their ability to meet the public.

"They have to have a horse, transportation for the horse and parents who are willing to work with the contestant," Mrs. Garrett said.

"We furnish the court's uniforms, including hats, boots and sashes and they are honored at a luncheon for all visiting royalty during the Sun Downs rodeo."

Kelly said it was a big job keeping her horse and herself

well-groomed for the many parades she entered, but her biggest problem was keeping her horse, Tommy, tied up.

"He just didn't like to stand tied so he kept breaking his halter."

"But it was really great to get to go to so many good shows and meet the queens and princesses from other courts. They are all the same age and have the same interest in horses we have."

"Being on the court also makes us eligible to try out for Miss Rodeo Washington next year."

Kelly said the contestants usually have to ride a pattern during the judging. Last year they used the Miss Rodeo Washington pattern which includes a figure-8, cantering, stops, pivots, running a barrel racing pattern and the "run through," running your horse at a high speed past the grandstands while waving.



Kelly LaHue, left, and Chris Garrett, queen chaperone, examined

Kelly's cream-colored uniform with its orange sash.

Cover Story



Left: Royalty for this year's Benton-Franklin County Rodeo are Queen Janet Eggers, 17, of Kennewick, seated, and her court: Laurie Mech, 20, of Pasco, left, and Paula Petermann, 18, of Kennewick.

Above: Fitting and showing of the animals by the youngsters is a popular event of the fair. Competition is keen as the youngsters vie for coveted purple grand champion ribbons.

Herald/Bob Weehler

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Queen 83
Janet Eggers
Princess
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7 hope to lasso Miss Rodeo Washington crown

By the Herald staff

Sporting their cowboy hats, boots, and Wranglers, seven women will be competing for the title of 1996 Miss Rodeo Washington this month at the Kennewick fairgrounds and the Pasco Red Lion Inn.

The competition begins Aug. 20 and continues through Aug. 24. Each contestant — including a Pasco High School graduate — will be judged on personality, appearance, a radio interview, plus have to answer an impromptu question.



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Participants also will take part in a fashion show, a speech competition and a rodeo. Miss Rodeo Washington will be crowned at 6:30 p.m. on the 24th.

This year's participants are:

■ **Jaime Mahaffey**, 19, is a recent Pasco High School graduate and plans to attend Columbia Basin College in the fall where she hopes to study Agricultural Science and Education and



Brack

Public Relations and Communications. She was the 1995 Benton-Franklin Co. Fair and Horse Heaven Round-Up Queen, a princess in 1994, and placed third and ninth in the 1995-96 State Livestock Judging.

She graduated with a 3.8 GPA and was involved in Natural Helpers, served as a counselor at the State Leadership Camp, was a DECA area winner, editor of her school newspaper in 1994, a member of 4-H and FFA, vice-president of student activities council, held church leadership positions, and was the Fitting and Showing Grand Champion in 1994.

She is the daughter of Floyd and Lanai Mahaffey of Pasco.

■ **Mamie Brack**, 20, is attending Clark Community College in Vancouver, Wash., where she's studying engi-



Gilliland



Mahaffey

neering and plans on transferring to Portland State University.

She participates in the Spanish and engineering clubs and will receive her associates degree this fall. Brack graduated in the top 5 percent of her high school class and was an Honor Society member.

She is the daughter of Rusty Brack of Camas, and Leslie Brack of Vancouver, Wash.

■ **GeGe Rolfe**, 22, resides in Lyle, Wash., and has worked the past two years at the Mid-Columbia Veterinary Clinic as an assistant. She hopes to finish her schooling to become a veterinary technician.

She was the 1995 first runner-up for Miss Rodeo Washington and the 1995 Fort Dalles Days Rodeo queen. She also was named the 1992 Arlington



Rolfe



Shamek

Saddle Club queen, the 1991 Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo queen, and the 1990 Goldendale junior rodeo queen.

She participated in the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C., and the National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

She is the daughter of Steve and Helen Rolfe of Lyle.

■ **Kristen Ann Zurflueh**, 21, has spent two years at Central Washington University in the education program but is currently taking leave from her studies with plans to return as a junior. She participates in softball and barrel racing.

She served as a 1996 junior rodeo volunteer and was the 1995 Miss Rodeo Washington second runner-up and also Miss Congeniality. She



Whitney

was the first princess in the Ellensburg Rodeo, the 1995 most valuable player in softball, and a semi-finalist in the Miss Teen All-American Pageant.

She is the daughter of Herb and Neva Zurflueh of North Bend.

■ **Jazz Whitney**, 21, hopes to become fluent in Spanish and to complete a degree in retail and business management. She is a 1993 Ellensburg High School graduate and has completed two quarters of visual merchandising courses and business management at Bellevue Community College.

She was the 1996 Miss Rodeo Toppenish and Pow-Wow and the 1992 Eagles Junior rodeo queen. She was the junior and junior 4-H gaming champion from 1989-93 and a state gaming qualifier from 1990-92.

She is the daughter of Rick Whitney of Bellevue and Jacques Whitney of Ellensburg.

■ **Julie Ann Shamek**, 20, is studying political science and pre-law at Central Washington University where she is enrolled in the Douglas Honors Program. She plans to attend University of Washington's law school to become a business attorney.

She was named the 1996 Fort Dalles Days "Rough and Wild" PRCA

Rodeo Queen, the 1994 Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo queen, and the 1992 Goldendale junior rodeo queen. She received a presidential scholarship into the Douglas honors program at Central University and was also the recipient of the Helen Bruckert Speaking Award.

She participated in the National 4-H Conference, the National 4-H Congress, the Grand Page and Grand Nature, the Grand Cross of Colors-Rainbows, and served as a State and National 4-H Ambassador.

She is the daughter of Edward Shamek and Patricia Shamek, both of Goldendale.

■ **Jamie Gilliland**, 21, recently attended a private university of the Nations of Hawaii, a school for missionaries and people. She currently is trying to save up money so she can attend college where she plans to become an equine specialist.

She was Horsewoman of the Year, four years in a row in 4-H and received the most improved horsemen and high point award of the year.

She also was the recipient of the high point jumper award and the gold award for the 4-H record book.

She is the daughter of James and Marian Gilliland of Port Townsend.

7 vie for Miss Rodeo Washington crown

By the Herald staff

Seven young women — including one from Richland — will compete for the title of Miss Rodeo Washington during the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

The winner will be crowned immediately before the final edition of the Horse Heaven Round-Up. The ceremony is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Saturday.

It's the third year the pageant has been held in conjunction with the fair and rodeo.

While contestants will participate in many closed rehearsals and interviews, several other events are open to the public.

Contestants will display their horsemanship at 3 and 7 p.m. Thursday at the rodeo arena. At 11 a.m. Friday, they will deliver a short speech at the livestock market sale. They also will be available for impromptu questions at 1 p.m. Friday at the Oak Street Stage.

A luncheon set for 11 a.m. Saturday will feature a fashion show

and speech competition at the Ramada Inn on Clover Island. Cost of the event is \$20. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Monday. Call 509-848-3715 in Wapato.

The current Miss Rodeo Washington — GeGe Rolfe of Lyle — will preside over many of the festivities.

Contestants for this year's title are:

■ **Frances Baldwin** of Richland, 23. She is a graduate of Kiona-Benton High School and has attended Columbia Basin College. She was a Horse Heaven Round-Up Princess in 1990 and



Baldwin



Albers



Brack



Gilliland



Harris



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queen of the court in 1992.

She is an accomplished barrel racer. She wants to become a lawyer.

■ **Robin Albers** of Pullman, 21. She has attended

Walla Walla Community College and Washington State University. She was Asotin County Fair and Rodeo Queen in 1993.

■ **Mamie Brack** of Vancouver, 21. She is a mechanical engineering student at Portland State University and an adviser for the Fort Vancouver Rodeo Queen program.

■ **Jamie Gilliland** of Port Townsend, 22. She graduated

from Port Townsend High School and has attended several seminars on equine science and horsemanship.

■ **Jenny Harris** of Clarkston, 22. She graduated from Asotin High School and has attended Spokane Community College. She wants to go into public relations.

■ **Casey Kooistra** of Quincy, 19. She graduated from Quincy High School and now attends Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake. She wants to become an agricultural education teacher.

■ **Trisha Laughlin** of Battle Ground, 20. She has attended Clark Community College in Vancouver and John Casablanca's Modeling and Career Center. She wants to become a lawyer.

The winner of the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant will be eligible to compete for the 1999 Miss Rodeo America title.

Galloping toward fair's opening



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Benton-Franklin County Fair Rodeo Queen Rachael Denniston, 18, of Pasco and her horse Magic practice their opening ceremony greeting Thursday for the upcoming rodeo Wednesday through Aug. 26 at the fairgrounds. The queen and two princesses have been practicing weekly since June for the event.

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Rodeo crowns fulfill teen's dreams

By KATHLEEN KNUTSON

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Holley Fearing woke up Sunday morning, convinced she had been dreaming.

No wonder. The day before, she had been appointed queen of the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo in the morning and named Miss Rodeo Washington 1990 in the evening.

"I woke up and thought, 'That was a real cool dream I had,'" Fearing said Monday. "Then I ran upstairs and my (Miss Rodeo Washington) trophy was still here."

Fearing was appointed to succeed Queen Rena Ekwortzel just before Saturday's Fair and Rodeo Parade. Ekwortzel was hospitalized last week and her doctor advised her not to ride horses. The fair and rodeo court is required to ride daily during the rodeo.

"Saturday was the biggest day of my life," said Fearing, a 17-year-old graduate of Kamiakin High School in Kennewick. "Two of my dreams came true."

Those were dreams that she developed as a youngster. Each year, Douglas and Sara Fearing, would take their two daughters to the Fair and Rodeo Parade. Young Holley knew she wanted to be part of the rodeo royalty court.

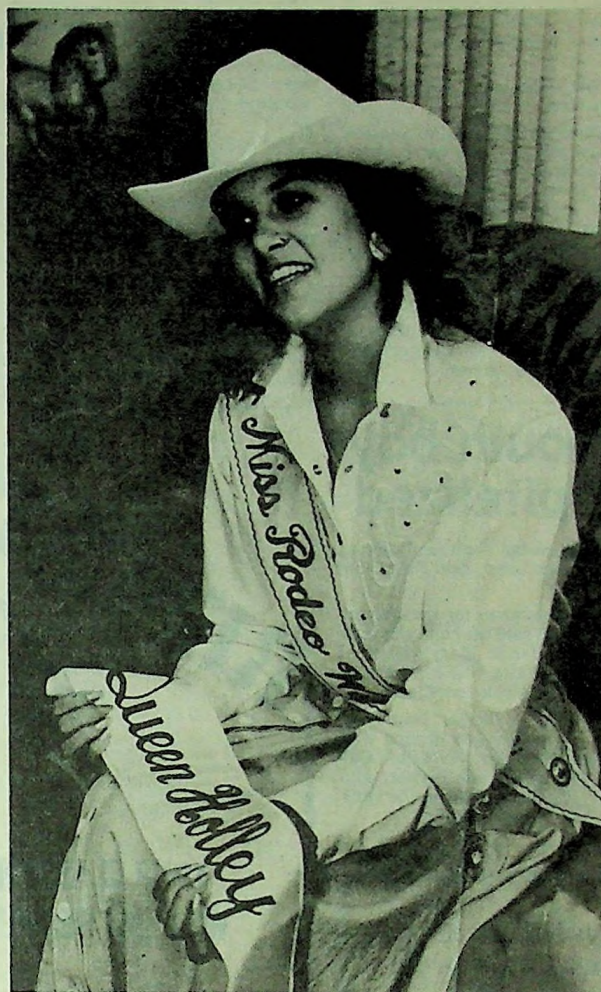
"I'd see the pretty girls on the wonderful horses," she said. "I knew I wanted to do that, too."

Fearing was one of four contestants at the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, which ran Thursday through Saturday in Moses Lake. After competing the first two days, she and her horse came back to the Tri-Cities to appear in the parade. Then she went back to Moses Lake where she received the statewide title.

Fearing says she has always had a knack for achieving what she wanted.

"If I wanted to go to the moon, I'd go to the moon," she said.

Although her family did not have horses, she pestered her parents to



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Holley Fearing of Kennewick wears her Miss Rodeo Washington banner and holds her queen's banner from the Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo. Fearing received both titles Saturday. The fair opens this morning at 11 a.m. and continues through Saturday. Complete fair schedules are on Page A7.

buy her one. Finally, they did when she was in the eighth-grade.

"That was basically to keep me at home," said Fearing, a tall, slender girl. "I was always making friends with kids that had horses and I'd be off riding theirs."

Now she owns three horses, including John, an American quarterhorse, who has carried her to many titles.

Last September, she was selected one of three fair princesses who, with the queen, represent the Tri-Cities and the Fair and Rodeo at various rodeos around the Northwest. Her term as queen will be a short one — just one month.

Her statewide rodeo reign will not begin until January when Rebecca Smith, Miss Rodeo Washington 1989, relinquishes the crown. Fearing will represent the state at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant next year.

Her love of the rodeo is coupled with her success as a horsewoman. During her senior high school year, she qualified for the Nevada International Invitational Rodeo and placed in the top 10 competitors in the pole-bending event.

As Miss Rodeo Washington, Fearing will be seeking donations to support the association and her own expenses during her tenure.

But chief among her objectives is to promote Washington rodeo.

Fearing believes rodeo is a wholesome sport where young people can learn responsibility and take pride in their accomplishments.

"I believe if every younger person would get involved with it, we wouldn't have the problems we do in our society," she said.

Fearing is mindful, too, that her tenure as Fair and Rodeo Queen and her reign as Miss Rodeo Washington may influence young girls. As fair royalty, "you have to remember you are a role model," Fearing said. "You constantly have to keep that in mind."

"There's a little girl out there who may be looking at me and saying, 'Hey, she looks like she's having fun. I want to do that.'"

