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'Good ol' boy' is best in the world

by Carol Jewart
Lifestyle Writer

Jensen's "good ol' boy," Chad Bedell, who earned World Champion Steer Wrestler title at the National Finals Rodeo (NFR), doesn't seem to have a care in the world and in his own laid back way says he is ready for a small vacation.

He found that a few more people know him today than yesterday but other than that, his life is still the same, but "Who knows what the future will hold?" Bedell said. "It's really something to achieve what you've worked your whole rodeo career for, but after I've paid Uncle Sam, I'll breathe easier."

He earned a whopping \$40,727 at the NFR in Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 6 through 15. His total for this event broke another PRCA record. Bedell came into the 1996 NFR with earnings of \$80,057, more than any other bulldogger had won in a single season. He knew he had to win at least \$40,000 to take the title and he did just that.

Bedell was born in Steamboat Springs, Colo. and moved to Jensen in 1970. He participated in 4-H and horse shows in his younger years. In high school he rode in the Utah High School rodeos (starting his career) and graduated in 1984.

He attended four and a half years at Utah State University, participating in intercollegiate rodeos. He took the regionals three out of the four years he competed.

"Vernal now has its own rodeo team out of the Utah State Extension, team B, coached by Dave Wohlshenlume," Bedell said.

Bedell is Utah's first world champion cowboy since 1987, when Louis Field was a three-time world all-around champ. Field, now a rodeo stock contractor, went to the NFR, and was there when Bedell took his title. It seemed to mean a lot to Bedell, when Field congratulated him.

Bedell had been working toward this goal since he started to rodeo seriously in 1983. "You can enter up to 100 rodeos before going to the NFR, I entered 72 last year and having to pay entry fees at each rodeo, gas and time on the road, the expenses add up. The winnings will make it a lot easier for me to go again next year."

For winning the world title, Bedell received the use of a 1997 Dodge truck for a year, a saddle, a ring, a bronze sculpture, clothing, a hat and a belt buckle plus \$7,500 bonus from the sponsor of the regular-season competition, according to the NFR finals.

"I am keeping all these things, except the truck, in the trophy case. This memorabilia means more to me than to use it for my personal use, and that includes the saddle," Bedell said.

"I was impressed with the Utah crowds. Their support meant a lot to us," said Bedell. "There were two of us competing from Utah, me and another bulldogger, Brock Andrus of St. George. During the Grand Parade, every night, following a 36 cowboy delegation from Texas, and it made me proud to hear the applause and cheering from the Utah section which I be-

lieve was the best."

"We are on the road a lot and I look forward to getting to all the rodeos I can. Sometimes, though the trips can get a little long," Bedell said. (He was talking about himself and his two horses). "Luck is involved with the rodeo, as in the luck of the draw. If you don't draw a good steer, depending on what event you are competing in, it could mean the difference between winning or losing."

"I feel very confident as long as my horses are working well and I'm competing at the level I want to be," said Bedell.

In his early days on the rodeo circuit if he needed money, he would hire out to shear sheep on the Escalante Ranch. He would take this money to help finance himself on the rodeo circuit for the rest of the year. "Shearing sheep is the hardest work I've ever done and hope I never have to do it again. It's amazing what cowboys will do for a rodeo," he said.

The livestock handlers in rodeos have, in the past, been accused of inhumanely treating livestock. Bedell said this is a farce. "These cattle are very tough and the treatment given to these animals is very humane," he said. "These animals are taken better care of by the stock contractors than anyone else does because it means their livelihood."

If these animals are not given the best of care, it could cost the stock contractors a pretty penny. The livestock is shipped from Mexico to the United States every spring and sold to stock contractors. When the



Chad Bedell wrestles a steer to the ground at the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Las Vegas, Nev.

cattle can't be used any longer for the rodeo, they are then fattened and sold for meat consumption.

When Bedell isn't rodeoing, he enjoys all kinds of sports, hunting and fishing. In fact, he is headed for Texas on a hunting vacation and of course to see his girlfriend. He will, however, be at the Winter Stock Show Rodeo in Phoenix, Ariz. Jan. 2. When he returns from his vaca-

tion, it's back to the "same-o, same-o."

From Phoenix he will be traveling to such places as: Denver, Colo., Rapid City, S.D., San Antonio and Houston, Texas, Tucson, Ariz. and Pocatello, Idaho.

The New Year arrived before Bedell had realized it. He decided on two New Year's resolutions anyway. "Maybe, I will marry someone rich enough to keep me in the lap

of luxury, (grinning) or I want to do as well or better in 1997 at the NFR in Vegas. That would be great!" Bedell said.

"My philosophy in life is to do all things in moderation. If you want to accomplish your goal, take a deep seat and ride it through," he said.

Life hasn't really changed much for Bedell since his big win, but the New Year is young.

Bedell shines in front of hometown crowd

Since winning the World Title in Steer Wrestling in Las Vegas in 1997, Chad Bedell of Jensen, has traveled to approximately 40 rodeos all over the country in the Dodge truck donated to him for a year.

He won the first go-around on Thursday at the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, with a time of 4.2. He left Vernal to travel to Canada on Friday evening to attend another rodeo on Saturday evening.

"I've been off to a slow start this year," said Bedell. "I've been to around 40 rodeos all over the country but a lot of the guys have been to as many as 60. Right now it's kind of on the line. If I do well through the 24th in Salt Lake City and Cheyenne, I will be right back in the hunt, if I don't, I will be far enough behind the pack that you realize you spend a lot of money to get there and then not make it. I've placed here and there, like in Flagstaff, and every little bit helps, but when you lose, you still lose. Just not as fast."

Bedell started rodeoing at the age of 17 and received his pro card in 1986 at the age of 20. A lot of rodeo competitors now are starting out younger with Little Britches and pee wee rodeos," he said.

"A rodeoer can last a little longer in the steer wrestling event than any other," said Bedell. "You have a few exceptions like Roy Duvall and Butch Myers that compete into their mid to late 40's. But the majority of rodeo contestants compete to their mid to late 30's then they start looking for something else.



Chad Bedell, world champion steer wrestler from Jensen.

other jobs to go to and a lot of them already have little ranches they can go to. That's just my opinion. There's a lot of factors involved. It's hard to keep up the intensity you started with and you start getting road weary.

"The younger steer wrestlers might be more agile but experience is a definite factor," stated Bedell.

"The more experienced guys like Brad Gleason and Ivan Tegen and some of the names that have been there for awhile, it's their experience that comes into play.

"I would like to rodeo for a year or two more. It's been good so far and then I will find something else to do. One thing the rodeo life has done has created a lot of opportuni-

ties. I've met a lot of interesting people. I do intend to stay in the west; Colorado, Utah or Idaho. I wouldn't mind ranching, but it's a tough road to hoe. I wouldn't say it's impossible but I would say it's difficult in this day and age to go out and buy a ranch with interest and then having to rely on the cattle market to make it work."

Bedell guides in the fall of the year which hinders him a little but he explained that there's not a lot of rodeos left that time of year. A few big ones left can overlap the hunting season. If he's in a real close race to get to the NFR, it creates a little bit of a conflict to try to work and then run to a rodeo, he said. "Over the past few years I've be-

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Chad Bedell as he competed in the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo in 1996.

come more involved with my guiding outfit, parks and recreation. In Steamboat Springs it's a real big thing, horseback rides and pack trips into the wilderness areas. A lot of dude ranches have popped up over in that area. My business activities have been centered around the recreation field the past few years and that's probably what I will concentrate on.

"I've seen a few new faces in the steer wrestling competition this year. It's becoming a little more intense because the steer wrestling numbers are up. Some of the rodeos I went to this spring, where over the past few years had around 60 competitors, now have 80, 90 or 100 competitors. The 4th of July

rodeos this year were packed. There were 160 steer wrestlers and that makes it tough. We are competing for the same numbers, spots, pay-off money wise, but are competing with a quarter or more guys as before.

"Rodeo life can be a hard one. It can get pretty lonely. I travel a lot of miles by myself or with one other person. The road miles start to wear on me, but that's part of the game. It doesn't bother a lot of people and they do really well, but I kind of like to relax at home when I can. I'll spend all of my time driving to get there, and when I get there, if I have a day, all I want to do is lay around and try to recuperate," explained Bedell. "The bull fighters have a little better deal in their life."

that aspect. They go to a rodeo and plan on staying a week. This gives them time to do some community work. That's where we go to special rodeos or to children's hospitals in the bigger cities and sign autographs and talk to the kids. I especially like doing that kind of thing.

"It's a non-stop schedule," Bedell said, "and if we have any extra days I like to stop and visit different places that has museums and things. At some of the big rodeos, like the one in Las Vegas or Houston, we have a little more time to interact with the people and where they live, but not this time of year. I haven't regretted it even once and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to make rodeo their life."

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T. C. McNeill, Jim McKee and others cowboys compete in 1902 rodeo

A rough riding contest was held in 1902 and parts of the story follow as it was printed in the Vernal Express on September 27, 1902.

ROUGH RIDING CONTEST!

Although the weather was threatening and the ground was wet and slippery from the heavy rain storm Saturday night, the Rough Riding Contest took place as advertised at Burton's resort Monday and Tuesday.

There were six entered in the roping contest which was called first, Monday. The judges were Snellen Johnson, Hy Meeks and Joseph Timothy. Pard Dodds took his place first and was after his steer the instant he crossed the line, and before he went 50 yards had him roped by the horns and thrown on his back and was down by his side ready to tie him in just eighteen seconds, but the steer got up and Pard had to get on his horse and throw him a second time. By the time he got him tied and had crossed back over the line he had taken up two minutes and 36½ seconds. He was awarded the first prize of \$50 cash, however. Had he succeeded in tying his steer the first throw he would have cut close to the best time on record, 32 seconds. He did some pretty work and showed skill and training with the lariat and rope horse.

T.C. McNeill roped his steer the first throw he made and then circled around and took a run to throw him, but his horse was too strong, although well trained and broke the rope close to the saddle horn. He then picked up the rope while the steer was running, and finally threw and tied him in 4.50. A wild steer is considered easier to throw than a tame one and Tom had the wildest one of the bunch, and would have made good time if his rope had not broken.

Dick Oakley failed to rope his steer in two throws and therefore was barred according to the regulations. Jim McKee roped his steer by the horns the first throw but it was a logy fellow and he had hard work to throw it, time being called before he finally got it tied.

Wood Alexander got a wild steer, made a pretty catch and threw him five times in a quarter of a mile chase. He got off his horse once but the steer got up, and the horse was jerked over with him once. He finally tied the steer and got back in 3.35 and got second place—\$15 cash. He had a good horse and did some quick work.

F.J. Thornton missed the first throw, and the second time the steer jumped through the loop and he caught him by

the hind foot and time was called.

In the two year old race a bay filley owned by John Glines won first money. There were only two entered.

The purse of \$10 for the saddle horse race was won by Snellen Johnson's bay saddle mare, five horses being entered.

The program opened for the day on Tuesday with the Riding Contest. "Shorty" Dagie took the first ride. "Shorty" caught a little gray broncho out of the corral and rode him to a finish, but he appeared weak and did not do any hard bucking, and he fell once, pinning "Shorty" to the ground. He was unfortunate in not getting a better horse.

A soldier next caught a nervy looking sorrel horse which stood perfectly quiet until he was saddled and the soldier started to swing into the saddle, but before he got seated the horse threw his head down and went into the air like a rocket and done some good hard churning. The soldier's head commenced to flop and the next instant he turned a trick in the air and fell all "spraddle" out in front of the horse.

F.J. Thornton, a rider from Montana, now staying at Duchesne, roped a chunky little bay horse which looked to be all muscle and meanness. Thornton slipped into the saddle with ease and made a pretty ride, whipping and spurring all the while until the pony had enough. He proved to be an easy mount and did no stiff pitching.

Jim McKee's turn came next and he selected the sorrel horse that threw the soldier, partly because the crowd asked it and partly because he had thrown the soldier and was considered to be a bad horse. Sorrel, it appears had been broke to drive, and stood as quietly as before while being saddled, and until the rider's foot was in the stirrup and then went at it, but apparently not as hard as he bucked with the soldier. He had pitched at least fifty yards and stopped before Jim got his right foot in the stirrup, and then did some running and side pitching but Jim stayed with him and spurred him up. This ended the riding and the judges gave the first prize, a \$50 saddle, to Jim McKee and the second, \$15, to Thornton.

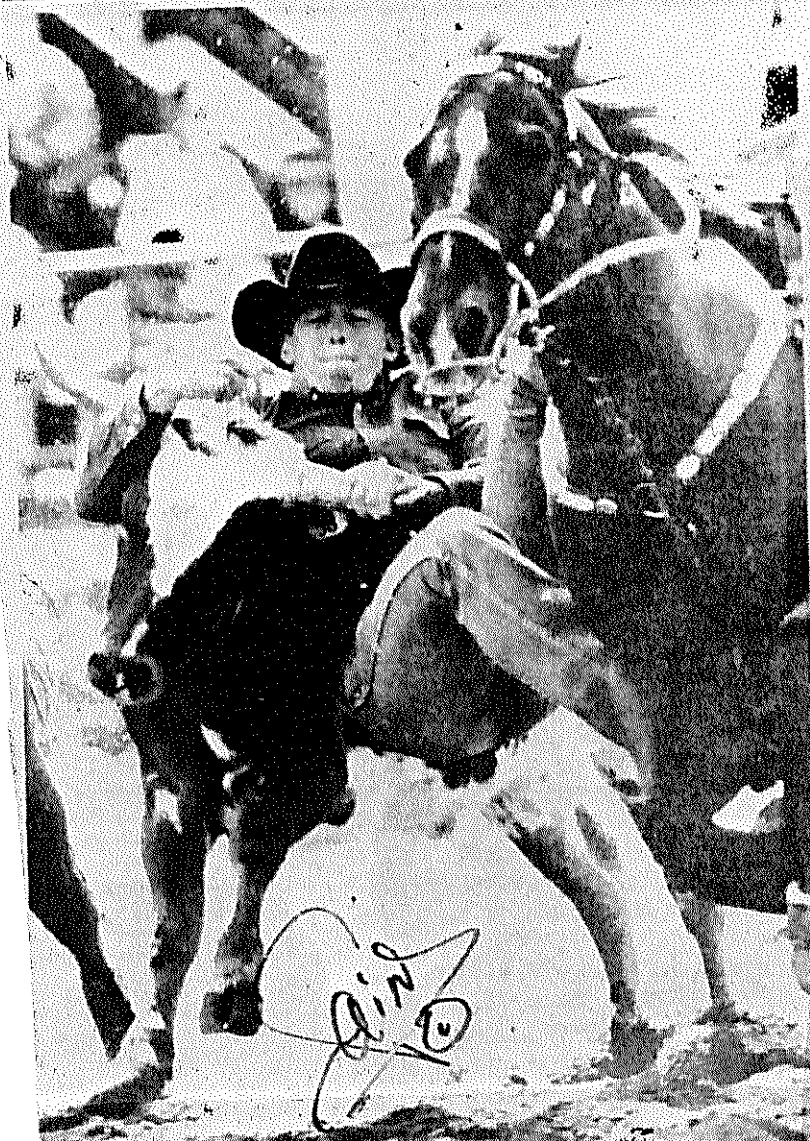


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RODEO COWBOY--Chad Bedell, member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, unloads from his horse to wrestle a fast moving steer during a rodeo in Evanston, Wyoming.

A look at the life of Chad Bedell, local bull-doggin' rodeo cowboy

By Cheryl Mecham

The horse shifts under him, and he eyeballs the steer waiting in the shoot, he is ready to perform ... this rodeo cowboy. Eager fans watch from the stands. An announcer's voice broadcasts his name. The steer jumps from the shoot and he's off for one more go-round.

This is the life of one rodeo cowboy, Chad Bedell. He was raised in two places, his mother, Sharon explained. In Colorado and Jensen, Utah. Chad calls Jensen his "home address." Yet even now Chad divides what time he has away from the rodeo between his parents: mother, Sharon Bedell in Jensen, Utah, and father, Orvale Bedell residing in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Yet, most of Chad's time is spent

traveling, practicing the jump and twist and wrestling steers as a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA).

Chad was introduced to calf roping and steer wrestling by his father who competed in rodeos himself. But he says he "learned bull-doggin'" from a man by the name of Jack Hannum, who taught a steer wrestling and roping school during the time Chad was on the Uintah High School Rodeo Club. And it was during those high school years that Chad determined he would steer wrestle as a professional rodeo cowboy.

He said his family was supportive of the idea from the first, and added, "That's what it takes, someone who's behind you."

And it also takes "natural ability" as was noted by Jack Hannum when he saw Chad bull-dog for the first time.

Chad attended Utah State where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Economics, and competed in the college rodeo circuit.

Now 28 years old, Chad has traveled thousands of miles across the United States by air, his Dodge pickup truck, or a motor home owned by friend Bill Cresten. Each rodeo gives Chad the chance to work toward his dream of making it to the National Finals Rodeo where 15 of the top PRCA purse winners compete to win a title and the largest monetary reward offered in rodeo.

Chad has won recognition for his

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outstanding achievement in the PRCA, winning in St. Paul with a 9.6 second average wrestling two steers last year (1993) and again this year taking first place in Reno with a 16.0 second average on three steers.

Chad has also competed four times in the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo, which selects two top PRCA cowboys from each of the 12 national circuits in the U.S. to perform in two go-rounds--a short go around and a wrangler round--to decide the champion of each rodeo event. Chad placed second in the wrangler round in March of 1993.

"When the winning slows down and the traveling speeds up a cowboy can find himself in a rut," Chad admits. He explained that physical and mental health are important and both have an impact on performance. To stay fit he builds fences, shears sheep and shoes horses when he's not competing. When he is competing, he practices, usually three or four hours a day.

Chad doesn't keep himself so busy every hour that he can't take time out for a good book. He enjoys reading history, and a "good action story."

A cowboy on the road most of the year meets other sacrifices. Chad is a hunting enthusiast, who enjoys big game archery hunting with his father and hopes he will not miss this hunting season. He also finds it "hard to have a steady or solid relationship," with a young woman when he is on the road. Although some professionals are married, he has recognized that "when you have family ties it's real hard to leave them and go rodeoing."

Rodeo cowboys are athletes competing in a physically demanding sport, therefore, it is not surprising that personal injury takes its toll as well. Chad stated, "I've been lucky," but admitted that he has twisted his ankle a time or two. The most serious injury was to his neck during a practice. That injury bothered him the longest.

When a cowboy is discouraged Chad said the best support he'll find is "the pub" where the cowboys gather to tell "war stories and lies." It is from that camaraderie and the strength of others that encouragement can be found.

Chad's friend, Bill Cresten echoed the same feelings. Saying that people in the PRCA are "outstanding individuals" who buoy each other up in times of discouragement. Bill is also Chad's hazer, a cowboy who rides out with the bull-dogger to keep the steer in position.

What drives Chad to keep going? He answers "monetary reward," and laughs.

Perhaps it is his spirit ... the spirit of the rodeo cowboy.

Jensen cowboy National Finals R

by Melanie Morrison
Lifestyle Writer

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His family has been supportive of the professional cowboy idea from the beginning, and says "it takes someone behind you" to make it work. And it also takes "natural ability," as was noted by Hannum when he first saw Bedell bull-dog for the first time.

Bedell attended Utah State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and competed in the college rodeo circuit. Now at 28 years old, he has traveled thousands of miles across the United States by air, his Dodge pickup truck or a motor home owned by his friend Bill Cresien. He says each rodeo gives him the chance to work toward his dream of making it to the National Finals Rodeo next month.

Other honors for Bedell include being honored with outstanding achievement in the PRCA, winning in St. Paul, Minn. with 9.6 second average wrestling two steers in 1993 and again this year, taking first place in Reno with a 16.0 second average on three steers.

He has also competed four times in the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo, which selects two top PRCA cowboys from each of 12 national circuits in the U.S. to perform in two 80-rounds -- a short go-around and a wrangler round -- to decide the champion of each rodeo event. Bedell placed second in the wrangler round in March of 1993.

He told the Uimah Basin Standard in an interview in July of 1994, "When the winning slows down and the traveling speeds up, a cowboy can find himself in a rut." He explained that physical and mental health are important and both have an impact on performance. To stay fit he builds horses when he's not competing. When he is competing, he practices sometimes three or four hours a day.

Chad Bedell of Jensen has finally attained his life-long goal: to compete in the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. Bedell, 28, the defending Wildermess Circuit steer wrestling champion had the year-end title secured going to the Wildermess Circuit Finals this month with earnings of \$22,500.

Bedell won the third round of the Wildermess Circuit Finals with a 4.5 second run and finished second with an average of 13.9 seconds behind Mike Smith of Jerome, Idaho, who had a 13.1 second average. Both Bedell and Smith are headed to the 36th Annual National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Smith sits number four in the world with \$52,265 and Bedell is sixth in the world with \$46,067. Bedell is the only cowboy to represent Utah in the Finals.

Bedell told the Ogden Standard Examiner, "This feels just as good as last year. The year-end title was fairly well decided in September at our last circuit rodeo. It was a good race this year."

"I had a stroke of good luck this year. I started out slow, but things turned around at Reno (where Bedell won the average at the Reno Rodeo). I also won a lot (of money) at Cheyenne (where he was second in the average at the Cheyenne Frontier Days).

"My horse, Keys Fat Cat, and hazers have made the year what it has been," he continued. "Time Parker owns the horse, and his son, T.W. won the National High School Rodeo Association title this summer in that horse."

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Yet most of Bedell's time is spent traveling, practicing the jump and twist and wrestling steers as a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, PRCA.

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Annual Vernal Rodeo

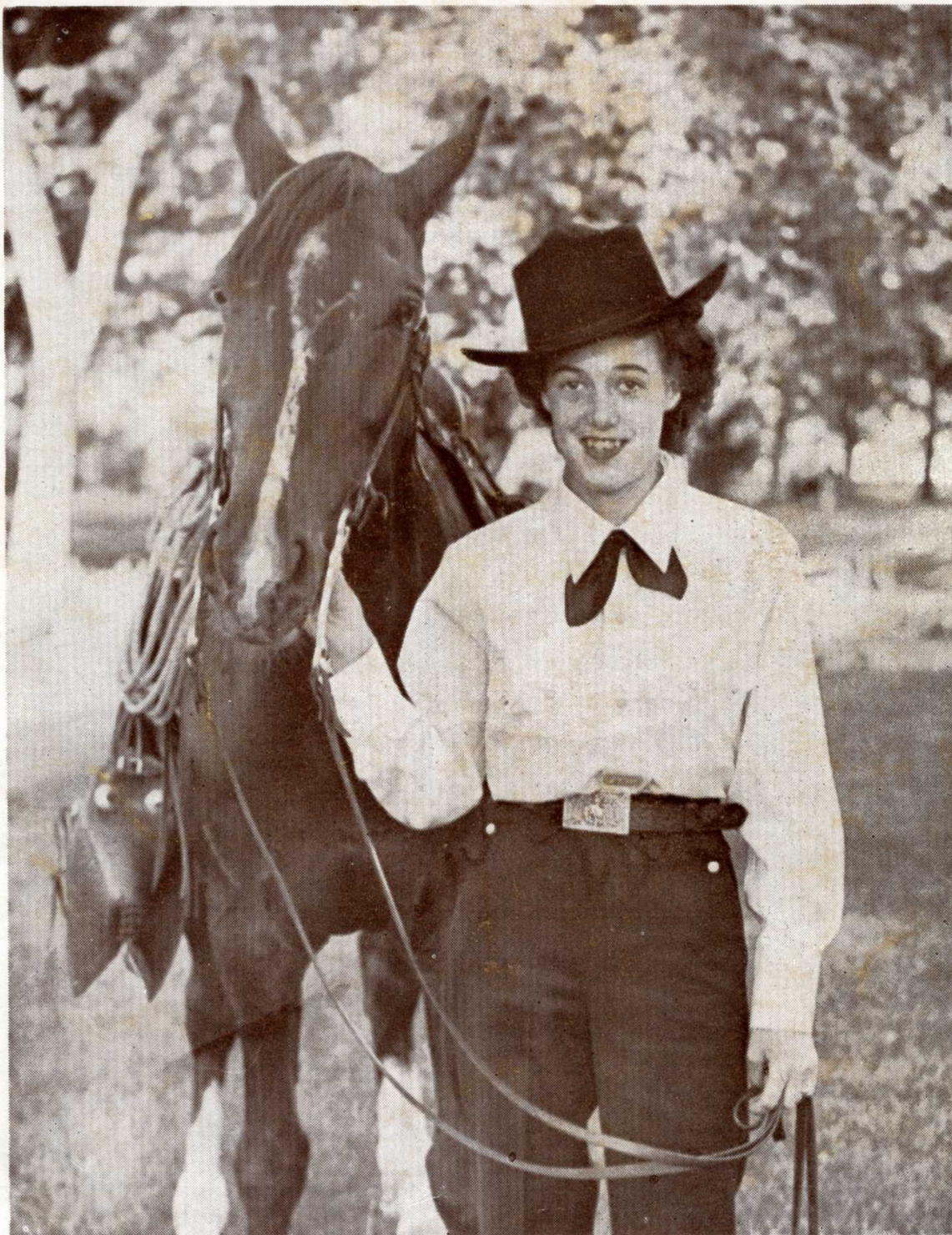
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Mayor Henry B. Millicam

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Henry B. Millicam, Mayor
Vernal City

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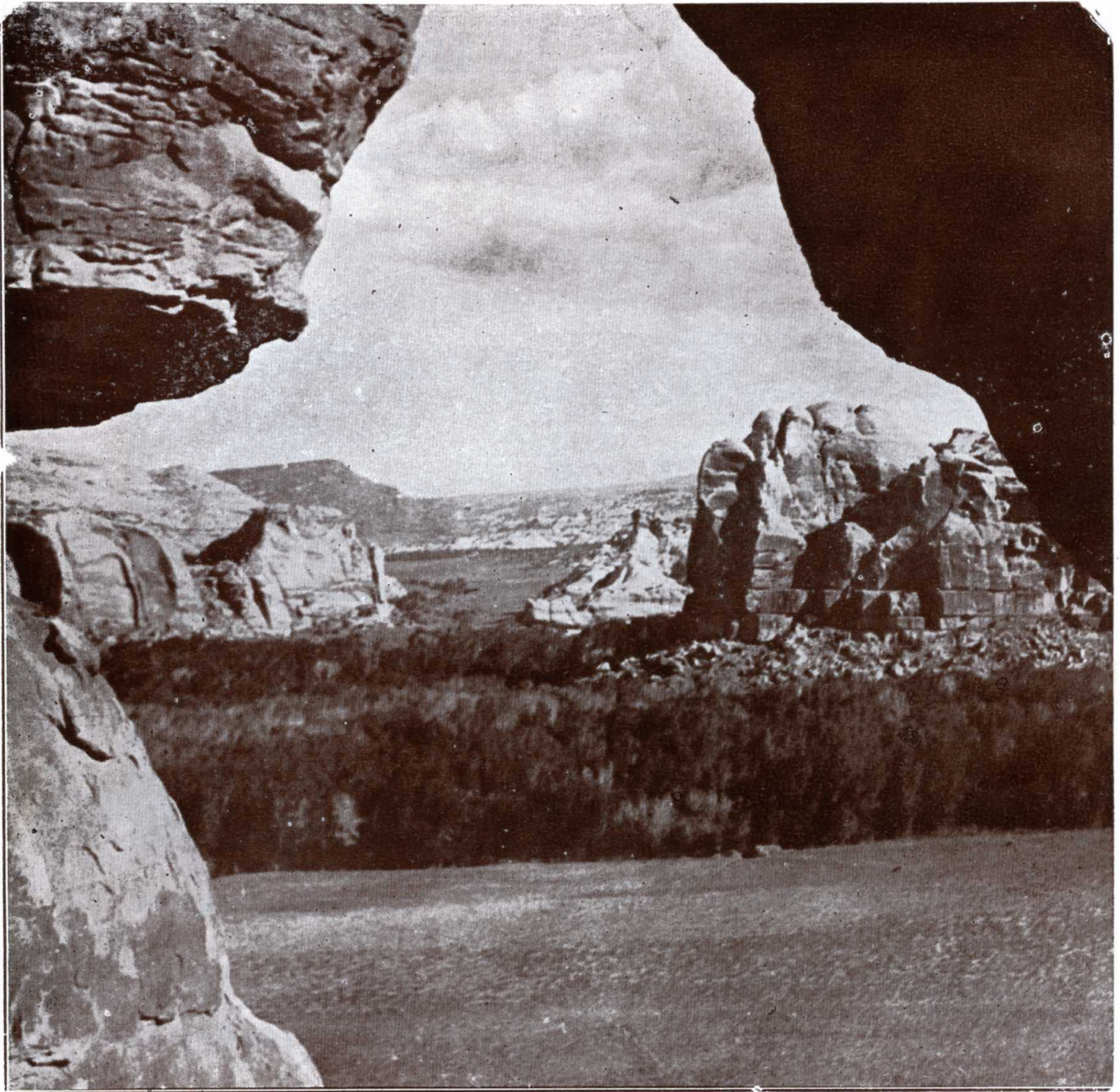
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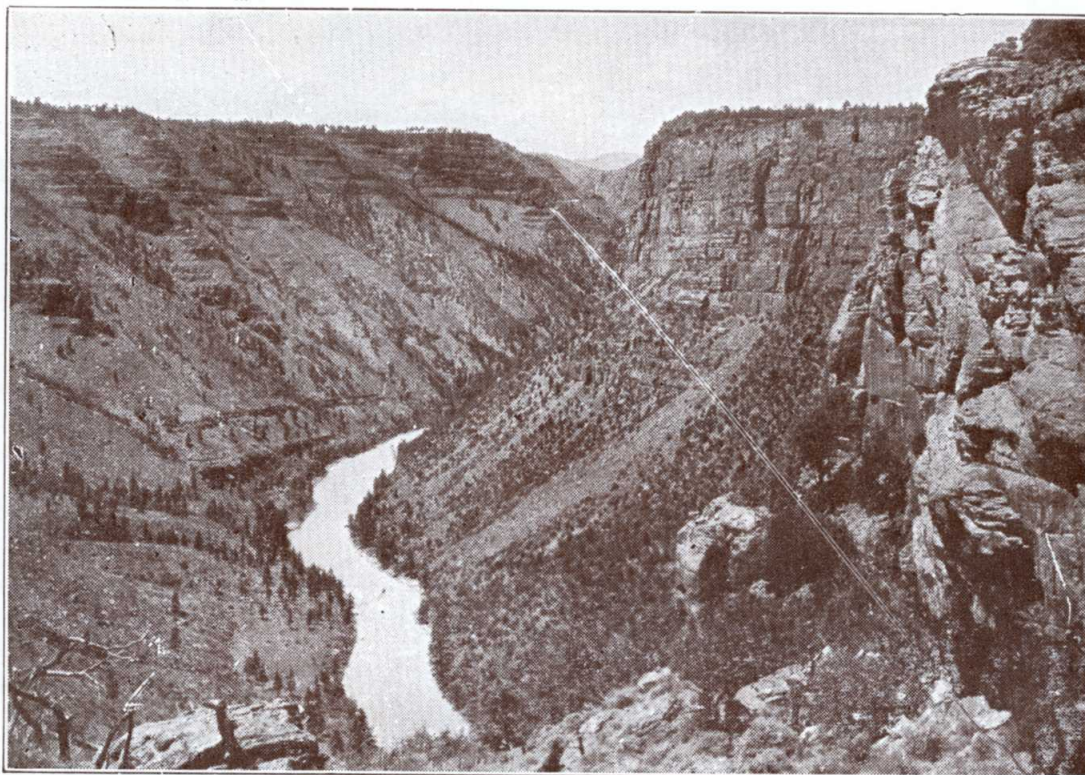
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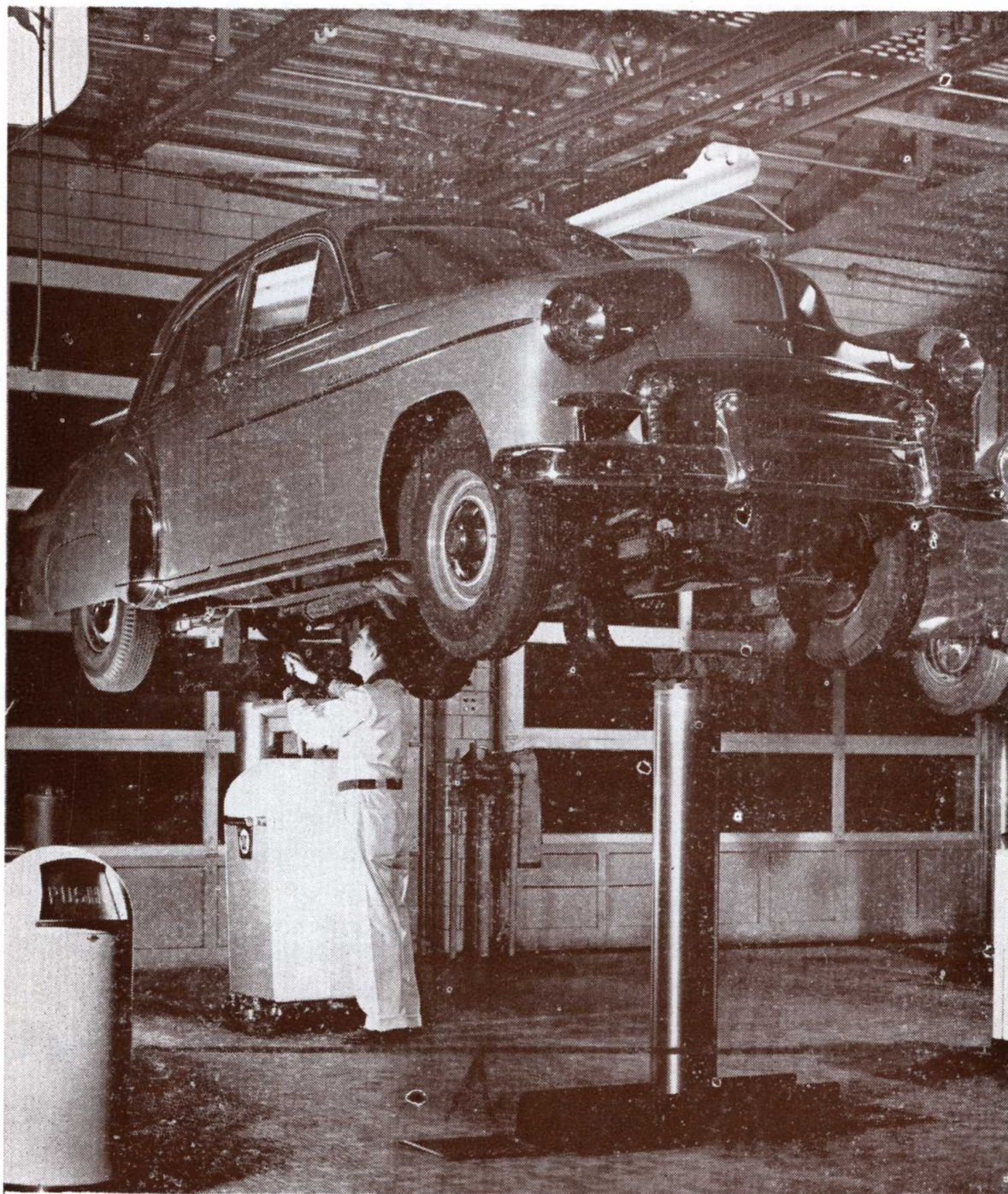
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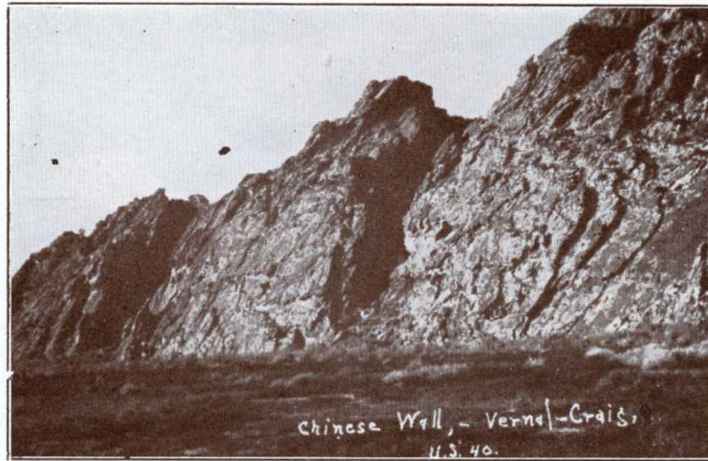
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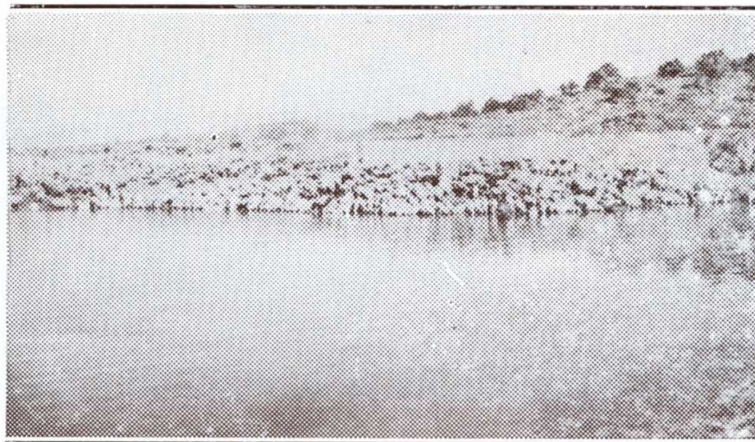


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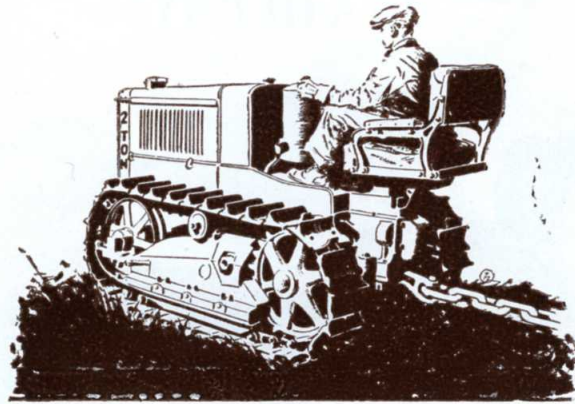
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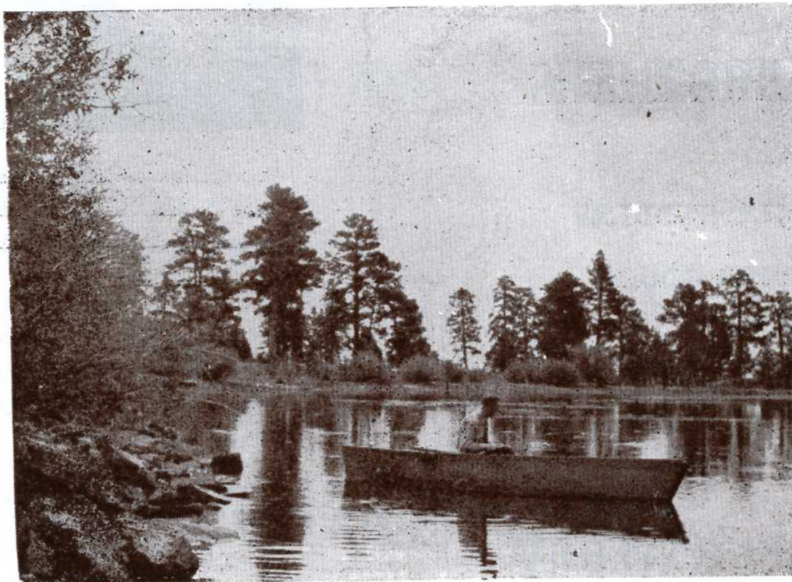
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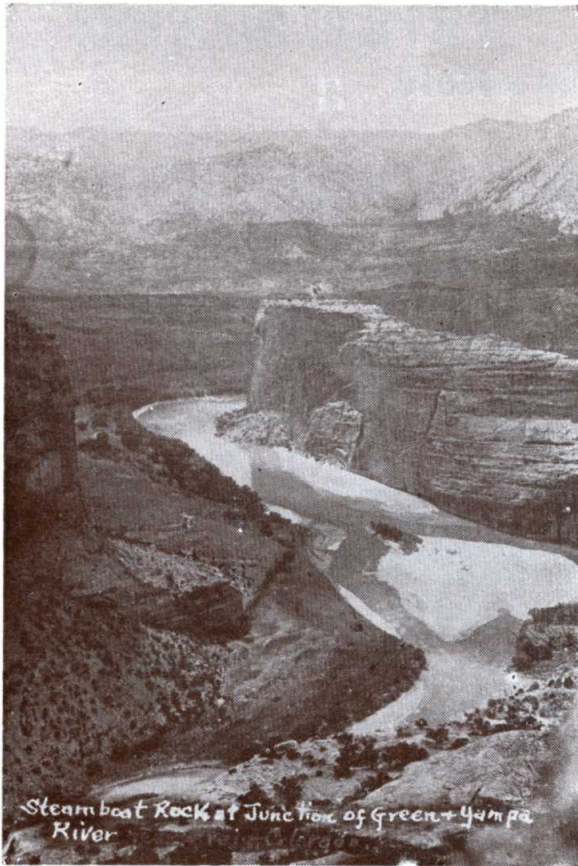
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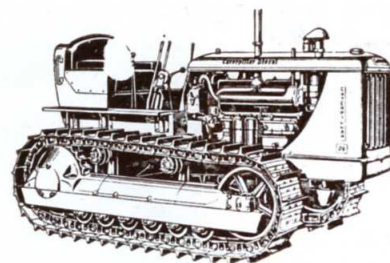
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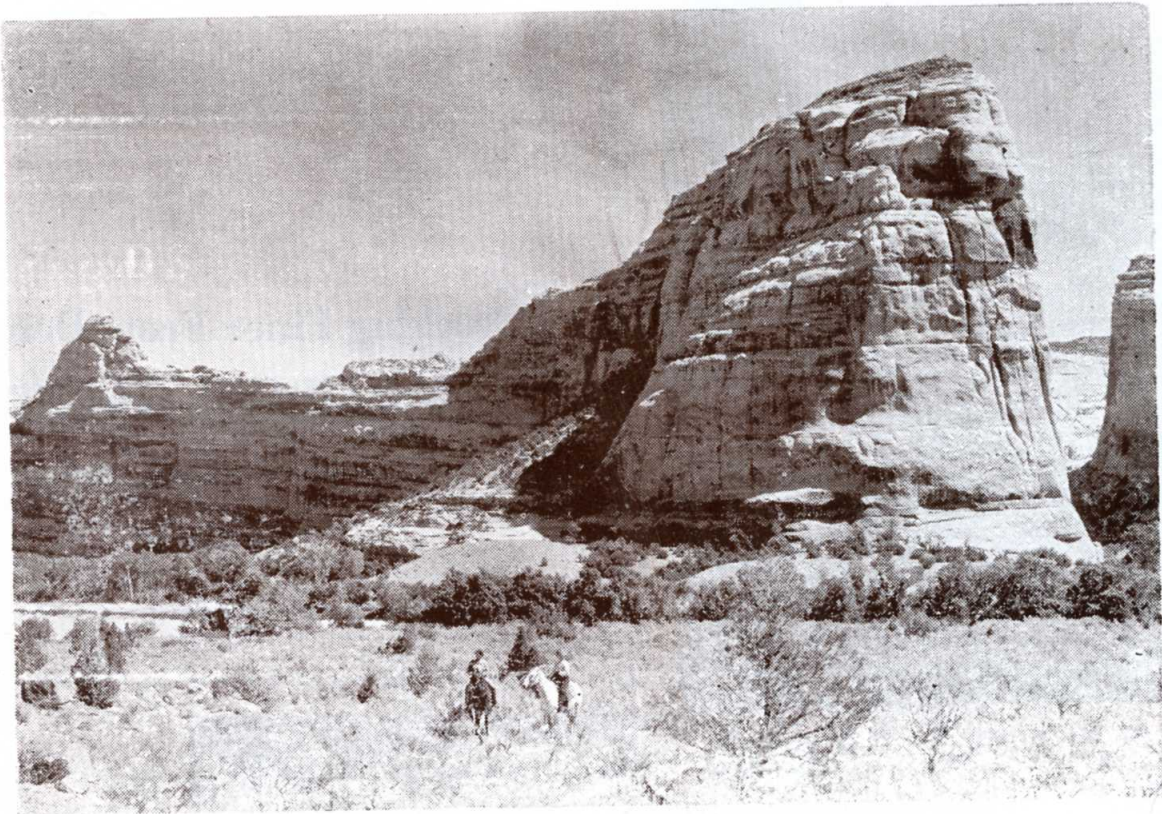
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Grant Parry
Vice President Vernal Rodeo
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Secretary Vernal Rodeo
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Vernal Rodeo Committee



Pictured above is the 1953 Vernal Rodeo Committee. Front row l. to r. Verne Gifford, Ed Jackson, Warren Mott, rodeo president, and Charles Johnson. Second row l. to r. Rex Striegel, Wilo Mackey, Ralph Preece, Reed Birchell and Harry Brown. Top row l. to r. Leslie Thacker, Grant Parry and Lee Jenkins. Missing when the picture was taken: Marion Hall, Bill Dunn, Ralph Hall and Russ Holley.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—DAILY

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

WESTERN PARADE.....	10:30 A.M.
GRAND ENTRY.....	2:00 P.M.
RODEO	2:15 P.M.
RODEO DANCE.....	9:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

WESTERN PARADE.....	10:30 A.M.
GRAND ENTRY.....	2:00 P.M.
RODEO	2:15 P.M.
RODEO DANCE.....	9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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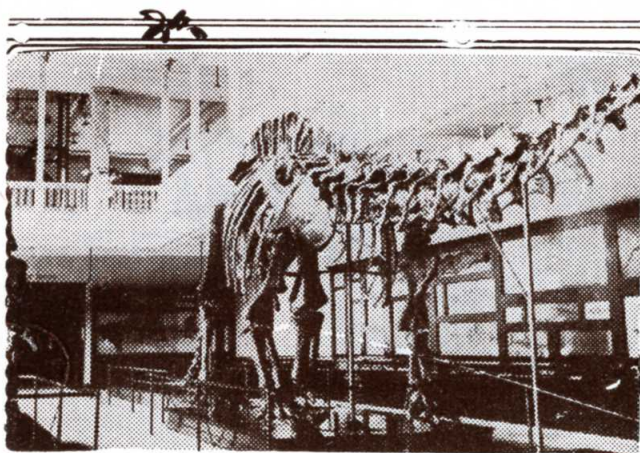
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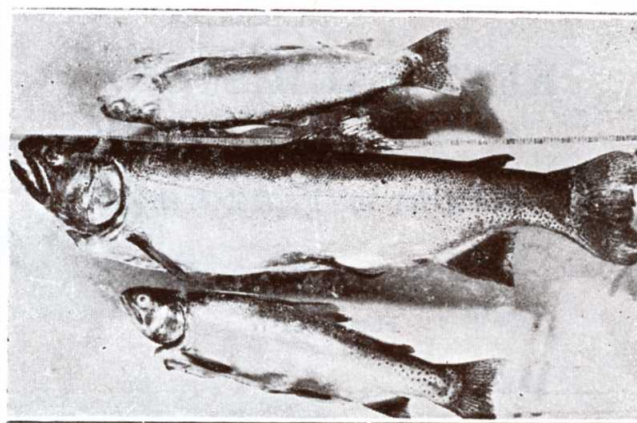
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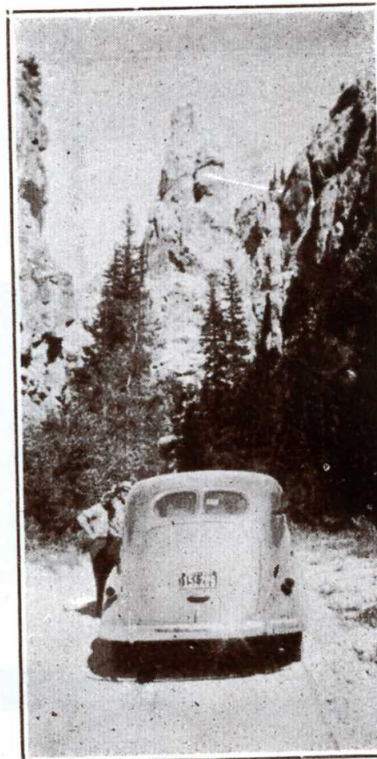
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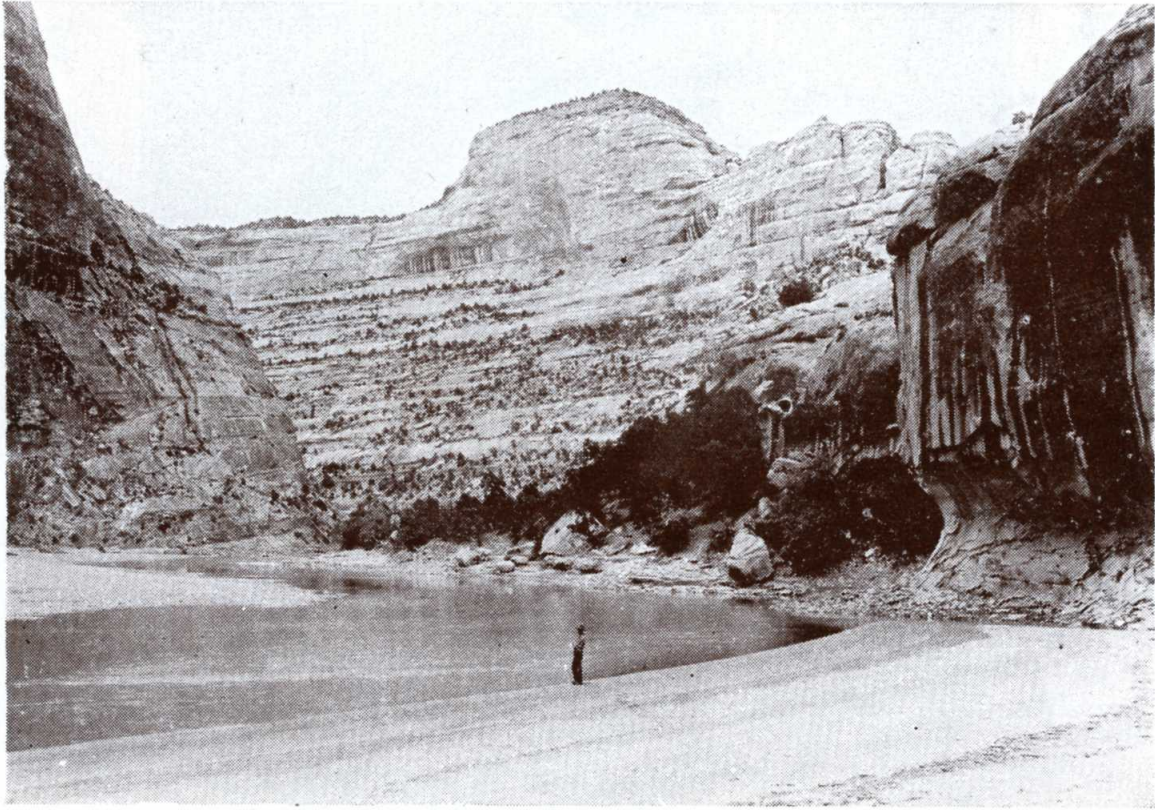
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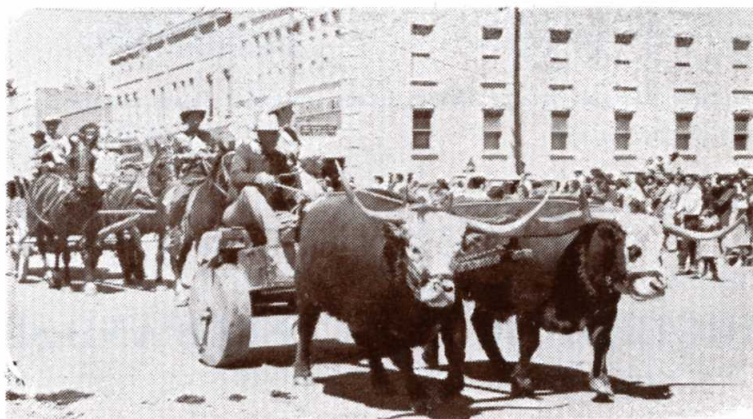
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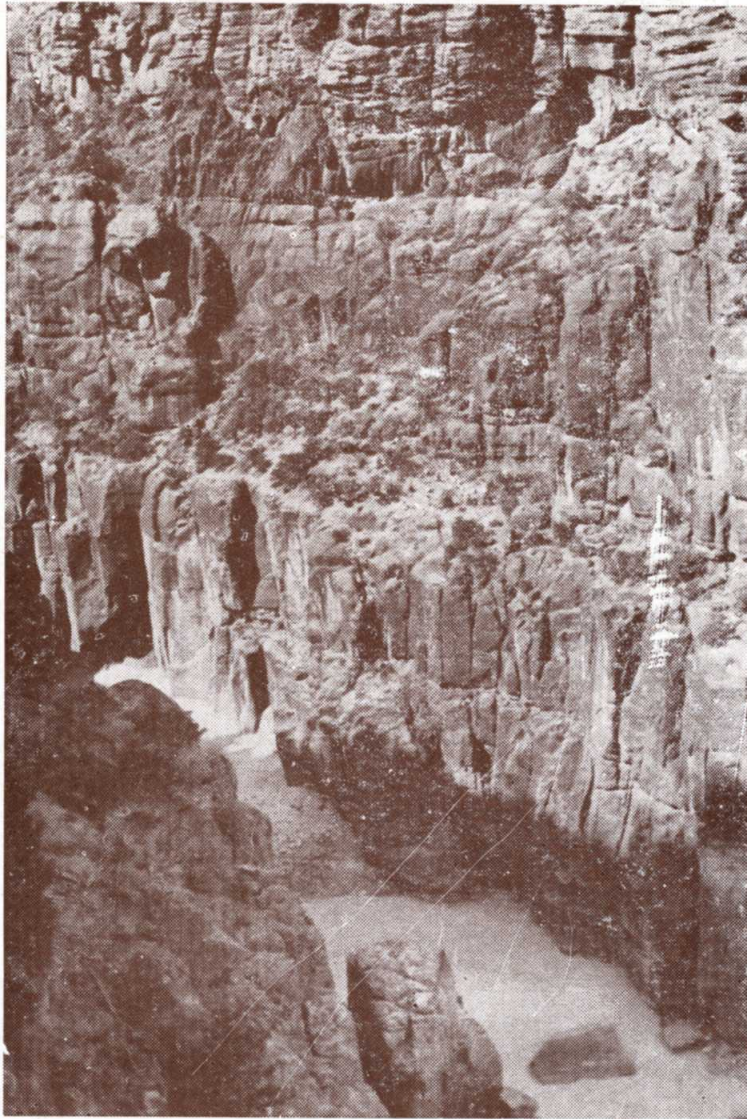
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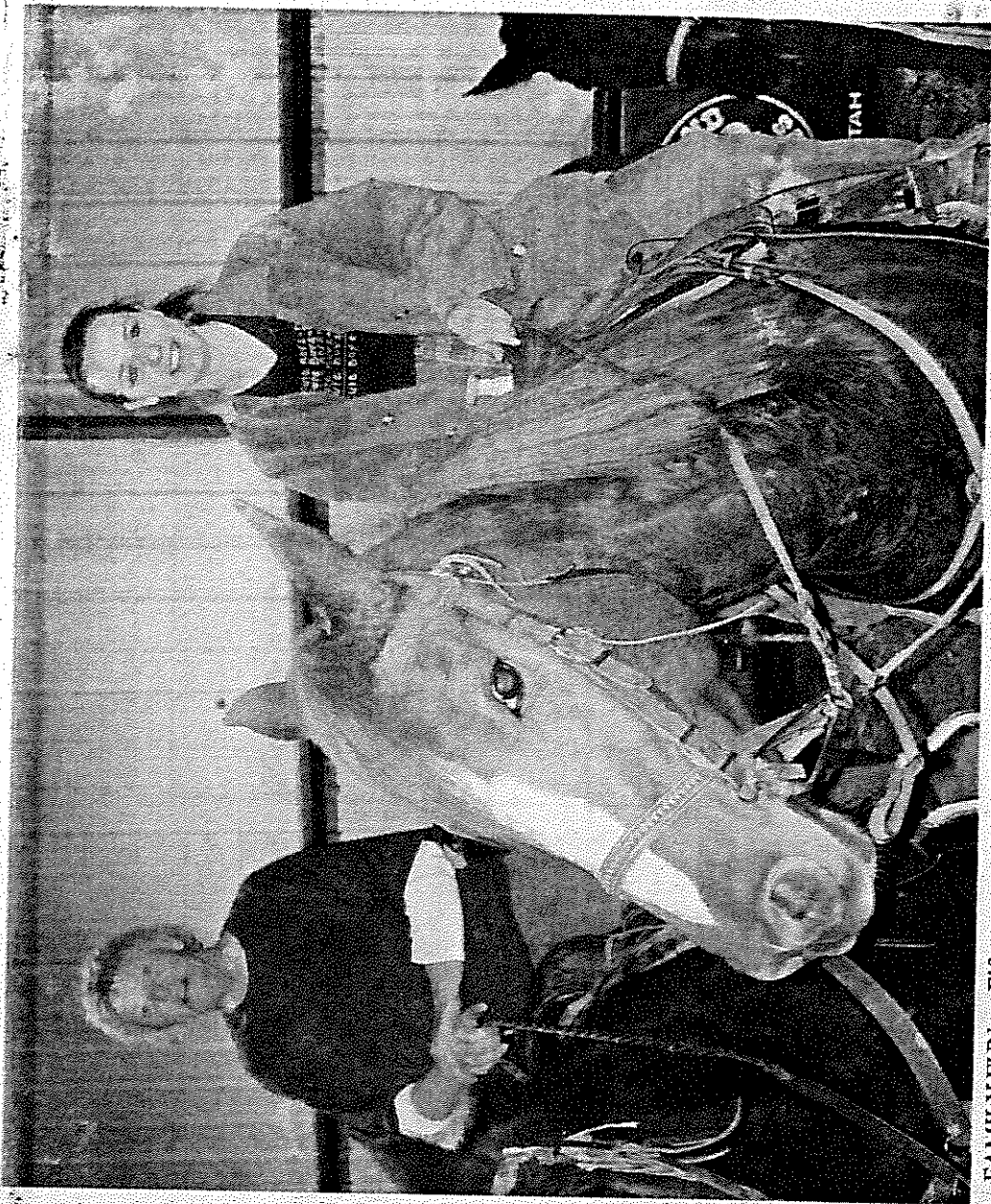
Barrel racers are addicted to their sport

By Susan Collier

Snow flakes fell on the roof of Chad Richards' Roosevelt arena last Thursday night as members of the Uintah Barrel Racing Association took turns racing around the barrels. This hardy group of about 25 riders will probably be joined by others when the weather breaks and the Spring Series starts March 25. "Some people just don't like to ride in the winter," said UBRA President Cindy Thomson.

The Winter Series has been running since January and many folks wonder what makes a person so dedicated to riding and barrel racing that they load and unload and then saddle and unsaddle a horse in sub-zero weather just for a ride that lasts less than 17 seconds. "Because I enjoy it," is the response many riders give. And to be fair they do warm up their horses for about a half hour before the racing starts.

While they wait their turn to fly around the barrels they also enjoy watching and rooting for their friends from the backs of their steeds. "Hurry, Hurry," they shout as each rider heads for the next barrel or the



FAMILY FUN — Fifteen year old Leah Richards and her 57-year old grandmother Billie Reed, cheered on other barrel racers as they wait their turn to run the barrels. Leah's parents, Sandra and Dean Richards, and her 12-year old cousin Steve also waited for their turns.



RAKING—Little Austin quickly ran to help smooth the dirt around a barrel after five horses had made ruts that could have made it more difficult for the next five riders.

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Many who participate in the sport agree that the diversity of the group is what makes barrel racing so fun. Men and women, young and old take part in the sport. Some are experienced professionals and others are just newcomers. Like Dorri Hicken of Bridgeand who joined the group this winter. "I think I can do this, then I get here and think I can't," she commented. "I'm just hoping not to get killed or hurt."

Many think barrel racing is an addiction. Even some of the horses seem addicted. When Leah Richards cued 4-year old Lil to head for the arena the hot mare started spinning and became hard to control. Finally, when Richards calmed the quarterhorse down a little the two set off at breakneck speed. "Everything that horse knows Leah taught her," commented Sandra Richards, Leah's mom.

"It can be a lifestyle," said Thomson. "It's a little different than a lot of sports. You have to feed and take care of your horse and have to get your horse in shape to compete."

The cost is more prohibitive than many sports. "The quarterhorse is the horse of choice for most of the riders," said Thomson. The price of a horse alone ranges from \$10 to \$130,000. There are also veterinary, feed, shoeing and boarding costs. Most riders also own a horse trailer

which means they usually have a big truck to haul it and the supplies they often have to pick up for their equine friend.

Thomson, 46, is the only active member of the group since it was founded in 1975 by Jo Workman and Dixie Allen. Many of the current and former members have won at rodeos and other events at least partly because of the practice and advice they get at their weekly sorties. "It is good preparation place to get your horse running better and get him used to being away from home so he can go on to bigger things," said Thomson. "Some of us are very competitive." Thomson has been the Western States Rodeo Association and Mountain States Rodeo Association champion barrel racer. Her winnings include 13 saddles, two horse trailers, belt buckles and money.

Several members of the UBRA have gone on to do well in high school, college and the professional ranks. Former member Lori McNeill Pullman won the national college barrel racing title one year. Suzanne Fausett Huffman, another former member and well-known name in barrel-racing circles, qualified and rode in the national finals rodeo.

The members of UBRA ride once a week for 40 weeks. The weeks are grouped into four ten week series, a winter series, a spring series, a summer series, and a fall series. The only

time they take off is November and December. Each week a member pays \$20 to run the barrels, and her time is recorded with a sophisticated electronic timing device. The money is paid back each week and at the end of each series members with the highest number of points in each division win cash or tack.

There are three divisions. The open division is open to anyone. Youth is for children from 10 to 15, and pee-wee is for children up to nine.

If you think the barrel racing lifestyle might be for you, check out the last two sessions of the winter series at the Western Park Arena in Vernal on March 11 and 18 from 7-18 p.m. Fans, family and spectators are welcome to help cheer on the riders and their mounts, or bring a horse and participate. There is no need to call in advance because sign up is at 6:30 p.m. the night of the race.

"I have had some nice horses and a lot of support from my family. I can't complain. Barrel racing has been good to me. It is therapy to me," said Thomson. "I love it. It is such a rush." You can call Thomson at 789-5142 for more information.

HURRY, HURRY, GO, GO—Friends yelled for this rider to hurry as she rounded a barrel and headed back toward the gate.



Bascom rigging to celebrate 75th year

The 75th year of rodeo's first one-hand bareback rigging will be celebrated at Vernal's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

The event will also honor the name of the late rodeo champion, Earl W. Bascom, who thought up, designed and made the now famous one-handed rigging back in 1924.

"Bascom's Rigging," as it was called, was first used some 75 years ago and has since become the standard equipment for riding bareback broncs at professional rodeos throughout the world.

Before it became a widely accepted way of riding broncs, rodeo contestants were using two hands to ride bareback.

Earl Bascom, who was born in Vernal in 1906, gained fame as a rodeo champion having been inducted into four Halls of Fame, and received international recognition for his rodeo equipment designs.

Later in life, Bascom became internationally acclaimed as an artist and sculptor.

Before he passed away in 1995, he was accepted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London, England.

Bascom's design came from a

culmination of many years of bareback riding experience. He started rodeoing in 1916 and over the years had made and used a variety of bareback riggings.

Bascom designed his one-hand rigging in Stirling, Alberta Canada on the family ranch.

He took a section of rubber belting, discarded from a threshing machine and cut out the entire rigging in one piece. The handhold was folded back and riveted to the main body of the rigging with dee rings riveted to each side of the latigos.

This rigging became rodeo's first one-hand bareback rigging when it was used at the Raymond Stampede in Alberta Canada in July of 1924.

That same year, Bascom refined his design making another rigging out of leather and rawhide.

With sole leather for the rigging body and strips of leather with rawhide sewn between for the handhold, it had sheepskin glued under the handhold to protect the knuckles.

In the 1930s when the Cowboy Turtle Association (forerunner of today's PRCA) was formed, "Bascom's Rigging" was the Cadillac of the industry and became professional rodeo's standard design.

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Chad Bedell being congratulated by Rex Jacobsen, DRR VIP Co-Chairman, at the 1995 NFR in Las Vegas.

Bedell eyes number one slot

Chad Bedell from Jensen has been on the move the last two months working his way to the top of the Crown Royal standings in steer wrestling.

From Rapids City, S.D. through Scottsdale, Ariz., down to the Centennial Fort Worth, Texas Rodeo, Bedell has kept up a vigil of low times and high scores. At this

time, he is number nine in the race for the number one NFR back number. Where the race for number one is almost always a multi-event accomplishment, Bedell does only one event — Steer Wrestling. However, from the looks of the various standings, he has a good chance at the number one back number.

Jensen bulldogger wins world title

Chad Bedell of Jensen is the new steer wrestling world champion by virtue of his \$120,783 earnings for the year.

The steer wrestling title was Bedell's to lose when the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) began last week in Las Vegas, Nev. but stiff competition by several other bulldoggers put the pressure on the 30-year-old in the final performance.

NFR rookie Todd Suhr, 23, of Laramie, Wyo. had only to make a decent run in round No. 10 to win the average title and the world championship, but he broke the barrier to fall out of the average race and out of contention. Bedell took advantage of the stumble, posting a 3.9-second run to tie for second in the round, place seventh in the average and win his first

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world title. Bedell earned \$40,727 at the NFR. The annual earnings mark eclipsed the record \$117,987 set by four-time titlist Ote Berry a year ago. The steer wrestling average title was captured by 1992 world champ Mark Roy of Daemead, Alberta, who downed 10 steers in 44.8 seconds. Bedell's average payoff was \$3,390 at 52.5 seconds.

By round, Bedell was 4th in round one with a time of 4.1 seconds and winning \$2,242, fourth in round two at 4.1 and \$3,355, didn't place in round three and four, placed first in round five at 4.1 seconds and \$8,361, out of the money in round six, placed second in round seven at 3.8 and \$8,352, didn't place in round eight, placed third in round nine at 3.9 seconds and \$6,675 and placed second in round 10 at 3.9 seconds and \$8,352.

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Bedell honored in joint meeting

In a joint meeting of the Vernal and Naples City councils and Uintah County Commission, an award was presented to Chad Bedell. The award was in recognition for the accomplishments of Bedell and the support of his mother, Sharon.

Bedell was the only participant from Utah in the 1994 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 2 through 11, 1994.

He placed second in average and eighth for Year-end Steer Wrestling.

The 28-year old Jensen resident graduated from Uintah High School in 1984 and has been a professional steer wrestler for nine years.

He, his father and brother run a guide and outfitting business out of Clark, Colo.

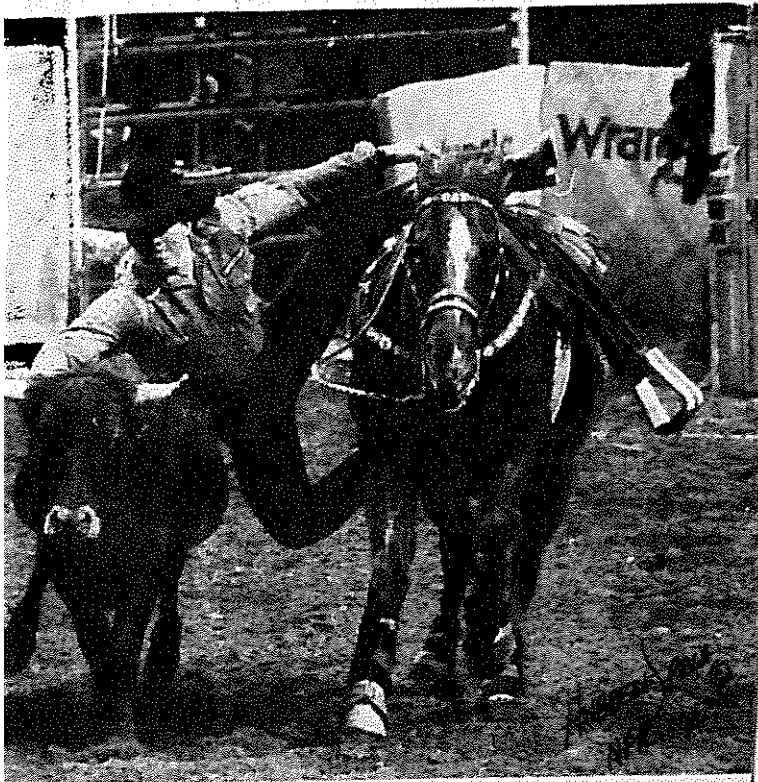
Bedell just returned from Denver, Colo., where he took fourth place in the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo. His schedule includes rodeos in Scottsdale, Ariz., Feb. 2; San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 4; and Ft. Worth, Texas, Feb. 11.

He will compete in 70 rodeos a year.

"It's been a fun 28 years!" said Sharon.

"Thank you for representing Uintah Basin in such fine fashion," read the award, signed by May Leonard Heeney and John Ma and Glen McKee, chairman of county commissioners.

Bedell said, "I appreciate recognition."

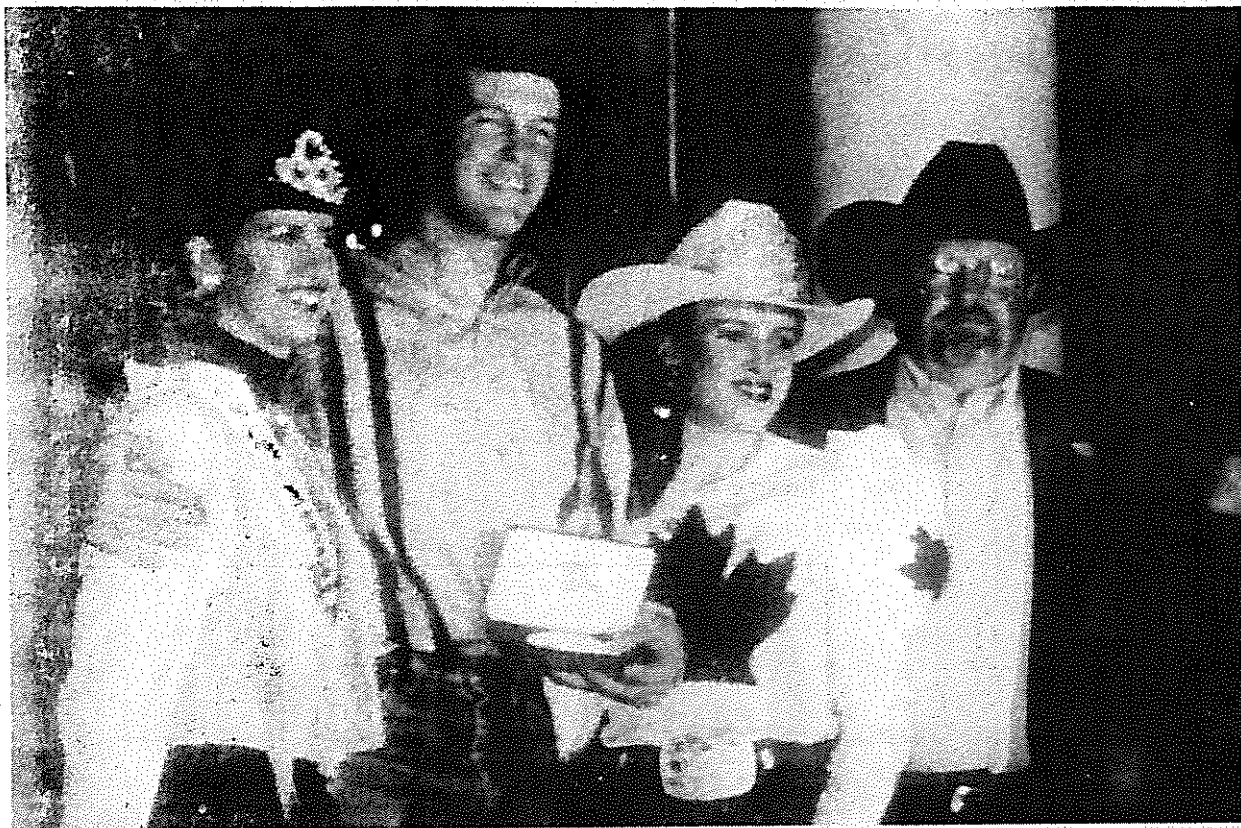


Chad Bedell steer-wrestling in 1995 National Finals Rodeo



Chad Bedell and his mother, Sharon

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Miss Rodeo America, Miss Rodeo Canada and Gold Coast Buckle Sponsor present 1st place buckle to Chad Bedell for 7th performance in the National Finals Rodeo in Los Vegas.

Jensen man places in National Finals Rodeo

Jensen, Utah is not only home to one of the great dinosaur discoveries, but also to a two-time national finals rodeo qualifier in the Steer Wrestling event.

Chad Bedell of Jensen went into the finals in 10th position to finish the 1995 season 6th in the average of the rodeo winnings. He won

\$36,000 for the 10 steers and 5th place in the world standings with a total of \$82,403. He finished 8th in the world and 2nd in the National Finals Rodeo in 1994.

The "Super Bowl" of rodeo, the National Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas, Nev. last week gave the top 15 contestants in seven events a

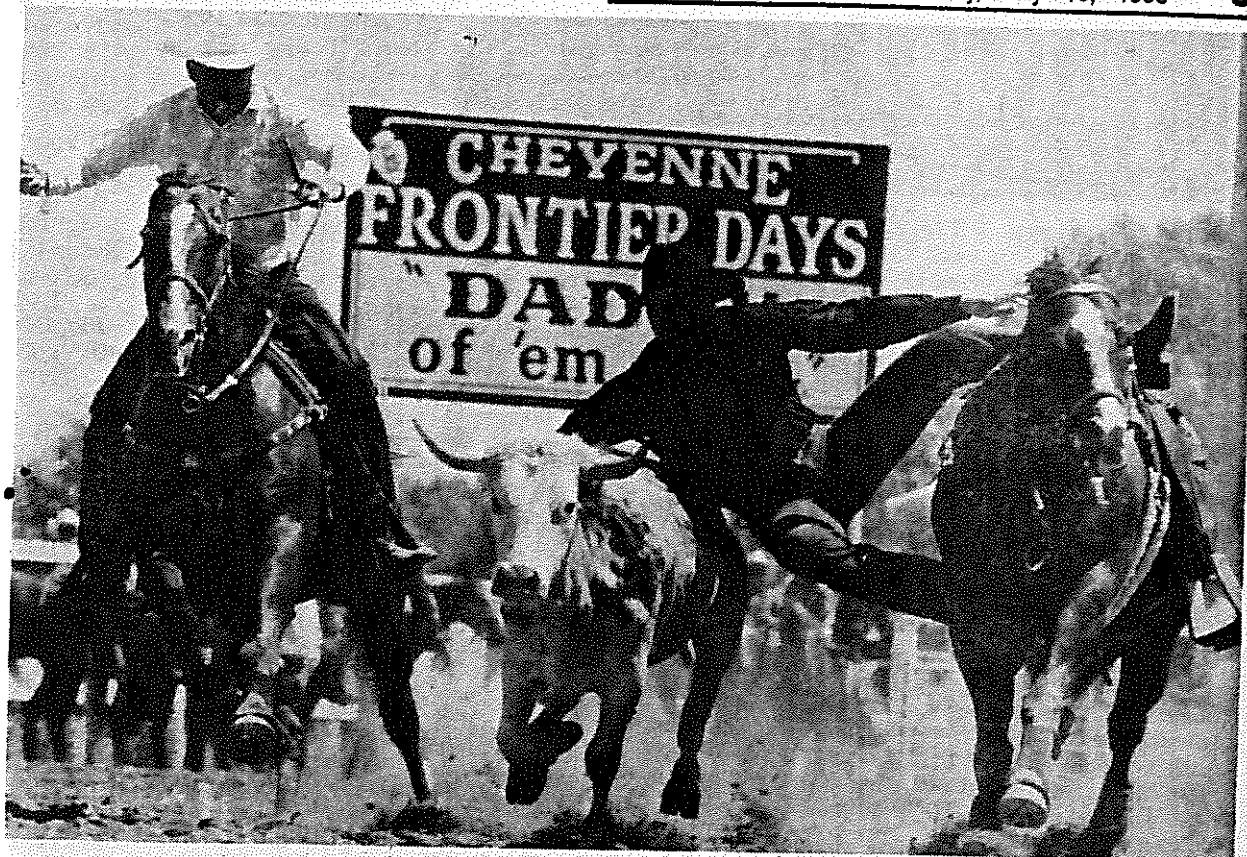
chance to compete for a share of the \$3 million purse in front of a crowd of 170,000.

Bedell was the only Utah PRCA contestant to qualify for the NFR in both 1994 and 1995. During the event, Tanya McKinnon, Miss Rodeo Utah of Randolph was crowned Miss Rodeo America for 1996.

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Bedell competes in Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo.

Bedell wins Wilderness Circuit Finals

by Pat Conn

Chad Bedell of Jensen is ranked number one in steer wrestling by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys of America.

He's already earned over \$80,000 this year in rodeos across the United States, but his most recent winning catapulted him to first place in steer wrestling at the

Wilderness Circuit Finals in the Golden Spike Arena in Ogden last week.

Bedell average 13.8 seconds in three runs, the second time he's won the year-end average, but the first time he's won both the average, and the steer-wrestling Wilderness Circuit Finals. Bedell will be going on to compete against other circuit winners at the

National Circuit Finals Rodeo to be held in Pocatello, Idaho, this coming March, but first he has a very important stop to make in December.

December 6 through the 15 Bedell will be in Las Vegas for the PRCA Season Finals. In the stands will be his mother, Sharon Bedell of Jensen and his 91-year-old grandmother, Bernice Arnett of

Grand Junction, Colo. Sharon Bedell says Chad feels good about the up-coming competition. His number one ranking has a healthy lead over the other steer wrestlers.

With the enthusiastic support of his family, and his usual high level of performance, the end of the season finals could easily see Chad Bedell of Jensen as the next World's Champion Steer Wrestler.

Blue Mt. Cowboys to Put On Three-Day Rodeo At Vernal Sept. 5, 6, & 7th

Aug 18, 1932

Dinosaur Program to be Held at Vernal on the Forenoon of Tuesday, September 6. Change of Place and Date for Dino- saur Celebration.

While it was announced by the Washington Bicentennial Committee they would hold a Dinosaur celebration on August 25th at Jensen, it has been found necessary to change the date to Tuesday September 6 at Vernal in conjunction with the Rodeo.

Great headway has been made in securing a Washington Memorial boulevard from Jensen to the Dinosaur quarry and a Memorial Museum over the site of the quarry. Retrenchment in government expenses in all directions prevented Utah from coming into her own at this particular time to this world famous scenic and scientific wonder.

It is hoped at this celebration September 6 to inform the public of the progress that has been made and enlarge the endeavors of all the agencies at work to secure for the West recognition by the government for immediate financial aid for its development.

It is possible to create a Washington memorial boulevard and a Dinosaur National memorial park. It will add still greater value to the wonderful project.

At this meeting Congressman Don B. Colton to whom great credit must be given for keeping the eyes of Washington constantly focused on the Dinosaur Monument and its great scientific value to the nation and world will be the principal speaker. Mr. Colton will tell of the progress made and what still must be done to get our desires accomplished.

Other speakers who will be invited will be Henry H. Blood, chairman of the state road commission and Congressman Ed Taylor of Colorado. Mr. Taylor has worked incessantly with Mr. Colton for the Dinosaur project as sponsored by all the agencies ever the ambitious one of the Jensen Bicentennial committee.

It is also hoped a speaker from the University of Utah will be present and tell of the work being done in assembling the Dinosaur fossils at the U of U. Also how it would be possible to create at the Dinosaur quarry the greatest natural museum in all the world.

Representatives from all the civic bodies of all the Uintah Basin towns have been invited to be present that they may carry to their communities the necessity for concerted action. It is also expected that representatives will be present from the Lions club or other organizations from Salt Lake City, Provo, Park City, Heber City, Craig, Colorado, Steamboat Springs, Hayden, Glenwood Springs and other

towns along the Victory highway. There is a possibility of securing emergency aid for unemployment on a part of this project. And if so work would be started much sooner than we now have reason to believe it will.

It is hoped that all the people of the entire section will be present and thus encourage Utah's and Colorado's interested Congressmen to greater efforts if possible for immediate financial aid for the development for one of the West's greatest resources. That located in Utah right at our doors. At least we can show them our hearts and our desires are for this very thing.

Riding, Bulldogging, Roping, Racing, Parades, Ball Games, Boxing Bouts and Dances to Feature Three- day Rodeo Celebration at Vernal, September 5, 6, & 7, sponsored by Blue Mountain Cowboys.

Vernal will get all the thrills of being in the Wild and Woolly West on September 5, 6, and 7 when the Blue Mountain Cowboys put on one of the fastest rodeos with the hardest bucking horses ever assembled before in the Intermountain region. A string of 84 bucking horses will be used for the celebration. Features of the rodeo will be a street parade on the opening day with the cowboys, Indians, Uintah high school band and race horses. A championship baseball game will be played off in a three day series each morning. A 50-piece U. H. S. military band under the leadership of Lloyd Winn will give concerts during the three days of the rodeo. The rodeo will commence daily at 1 p. m. at the Fair grounds. The events will include bronco busting, steer riding, bull riding, bulldogging, calf roping, team roping, wild horse relay, one quarter, three eighths and five eighths mile races and other stunts. There will be something doing every minute and the committee promises that there will be no waits.

In the evening a 45 round boxing contest will be staged at the Farm Bureau and dancing will be at Docs Beach and the Imperial Hall.

On the morning of the second day a Dinosaur program will be given at the Court House grounds at which Congressman Don B. Colton, Commissioner Henry H. Blood of the State road commission, Ed Taylor of the Colorado state road commission, of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and Dr. Fred J. Pack, geologist of the University of Utah will be speakers. A special musical program is being arranged.

On the morning of the third day a light horse show will be conducted by U. S. Army officers at 10:00 a. m. The remount officers will judge in the following classes: 1. Sucking colts, first prize full service to either of local remount stallions; 2. earling colts; 3. Two year olds; 4. Three-year Olds and up these to be judged for desirable mounts; 5. Saddle horses to be judged under saddle for desirability as cow ponies.

The celebration will be the first to be given by the Blue Mountain organization and it is planned to make the event an annual affair. Elmer Bow has charge of horses. Joe Haslem is secretary and treasurer. Roy Clark conceals Van Massey, boxing bout, Roy Clark, Clyde Haslem, John Haslem and Streeter Rhinehart directors.

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SPORTS

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Brothers enjoy wrestling steers at Days of '47 Rodeo

By Aldon Rachele

Dave Woolstenhulme is a busy guy. He is the director of Utah State University-Uintah Basin student services, teaches physical education and business classes, and is a Roosevelt city councilman, but he still finds time to compete in Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) sanctioned events.

Back on Tuesday, July 19, he competed along with his younger brother, Andy Woolstenhulme in

the Days of '47 Rodeo in Salt Lake City. He placed third in the first round of the steer wrestling event. Andy was fifth. (Dave placed first in Saturday's show (July 23) at 4.7 and Andy was third at 7.3.) They both netted the rare honor of being pictured doing their tussling best in the daily newspapers in Salt Lake City. Dave's photo was in the Deseret Morning News and Andy's pix was in the Salt Lake Tribune.

"I've been competing in PRCA events for 20 years. I go to about 20 rodeos a year. I'm getting older and I've cut down. I have more responsibilities. When I was younger I went to 45 to 50 rodeos a year," Dave Woolstenhulme stated. "I competed and had a pretty good run at the Days of '47 rodeo."

When asked if being a steer wrestler helps him in city council duties, Dave said, "Steer wrestling has no correlation to city council. Being a city councilman is why I'm not going to as many rodeos. I'm not serious on rodeoing." He does most of his rodeoing on weekends.

The steer wrestler, who is also known as a "bulldogger", uses his strength and technique to wrestle a steer to the ground as quickly as possible. The animal usually weighs twice as much as the cowboy and by the time the two come together, they're both traveling at 30 miles per hour.

When the cowboy reaches the steer, he slides down and off the right side of his galloping horse,

hooks his right arm around the steer's right horn, grasps the left horn with his left hand and slows the animal down and wrestles it to the ground. His work is complete when the steer is on its side with all four feet pointing the same direction.

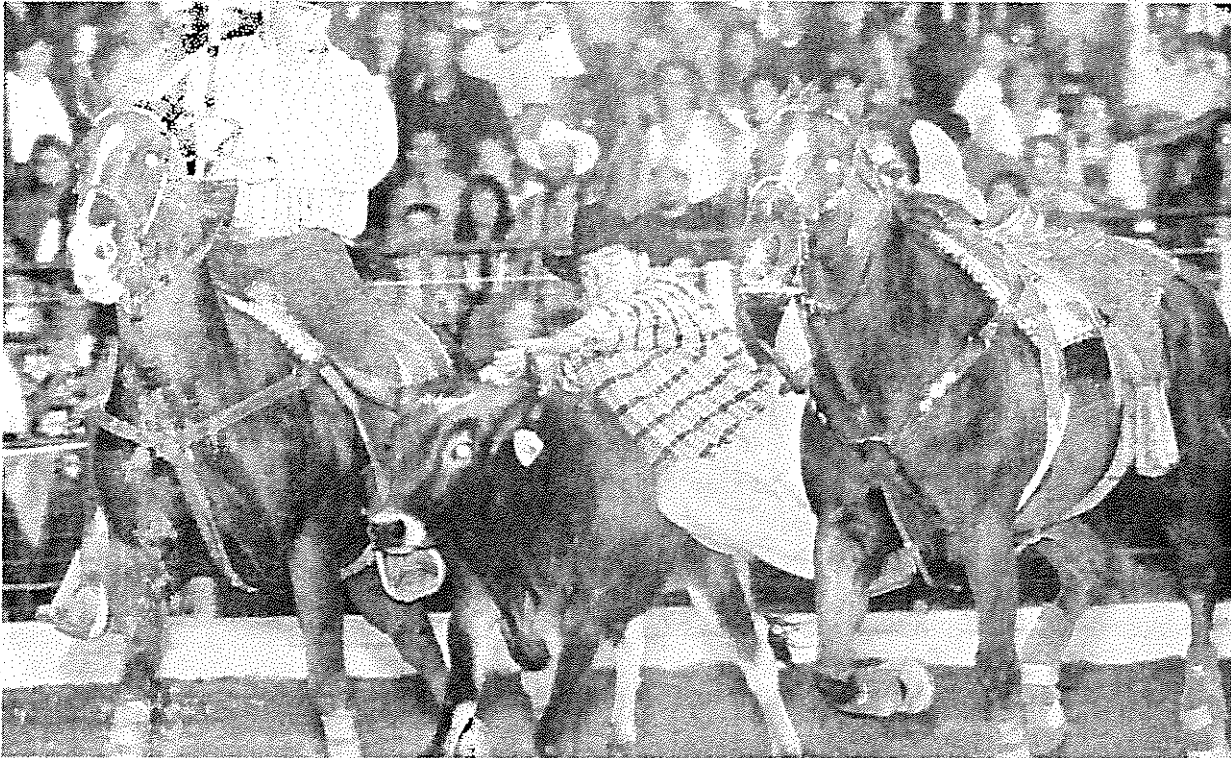
The cowboy uses a "hazer" (another mounted cowboy), to catch the steer. The "hazer" gallops his horse along the right side of the steer and keeps it from veering away from the bulldogger.

"Drawing a good steer is the secret to success. I ride a horse I sold to Justin Robb, of Mountain Home. He travels with us (Andy, Dave) and is also a steer wrestler. He has been doing really well this summer," Dave said. "You have to have a 'hazer' to keep the steer running straight. He plays a major role. I haze for Andy and Justin, and Andy hazes for me."

The fastest time ever in steer wrestling (no barrier) was obtained by Oral Zumwatt in the 1930s at 2.2. Four cowboys own the 2.4-second mark (with a barrier). A breakaway rope barrier is attached to a steer and stretched across an open end of the box where the bulldogger is located on horseback. If the bulldogger breaks the barrier before the steer reaches a head start, a 10-second penalty is assessed.

Craig Richens, Lapoint and Chance Abplanalp, Roosevelt, were third after the second round in team roping at the Days of '47 Rodeo at 7.4.

Uintah Basin Standard



BUSY GUY—Dave Woolstenhulme prepares to take his calf down for the count during steer wrestling. Woolstenhulme, who is an instructor at Utah State University and a Roosevelt City Councilman, competed in the event at the Days of '47 Rodeo.



The legendary Steamboat in action, 1905. The cowboy is Guy Hall.

BUCKING HORSES

By DON BELL

Photos Courtesy of the Author

Each year the top bucking stock goes to the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City. Those top broncs and bulls come from the many rodeo producers and stock contractors throughout the United States. They are selected by professional rodeo people, and it's quite an honor for a stock contractor to have several head chosen. Records of every bronc's and bull's bucking ability are kept, and only the top rodeo stock goes to finals.

The finals in rodeo are like the World Series in baseball. They are where the champions are crowned—stock and riders both. The top pro cowboys nominate the best bucking stock. The

selected stock is like a candidate running for office. The voting determines what bull or bronc makes top bull or bronc of the year.

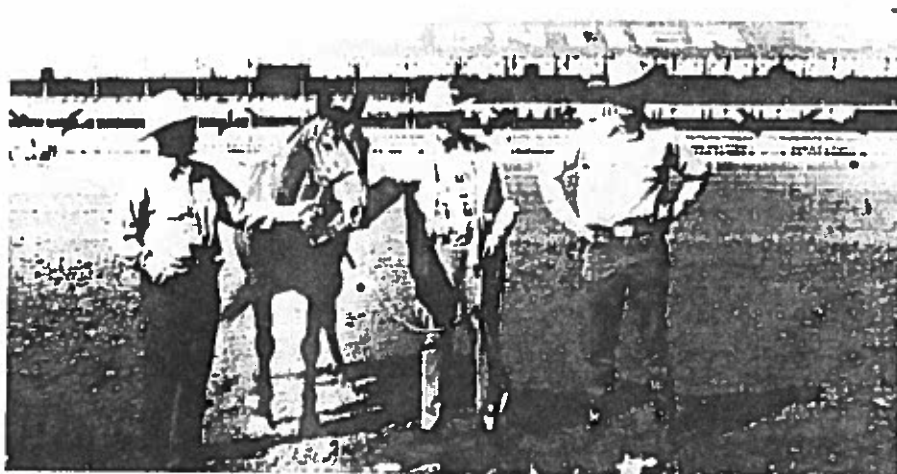
The top bucking horse used to be given a silver mounted halter. It was his crown, and it's a great honor to any stock contractor to own the bucking horse of the year. This horse goes down in the history of rodeo. The media give a champion horse as much publicity as the rider who tried to ride him.

The bucking horse of the year becomes famous for a few years but is soon forgotten. Another takes his place the next year, and the past champion grows old and is turned out. A few bucking horses who won the honor years ago were Old War Paint, Come-Apart, Trail's End, Jesse James, and Frontier Airlines. They're all but forgotten now. But the old riders never forget the great

broncs. The news media drop them and the public forgets them, but you can see them all again today if you visit the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City or the Hall of Champions in Colorado Springs.

A few of the old broncs—Steamboat, Midnight, and Five Minutes to Midnight—are as popular today as they were years ago. They are legends, and always will be. When people argue about the subject of bucking horses those three names still come up, even among the young pro riders who have never seen them.

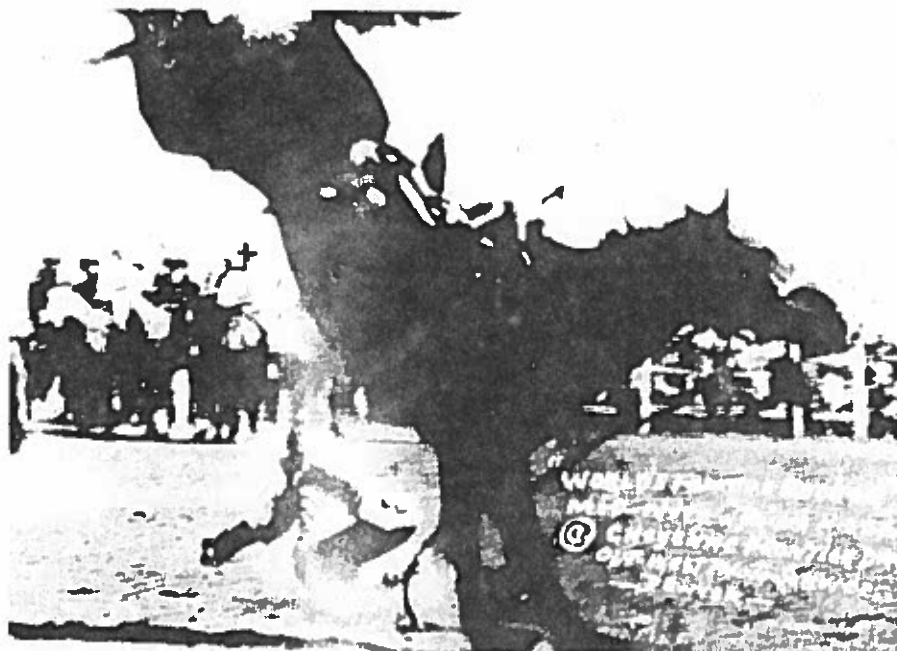
Could those three bucking horses be ridden by today's athletic riders? They were supposed to be unridable many years ago. But, today's top bronc riders could ride them. The style in bronc riding has made a big change, and today's champions ride the impossible



bronc and make it look easy. The young athletes today could ride those old champs.

The subject is open to argument until the end of time, or at least until the end of old cowboys. But I could write the names of twenty-five bronc riders who just might have ridden and qualified on any one or all three of those legendary bucking horses. And I know very well that when some old bronc rider of the twenties and thirties reads this the writer will be cussed out.

There never was a bronc that
couldn't be rode
And never a cowboy who couldn't
get thrown.

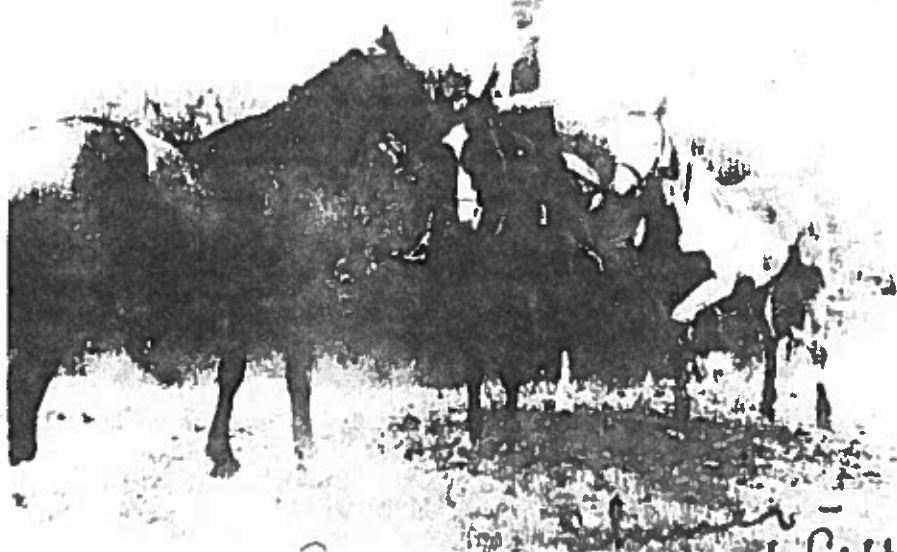


Steamboat. Steamboat was foaled on the plains of Wyoming in 1896. No one knows his breeding for sure, but he was a black-coarse built, with a long ugly head. He could have been out of a range mare and a draft stud, no doubt a Percheron. He stood sixteen hands and was powerful in his shoulders.

The Swan Lake and Cattle Company bought a bunch of rank range horses in 1900. Al Bowie, who was the manager of this large ranch, sent two cowboys over to make a gather on the newly bought bunch of broncs and deliver them to Swan headquarters. The two he sent were Jim Danks and Jim Sloan, both top cowboys.

The broncs were corralled in a few days. Al Bowie stood on the corral fence and looked this herd of broncs over closely. Horses were cheap then, and his investment wasn't too big. Jim Danks was a good bronc rider, so Al Bowie told him to rope the big black. The black was snubbed up close, and Jim Danks was the first cowboy at Swan ranches to try him. That horse could buck, and when he did each blast of breath he blew made a whistling sound. So from that day on, the black terror was christened "Steamboat."

After Steamboat made quick work of Jim Danks, Sloan said he would take a sitting on him. Sloan didn't even last long enough to hear old Steamboat blow his whistle. Al Bowie watched the horse buck, and he was different than any horse he had ever seen. Steamboat was what they called a "sun fishing horse."



Top: Old Midnight with (l-r) Vern Elliot, T. Joe Cahill, and Don Nesbitt. Middle: Midnight sheds his load. Bottom: Steamboat (left) and cowboy Sam Scoville.

Old West

He let the rider know he was falling but would always right himself when the rider was loosened up for the fall. The fall never came, though, and the big black was then condemned, an outlaw. If Danks and Sloan could not ride a bronc the horse was no good to the Swan Ranch.

Steamboat ran on the Swan range for a year or more. All who saw him knew he was the outlaw and gave him a wide berth. But late in 1901, Denver, Colorado, was to put on the Festival of Mountains and Plains. The festival was to determine who was the champion bronc rider of the world. And Steamboat found himself in captivity again, to be used in his first bucking contest.

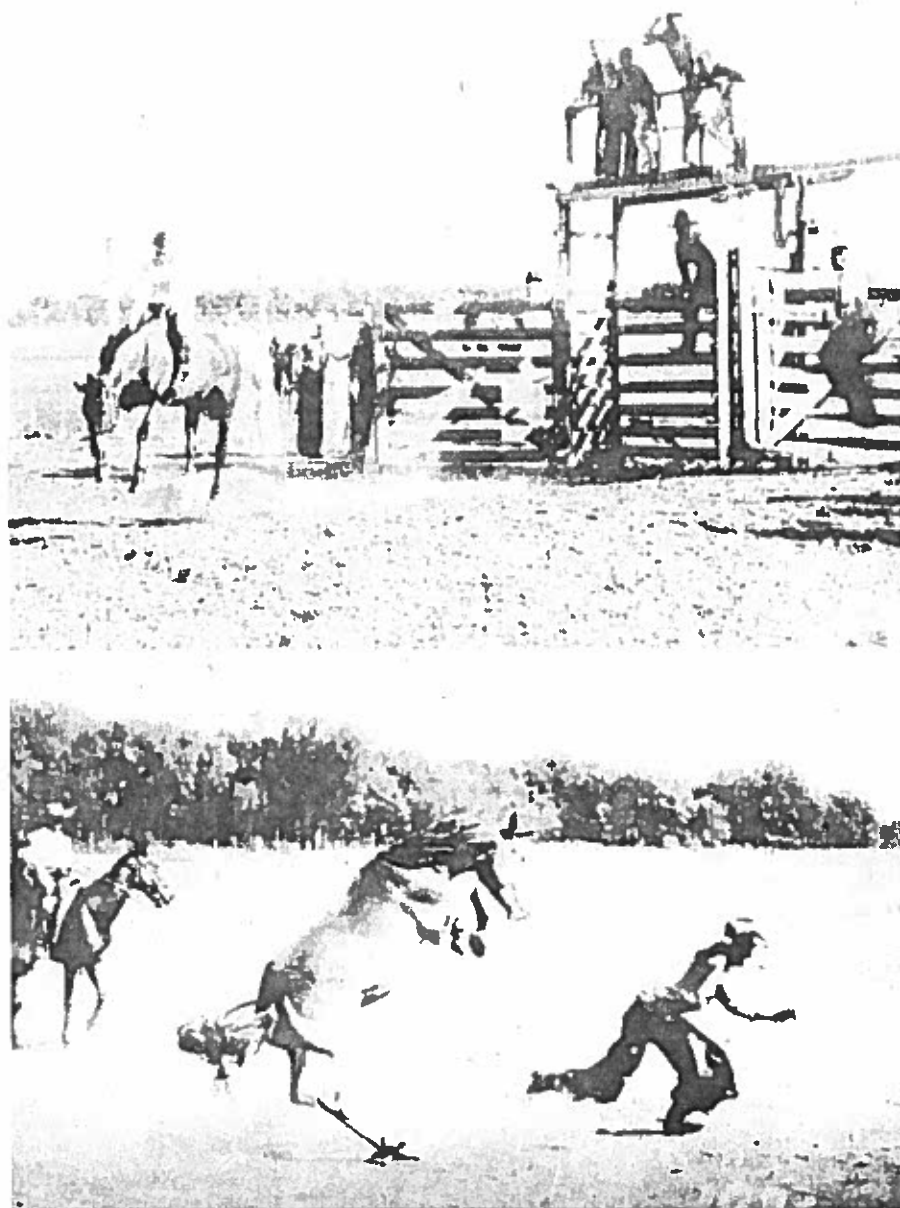
A \$1,200 dollar silver and gold belt was to be awarded to the champion bronc rider. It was set in diamonds and took the eye of every contestant. But to have full possession of the belt, the same rider had to win it three years in a row. Thad Sowder was the first winner, and he had his name engraved on one silver plate of the belt, later to have that repeated in 1903. Guy Holt won in Cheyenne in 1903, and he had his name engraved on another silver plate. The belt was never won by any one champion, and it now is on display at the Colorado State Museum in Denver.

During the 1901 festival Steamboat established a reputation that still is talked about today. He never refused to buck, and he never bucked into a crowd of people. Back then there was no fenced arena. He never hurt a rider, he just bucked them off. Clayton Danks rode Steamboat the next year. Bronc riders back then rode until the horse quit bucking, as there was no ten second gun or stop watch. In 1905, Otto Page, a top rider drew the Steamboat. Otto rode him eighty-eight jumps before he was thrown.

After thirteen years of bucking Steamboat was injured in an accident and had to be destroyed. Some say he was dragged off to the city dump in Cheyenne. Others say he is buried at Frontier Park in Cheyenne. He was called a demon horse. Some say his picture is on Wyoming license plates with Guy Holt as rider. Some say no, the bronc rider on Wyoming license plates is Stub Farlow. Who knows for sure?

Midnight. Midnight was foaled on the McNab Ranch on Cottonwood Creek near Alberta, Canada in 1916. His breeding is uncertain. But he showed draft stock, heavy, bone-rangy, and it's possible he was out of a thoroughbred

Spring 1985



Author Don Bell has a "mane holi" on one bronc (top), and runs from another (bottom).

mare or Morgan. No one knows for sure. He was left a stallion until a five-year-old.

Some say Midnight was broken to ride and work. That could be fact or could be fiction. Some say he was a cowhorse, and the backfire of an early-day car spooked him and he threw his rider and bucked the rest of his life. McNab sold Midnight to Peter Welch in 1925. Welch bought him for a bucking horse to be used in the Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Jubilee Rodeo. Later he was sold to McCarty and Elliott Stock Contractors at Chugwater, Wyoming. McCarty and Elliott furnished stock for Cheyenne Frontier Days, the Denver Stock Show, and many more

of the larger rodeos.

Midnight built a reputation early in his career as a buckner. He and Jack Dempsey were the best drawing cards ever. People came across state lines to see the great Midnight buck his riders in the sod. Midnight even went to England and did his act to show the queen and her crowd how a Wyoming horse could buck. Midnight seemed to enjoy his work. He knew how to shed his pack. He would give his head back to the rider and get him off center, and then that big old head would hit its nose in the dirt and take the lion's share of the pull rein. And that's when Midnight dropped his rider.

Midnight had a good disposition, was

easy to handle, and was one of the first bucking horses to be insured. He had a career of fourteen straight years of bucking cowboys off. He was known world-wide. In 1933, when his arena career was coming to an end, an unknown cowboy rode him at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. The only other cowboy who ever rode Midnight was Floyd Stillings, and he blew a stirrup, it is told.

Vern Elliott retired Midnight after the Fort Worth show. The old pony enjoyed his last few years, having the run of the ranch west of Platteville, Colorado. Old Midnight died November 7, 1936. Elliott buried him near Platteville and erected a monument to the great old horse. The monument states:

Under this sod lies a great bucking horse.

There was never a cowboy he couldn't toss.

His name was Midnight, his coat black as coal.

If there is a horse heaven, God rest his soul.

In 1966 Dean Krackel, director of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, had old Midnight dug up, and his bones were placed in a coffin. He now rests at the Cowboy Hall of Fame Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Five Minutes to Midnight, or 11:55. Little Five he was called by the many who knew him. Five was the top bucking horse of the world for twenty-three years, and in that career as a bucking horse he disposed of over 2,000 cowboys. This small black horse's best fighting weight was 850 pounds. He had the respect of every cowboy in the business.

It was back in 1923 that the scrubby little black colt was in the killer pen at Alberta, Canada. He looked like a bear bait, and a small one at that. His first time out of a chute was at the Calgary Stampede. A very disappointed cowboy it was who drew that little rat of a horse, for when the black bombshell exploded he left the rider at chute gate. Getting up and dusting himself off, the cowboy asked, "Did you all see that tornado?"

Five was bought by McCarty and Elliott. He was a cougar. He hated man, and no one even touched the little bandit. Short coupled and cat hammed, that horse knew how to buck! The years he spent with McCarty and Elliott as a bucking horse were shared with old Midnight himself. They were together at all times—buddies.

Five bucked because he loved to. It's



Five Minutes to Midnight with owner, Vern Elliot, at Little Five's retirement in Denver, Colorado.

rumored he was broken to ride and made a good saddle horse. It's also rumored that a little-old-maid school teacher rode him two years to her classes in Alberta. I'm sure that story carries no weight at all. It's like the used cars that she only drove to church on Sunday. Five was fed the best of grains and bright hay, box stalled, and insured for \$5,000. He was the Cadillac of horses. Don Nesbitt, the world champion cowboy of 1932, bought in with the Elliott stock, and to my knowledge he was the first to ride the little black. When Five grew old he would buck off ten top riders to every one who rode him. It's said he was ridden only fourteen times throughout

his years as a bucking horse. He was twenty-seven years old when his death came. Today he rests in a grave beside Midnight, his old pardner, at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Three great bucking horses of yesteryear. Were they unridable, demons, ghost broncs? No, they were bucking horses from the McCarty, Elliott, and Nesbitt string. To win a bronc riding contest you have to have a hell of a bucking horse under you. And those stock contractors saw to that.



Old West

Top stars to ride, rope and race in Vernal rodeo

Top-ranked Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association competitors and local stars are signed up to take part in the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Vernal at the Uintah County Fairgrounds. The rodeo will begin each night at 8 p.m.

Highly ranked bareback bronc riders, who have entered the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo are: Danny Brady, Henderson, Nev.; Steve Carter of Oregon; Lewis Feild, Elk Ridge, Utah and Mickey Young, Jerome, Idaho. Top saddle bronc riders signed up are Feild, Bud Pauley, Montana; Tom Reeves, South Dakota and Kevin Small, Idaho.

Brady and Feild are scheduled to appear in the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Saturday and Young and Small are signed up for Thursday. Reeves, Pauley and Carter are scheduled for Friday. Brady is the bareback bronc leader as of June 30. Feild is the defending bareback and all-around champion. He has won the

all-around title two years in a row and is currently ranked second. Carter, Brady, Feild, Young, Pauley and Reeves have all competed in National Finals Rodeo.

Bull rider, Lane Frost, who lives in Lane, Okla., but is originally from Randlett, Utah, is signed up for the Thursday show. Also scheduled to appear at the Thursday rodeo is defending champion Tuff Hedemah of El Paso, Texas. Frost placed third last year in the world bull riding standings, but is currently ranked number one.

Other top bull riders, who have signed up for the rodeo, are Bobby Del Vecchio, Bronx, New York; Jim Sharp, Kermit, Texas; Marty Stancart and Sam Poutous. Del Vecchio placed second in the world bull riding standings a number of years ago and will compete in the slack, Friday. Stancart and Poutous will take part in the Saturday rodeo and Sharp, Thursday evening.

The current all-around and calf

roping leader, D. R. Daniels, Okcechobee, Fla., is entered in Friday show of the local rodeo and will compete in calf roping and steer wrestling. Daniel is number one in the all-around as of June 30 with \$51,268.

Other top calf ropers, who have entered, the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, are: Mike Beers, Rufus, Ore.; Tom Ferguson, Miami, Okla.; Dee Pickett, Caldwell, Idaho; John W. Jones, Morro Bay, Calif.; and Sylvester Mayfield, Clovis, N.M.

Ferguson was the all-around champion from 1974 through 1979 and was also a world calf roping and steer wrestling champion. Jones was a rookie of the year in 1981 and world steer wrestling champion in 1984. Mayfield is currently ranked number three in the calf roping.

Pickett and Beers will compete in the slack, Thursday. Ferguson will take part in the Thursday rodeo. Jones and Mayfield are scheduled for the Saturday rodeo.

Ferguson, Jones and Daniel will join other top stars Roy Duvall, Lance Robinson, Farmington, Utah and outstanding local steer wrestler, Chad Bedell, Vernal, in the steer wrestling event. Bedell, who placed second last year in the event at the

Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, will compete in the Thursday show. Bedell has been competing on the PRCA circuit. Robinson and Ferguson will also take part in the Thursday rodeo. Jones will take part in the Thursday slack and Duvall will be in the Saturday rodeo. Another steer wrestler will be Jack Hannum, Ogden, who is the former Union High School football coach. He guided Union to the state title in 1965.

Local cowboys, who have signed up for the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo are: bareback bronc, Sherwood Cuch, Ft. Duchesne, Saturday; Kyle Smuin, Vernal, Saturday; Kenny Andrews, Vernal, Thursday; team roping, Doc Jim Allen, Cricket Allen, Vernal; Charlie Crozier, George Kennedy, Roosevelt; Josh Reynolds, Rick Massey, Vernal and, Cory McNeill; Rex Wilkins, Vernal, Saturday; saddle bronc, Lynn Cuch, Gusher, Friday; bull riding, Mark Coonradt, Vernal, Thursday; Travis Oldham, Vernal, Friday; Brian Richens, Vernal, Friday; Duane Boren, Neola; Ronnie Shanks, Vernal and barrel racing, Dixie Allen, Thursday; Amy Adams, Friday; Lisa McNeill, Tamara Vincent. Most of the local bull riders will compete in the slack.

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It is altogether fitting and proper that the largest, undeveloped country in the United States—that almost boundless territory known as the Utah Basin where the real old west is still in its golden days, the country which has not been entered by the motor, smoky railways bring along with them the rustic and buxant and artificiality of city life, the land where the deer and elk abound and still enjoy the blessings of nature; the land where the primitive Indian holds his ceremonies; the land with its numerous lakes and streams where the speckled beauties are the highest creation of the fanned kingdom exist in countless numbers, where large bands of wild horses roam on the juicy nature grasses in the mountain parks, where the buckaroo yet makes his livelihood by riding after the large herds of clover hoods over mountains and plains. Yes, surely it must be altogether fitting and proper that such a territory should have within its boundaries a spot which would be the scene of such a grand, largest, grandest and wildest "Golden West" celebration that ever man was privileged to witness. Such are the convictions of the governing board of the Vernal Chamber of Commerce. As a result they are sparing no effort to perfect the first annual installment of this glorious dream on July 4th and 5th of this year.

There will be 25 or 30 of the wildcat outlaw horses from Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, also the king pins of the buckaroo world. Wild steer riding contests, bull dogging contests, roping contests, relay races, cow horse races, race horse races, base ball games, real merry-go-round for the kiddies, both old and young, airplane stunts, fireworks display on the night of the fourth, barbeque at noon on the fifth.

Carol Gardner named parade Grand Marshal

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by Melanie Morrison
Express Writer

Carole Gardner, owner and operator of the Bull Ring and Western Factory Outlet in Vernal, has been named the 1993 Grand Marshal for the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. Gardner has been an active promoter of the rodeo for several years.

Carole and her husband, Eldon, a working cowboy, control 4,000 acres in Deep Creek, northwest of Vernal. They raise black angus in the cow/calf operation. Carole was raised in Roosevelt and Eldon was raised in Neola. They raised four children, Tom and Layne, both deceased, Lance and Robyn. Lance is the current manager of the Bull Ring.



Carole Gardner

Carole became active in the rodeo and its organization in 1977. Until 1982 when the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce took the rodeo over, Carole and whatever volunteers she could get, kept the rodeo alive in Vernal. In 1977, she and Eldon had three months to put it all together, and fortunately for rodeo lovers, "pulled it off and made it happen." Carole humbly says that Dr. James Allen deserves the credit for where the rodeo is today.

Since those days, the Gardners have been involved in every phase of the rodeo. Besides the promotions related to their retail western store, they have sold concessions, accounted for the money and ran the dance, among other organizing facets.

"The community needs to realize

the impact the rodeo has on Vernal and what it can do for the community in terms of the economy. Look how far it has come in just the last five years. Can you imagine what it will be in the next five years?" she stated.

The Gardners believe the Western Park has also given the community a shot in the arm. In addition to the rodeo, they believe any other business or activity can also benefit from the Park.

Carole says she is proud to be this year's Grand Marshal of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. She will lead the parade down Main Street Wednesday, July 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will be honored in the grand entry each night.

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Celebration for Fourth Progressing in Fine Shape

Twelve good riders have already signed to ride in the Fourth of July rodeo, among them will be men from the Wild West show held two years ago, as Frank Brewer has promised they should come.

Three relay strings are promised. Steer riding and bulldogging. There will be a grand fire works display in the evening.

The parade will be the feature of the day when many notables will take part when guessing who they are and the fun of learning your mistake will be laughable.

There will be good music to enliven the hours and other features. Picnic parties on the lawns and shady park.



World Champion Steer Wrestler Chad Bedell, takes home winnings.

Vernal Express Wednesday, January 15, 1997

Champion's name placed in hall of fame

Chad Bedell's name was placed in the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colo. last week.

At the ceremony Monday, Jan. 6, Bedell of Jensen and the other world champions were presented with belt buckles and plaques commemorating their achievements.

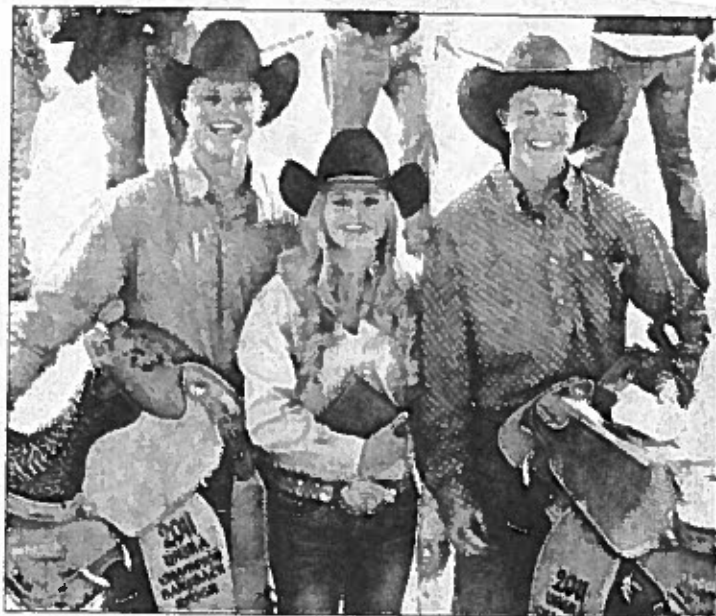
His name was placed in the Hall of Fame alongside all the other steer wrestling champions. His picture and memorabilia will remain in the Hall of Fame until he is no longer

the world champion.

The ceremonies were initiated by Louis Cryer, commissioner of the PRCA, and included film clips of Bedell's year.

A teary Sharon Bedell, Chad's mother, said, "It takes a lot of hard work, talent and desire to become a world champion. I think we in the Uintah Basin all feel Chad's championship is highly deserved."

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Joe Frost, Jasmine Jones and Chet Boren (left to right) have qualified for the nationals in July in Wyoming. Boren was the all-around champ and Frost was the bareback bronc riding champion in Utah.

Chet Boren wins all-around crown

Nineteen member of the Uintah Basin Rodeo Team qualified to participate in the State High School rodeo finals held in Heber City, June 8-11. Qualifying members were: Chet Boren, Whitney Christensen, Clay Crozier, Seth Crozier, Taryn Dye, Joe Frost, Josh Frost, Madi Harris, Jasmine Jones, Strider Leverton, Quincee Mathews, Jordan Palfreyman, Chancy Slaugh, Mackenzie Stimpson, Chaidy Taylor, Stacy Taylor, Sequoyah Wilkins, Jadon Woods and Tad Woody.

Three members will represent the Uintah Basin at the High School National Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyoming. To qualify for Nationals a con-

stant must place 1st-4th in their events. Chet Boren won the All Around title and will represent Utah in the cutting and team roping. Joe Frost will represent Utah in the bareback riding, Bull riding and Steer Wrestling. Jasmine Jones will represent Utah in the pole bending.

Jones won the 2nd go round in pole bending with a 20.061 and placed 2nd in the short go round with a 20.288. She finished 2nd overall. Jasmine is a sophomore and a two-time High School Rodeo Nationals Qualifier. She also competes in barrel racing where she placed 2nd in the 2nd performance

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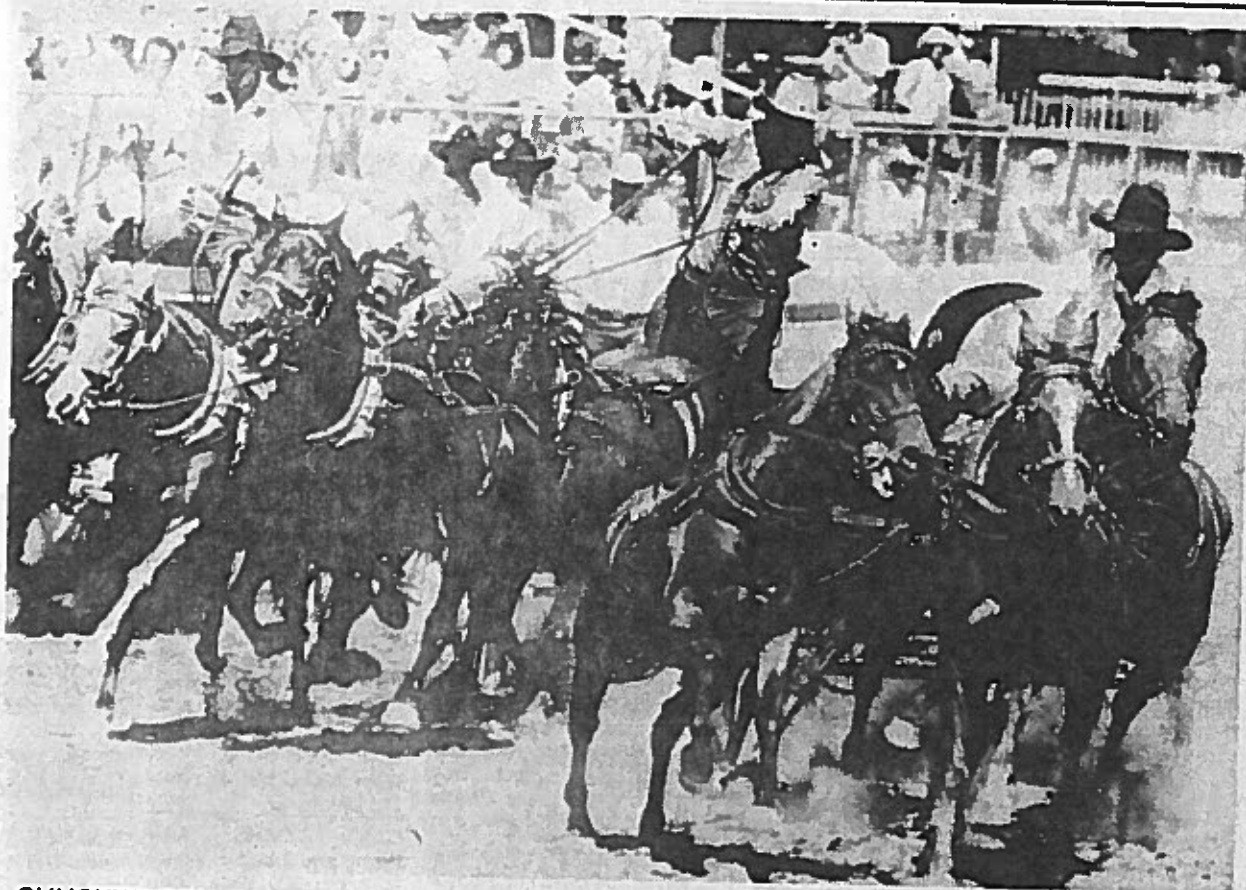
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with a 16.885.

Members who placed 5th-10th will represent Utah at the Silver State Invitational Rodeo to be held in Winnemucca, Nevada. Members qualifying to represent Utah in Winnemucca are: Whitney Christensen in pole bending, Clay and Seth Crozier in team roping, Strider Leverton in bull riding and saddle bronc, Stacy Taylor in barrel racing and Jadon Woods in cutting.

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CHUCKWAGON RACES will add excitement to the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo each evening at 7:45 and 8 p.m.

Chuckwagon races added to professional rodeo

As an added attraction to next week's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, there will be a nightly chuckwagon race beginning at 7:45 p.m.

Chuckwagon racing consists of four 54-inch ponies and a wagon which has to weigh 750 pounds. Usually the wagon and the shirts on the holder match. Each driver completes a figure eight after the horn

sounds and the race begins. It is a good race if all three wagons in the heat are side by side. It is more exciting for the spectators.

Lloyd Stagman is the leaders of the racers and has been racing in the U.S. and Canada for a money years.

The Roundup Rodeo will begin July 11 and will go for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

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DINOSAUR RODEO Executive Committee members: Joe Evans, Ray Keir, Dale Brady, president; John Anderson, Brad Horrocks, Phil Timothy, Marie Yoder, past president; John

Beaslin and Russ Perry present a certificate of appreciation to Pat Wiener of Pennzoil for its contribution to the new rodeo arena at the Western Park.

Committee recognizes Pennzoil

The Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee recognized Pennzoil Exploration & Production Company last week for its contribution to the new rodeo arena at Western Park.

Pennzoil's contribution of pipe for the new arena, corrals and fences was estimated at \$30,000.

Other major contributors were Chevron USA - Red Wash for sucker rod and Temple Well Service for the cable. Exxon USA, Coastal Oil & Gas, Flint Engineering and Pipe Renewal Service were also contributor to the project..

Marie Yoder, 1991 Rodeo President, estimated over \$150,000 in time and materials were donated to the project.

"There is no way to recognize everyone, but please know the heartfelt thanks that go to you all, and we hope you are all as proud of the job as the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is," Yoder said.

ROOSEVELT COWBOY SERIOUSLY INJURED IN COLLEGE RODEO

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The life of a local young man known for his work ethic and bright attitude has been changed forever but those who know him are confident his fighting spirit will see him through. Last week while competing for the College of Southern Idaho in a PRCA rodeo, Roosevelt native Braxten Nielsen was seriously injured. According to the Go Fund Me page setup to support him, Braxton's horse reared up and smashed him against the shoot, compressing and twisting his spinal cord. He was flown to University

of Utah hospital and after surgery it was determined he is paralyzed from the waist down. Braxton is in the Neuro Critical Care Unit and will eventually be moved to the rehabilitation center to learn how to function as a paraplegic. Since being set up less than 1 week ago, \$42,800 dollars has been raised on the go fund me page and countless messages of love and encouragement have been sent to Braxton by friends, family and perfect strangers. If you're interested in donating to Braxten's rehabilitation fund, visit www.gofundme.com/braxten-nielsen.



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net honors

Curt Steele captured first place in the saddle bronc riding contest in the Vernal 4th Ward's July 24th Rodeo. Scott Chew netted second place. Cowboys failed to stay on their mounts in the bareback bronc riding contest and no awards were given.

Duane Allen netted first place in the bull riding and Brian MacKay nabbed second place. Monty Frost pocketed top honors in the junior bull riding contest and Shane Frost placed second.

Mac Jessen picked up first place in the calf roping and Joe Anderson placed second. Rex Wilkins netted third place. Tom Montgomery-Hal Mecham and Snocks McDonald-Byron Tomlinson tied for first and second in the team roping. Tom and Annie Petersen placed third, and Rex and Tom Petersen pocketed fourth place. Whit Ainge and Joe Anderson nabbed fifth place, and Cory and Leland McNeill netted sixth place.

Loni Cordova picked up first place honors in the open barrels at 17.3, and Lori McNeill placed second at 17.414. Cindy Young pocketed third place at 17.434, and Patsy Mecham netted fourth place at 17.6.

Korin Gardiner garnered first place in the novice barrels, and Becky Young placed second. Dannette Petersen netted third place. Marcie McNeill collected first place in the junior barrels and Gina Hudson placed second. Jamie Hacking pocketed third place.

Cindy Young and Lori McNeill tied for first place in the senior pole bending contest, and Jo Workman captured third place. Bonnie Barker placed fourth. Marcie McNeill pocketed first place in the junior pole bending contest. Greg Cook placed second, and Tina Phillips netted third place.

Kristy McNeill garnered first place in the breakaway roping, and Patsy Mecham placed first in the senior goat tying. Lori McNeill nabbed second, and Cindy Young netted third. Marcie McNeill pocketed first place in the junior goat tying.



In early England, land was measured by how much an ox could plow in a day. These measurements were known as oxgangs and

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A. Prescott, who was here last year
on a similar mission. Mr. Pres-
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derson, H. Eugene Nielson and Ru-
pert R. Ruesch, members of the
crew. Offices have been opened in
the judges chamber at the court
house. Later they will move to the
quarters now used by the Farm
Security administration, which will
be moved to the Uintah State
Bank building.

On Tuesday night Mr. Prescott
met with interested groups at Du-
chesne relative to the survey for
the Blue Bench project. Approx-
imately thirty attended, represent-
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De Vere Carrol Named Head Of Vernal Rodeo

At a meeting of the Vernal Rodeo Association, Inc., last Friday in the director's room at Bank of Vernal, De Vere Carroll was elected president to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Guy Samuels.

Lee Bennion was elected vice president and takes the place of Mr. Carroll serving in that capacity.

The various heads of committees reported progress being made in every department and that everything would be in readiness for the opening date, August 14, for the biggest three day event in the history of eastern Utah.

The fence committee reported that work had commenced on the WPA project to enclose the fair grounds with a heavy woven wire fence supported by steel posts set in cement. The cost will be approximately \$1500 and is sponsored by Uintah county.

It was decided the price of admission for day and season tickets would be held at the same figure as last season.

Funeral Services For Marion Capps Held on July 5

Funeral services for Marion Capps, 76, will be held in Maeser ward chapel Saturday 2:00 p. m. under the direction of the Maeser bishopric. Mr. Capps died Wednesday 7:00 a. m. at his home of an heart attack after an illness of three weeks.

47 Youths Register July 1 in Uintah County for Selective Service

Erland Preece, secretary of the Vernal Draft Board, No. 19, reports that 47 youths registered Tuesday in the second draft proclamation by the president.

Of this number 17 were out of Uintah county registrants which leave 30 registering from Uintah county. There are a number of boys of this draft age already in



What has been acclaimed by critics as one of the most successful in musical experiments in recent years will come to a close July 5 as Leopold Stokowski's second All-American Youth Orchestra plays its final concert in Hollywood. This event will mark the end of an eight-week transcontinental tour through the United States. The famous director, Stokowski, is pictured above with two of his young musicians.

Groups Protest Removal of Dinosaur Bones

County to Take Steps Stop Unearthing And Shipping of Bones

Basin Hospital needs, road conditions, proposed jail repairs, and a petition regarding the taking of fossils and fossil remains from Uintah county together with regular routine business, occupied county commissioners at a busy session Monday.

W. S. Henderson, president of the Uintah County Hospital board, reported the need of an additional sum of \$500 to meet the immediate needs of the Basin Hospital which was granted by a unanimous consent of the board.

After an inspection of the hospital the commissioners congratulated the board for the fine condition of the hospital and the efficient manner in which the affairs have been conducted. They also expressed their appreciation for the generous donations of funds from the various organizations of the county which has made it possible to redecorate the interior of the building.

The Dinosaur Gateway Committee of Jensen, Wiley E. Stewart, chairman, E. E. Heaton, vice-chairman and Frank P. Wellman, secretary together with the following committee from Vernal; R. C. Cooper, mayor of Vernal City, De Vere Carrell, president of the Vernal Lions club and Alvin E. Weeks, president of the Basin Livestock Show, presented a signed petition relative to expeditions gathering fossils in the bounds of Uintah county. The petition follows:

Legion Circus at Armory

Thursday Evening to Open Big Celebration

After the daylight salute of 17 guhs announcing the beginning of the July 4th activities, throngs will be on the streets to witness the mile long street parade of bands, CCC camp boys, floats and school children forming at the tabernacle ground at 9:45 and marching to the court house grounds.

The color guard at the head of the parade will be from the American Legion, veterans of the World war.

Following the parade will be games and races for children on the court house lawn. Picnics will enjoy the noon hour in the shade of the huge trees.

Free Softball Game

At 2:00 p. m. a softball game will be played at the Fair grounds between the CCC's and Bowling Alley teams, free to all. These teams are evenly matched and will put on a fast game of ball for seven innings.

At 1:30 matinees will be held at the Vogue and Main. A free matinee dance will start at 3:30 at the Armory for children.

Liberal prizes will be given for high score at the Vernal Bowling Alleys during the entire day.

Legion Circus Starts Thursday

Starting at 7:30 Thursday evening the Legion Circus will get under way with the first and the most attractive floor show at 8

25c fee paid at the door will be good for 25,000 bucks to be used at the various concessions and side shows. Featured in the floor show will be the Dahl dancers, and Miss Norma Howe, extra special specialty dancer.

The Dahl Dancers from Salt Lake City are a team composed of June Samuels, Gloria Spillman, Elaine Smith and Glyndon Treggle and are a noted dancing team of the west.

Dahl Dancers to Perform

The Dahl Dancers will be the main attraction Thursday evening, all day Friday and Friday evening at the Carnival and Circus, where they will put on a floor show at stated intervals. The floor show is free to all patrons of the Carnival and Circus, the one admission being for all floor shows given at each of the three sessions.

Among the special numbers will be given the "Can Can", "Congline", "Oake Walk", and the "Military Tap Routine", and many others.

Miss Samuels does a specialty tap dance called the "Riff". Miss (Continued on Page Four)

Resource Official Maps Uintah Basin Power Sites

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27—Proof of the federal government's interest in the development of Utah's power resources, as explained in a recent announcement that

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Dinosaur Rodeo begins next Wednesday

Margaret DeRocha
Staff Writer

The Rodeo Committee is gearing up for the 45th Annual Professional Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo to be held next week, July 12-15. The show will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the rodeo beginning at 8 m.

Cowboys, clowns and bullfights will entertain the whole family and can be seen in instant replay on imaVision.

Grand Marshall Don Showalter, a well-known native of Vernal, has been chosen by the committee to present and kick-off this year's event. Committee Chair Jim Davis comments, "One reason Showalter was picked to represent the rodeo is because of his endless help and participation in community activities." He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, State Land Board and the State Fire Prevention Board, among others. Although retired from his daily operations of Showalter Ford, Don is busy with home life, community affairs, and sometimes can be spotted at the dealership lending a hand.

Dee and Ed Jenkins will be honored this year as Legendary cowboys. The two men have been in the ranching business ever since they can remember, and for these two that is a long time of memories.

Phil Gardenhire will be back as this year's rodeo announcer. He will be entertaining and educating the audience with his theatrical commenting of the cowboys and clowns. Gardenhire has been voted one of the top three announcers by participants for ProRodeo.

Stock contractor Mike Cervi will be supplying this year's steer, calves, horses and bulls, for those daring and adventurous cowboys and clowns. Beutler Bros. and Cervi Rodeo Co. happens to be the nation's oldest and largest rodeo company which has won a reputation among cowboys for providing "the finest stock anywhere."

The Westernairs riding precision drill team, will be featured each evening as the preshow entertainment. The group out of Golden,



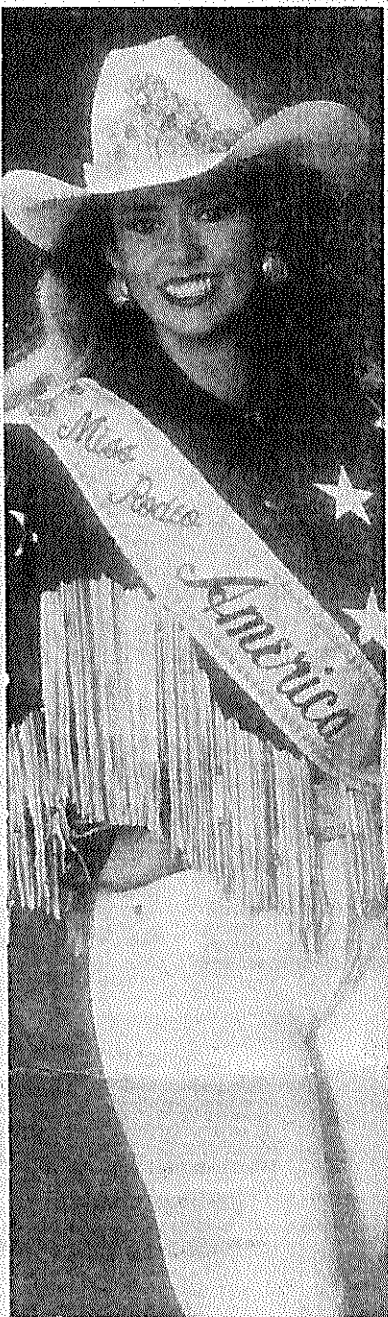
Emilee Lott

Colorado consists of 60 young people that have been together for many years. They will demonstrate trick riding and thrill-seeking drills.

While the group is in the area, they will be performing at the Unitah Adult Day Care Center and the Maeser Learning Center. Coordinator Warren Mott says, "These young people are not only talented but very nice and well disciplined." During the special kids rodeo on Thursday at 5 p.m., physically and mentally handicapped youths will participate in goat relays, steer roping using dummy steers, bull riding on a hand-rocked bull, bareback riding and other exciting events.

The 1995 Miss Rodeo America, Jennifer Douglas, will be here to participate in the parade, grand entry, Coors Kid Corral, make appearances at businesses and other events. From the Lone Star State, the 21-year-old calls Borger, Texas her home. Since being crowned the 40th Annual Miss Rodeo America, her duties are to represent the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association and the western lifestyle with numerous public relations appearances. Douglas is majoring in chemistry at Texas Tech University.

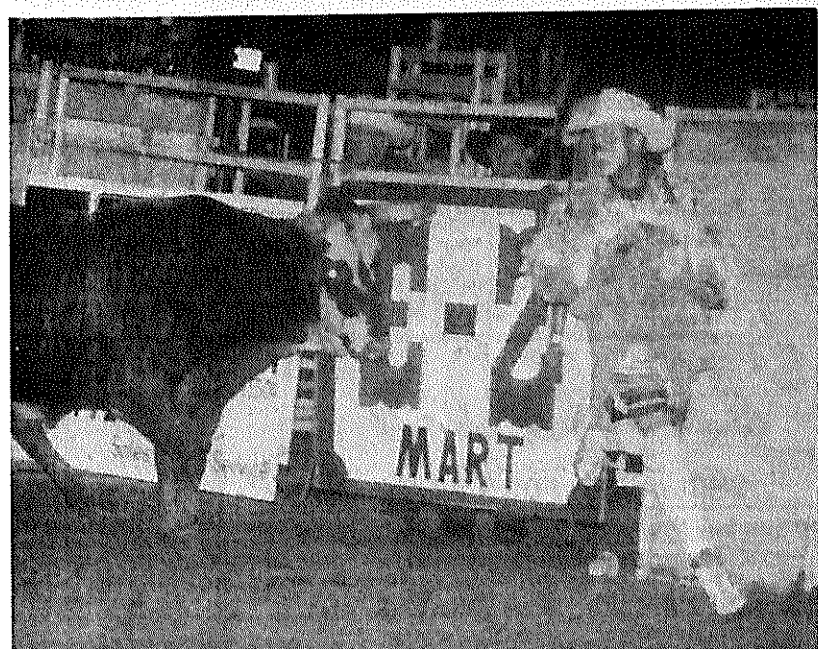
Miss Rodeo Utah, Emilee Lott, will be speaking at the Tuesday



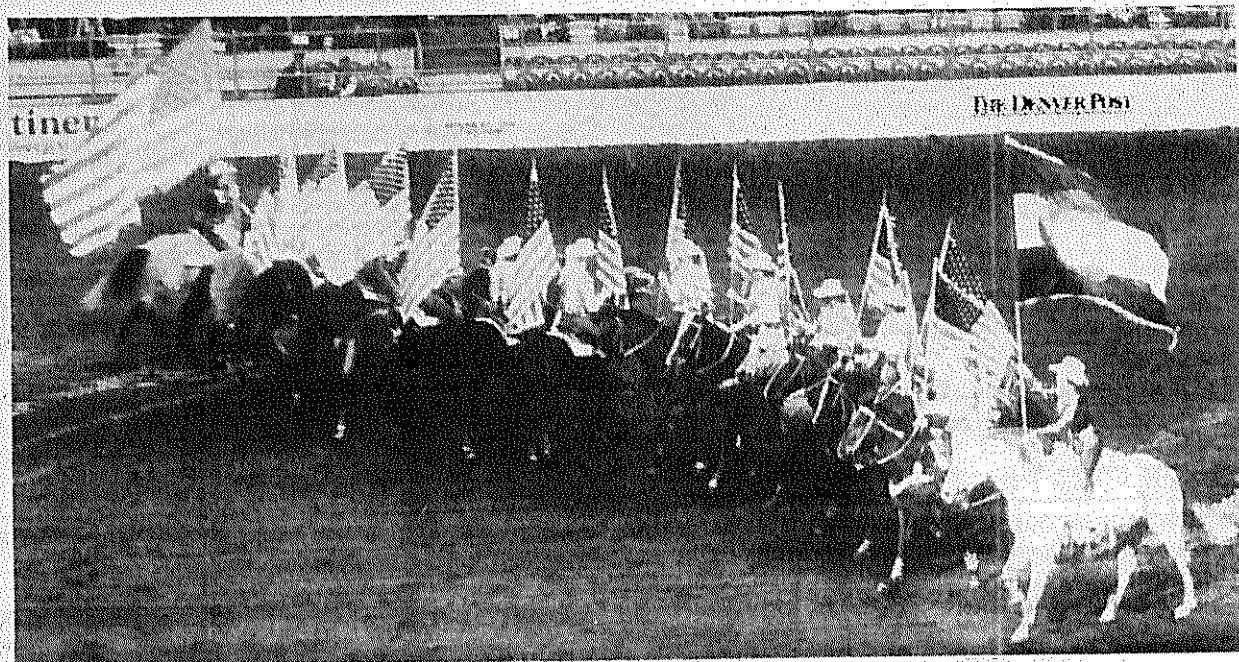
Jennifer Douglas

Chamber of Commerce meeting at Golden Corral, participate in the parade, grand entry and make appearances at local businesses. This 23-year-old rodeo queen is a graduate of Dixie College in St. George and Southern Utah University in Cedar City.

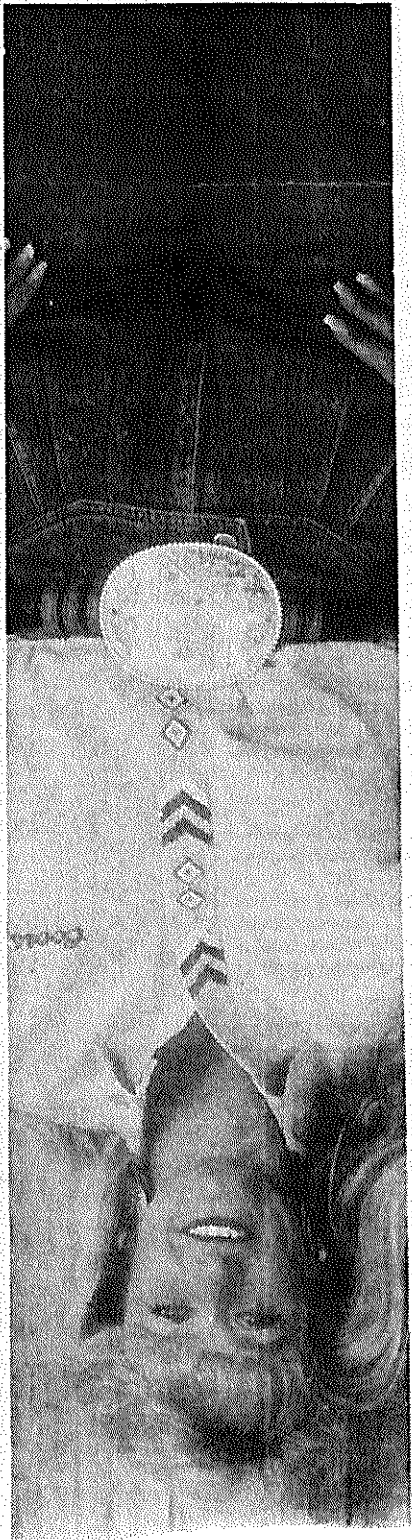
Miss Rodeo Coors, Terri Trimball, is an employee of Coors Brewing Company. She will be in the area to help organize the "IGA Coors Kid Rodeo" taking place in the IGA



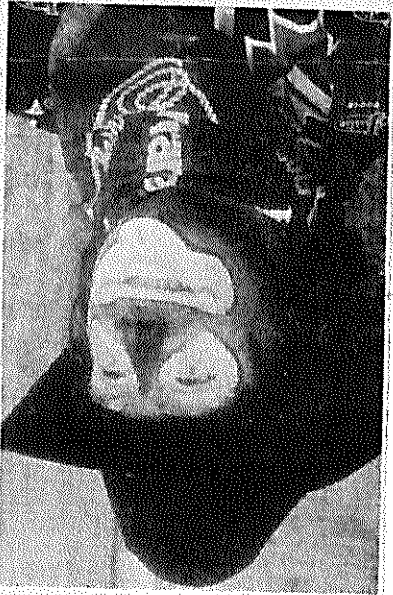
Wrangler bull fighter Donny Sparks convinces a hefty bull to come



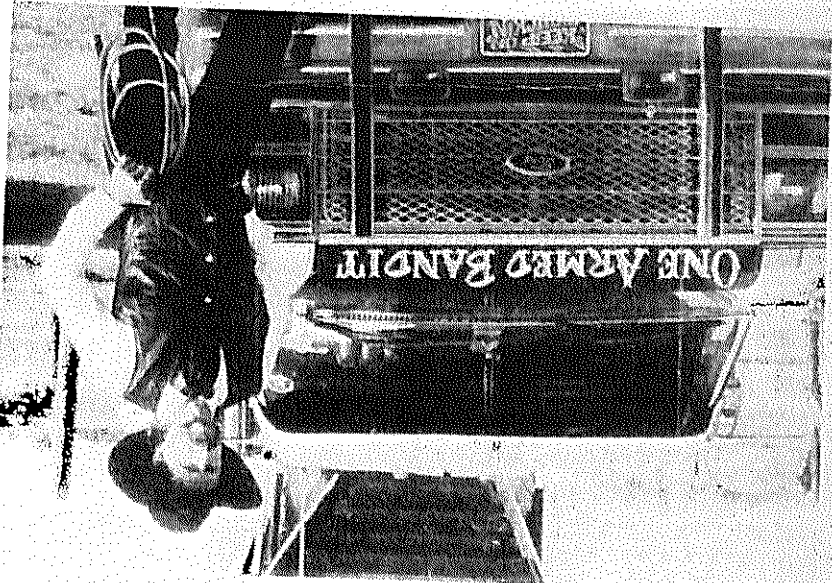
The Westernairs riding precision drill team honoring the flag in the grand entry of the rodeo.



Terri Trimbull



Matt Harris



John Payne



Legendary Cowboy Dee Jenkins rides the range on his ranch.



Don Showalter

parking lots. Tuesday, she will be in Roosevelt from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday in Vernal from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. She will also make public appearances and participate in rodeo activities.

Matt Harris and his dad, Leslie Harris, will be entertaining the children and parents by performing barrel clown comedy acts in the rodeo arena. The two will be playing interference for the bullfighter when he needs an out for a hyperactive bull.

Wrangler Bull Fighters will light up any faces every night of the rodeo. Doug Forzani, Donny Sparks

and Rob Smets, will square off with a fighting bull for 70 seconds of daredevil action. A winner of the contest is judged by guts, survival of the scariest brushes with death, and skills used to defeat the strong will of a raging Borba Mexican fighting bull.

John Payne, The One Arm Bandit, will display jiffy-jacks in the rodeo arena. See him defy animal instincts to perform acts that could be considered impossible feats. Horse and longhorn steer acts will amaze all in attendance.

Saturday night will feature Team Penning during the rodeo.

The Dinosaur Roundup Parade will start Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. down Main Street, beginning at the new post office and making its way to Western Park. Sideswingers will be the featured band this year at the dance being held every evening at 9:30 p.m. Thursday is family night with reduced priced tickets and Friday and Saturday is for those over the age of 21. Reserved, General, and children tickets are on sale now at the Chamber office or IGA stores. For event information and tickets, call the Chamber of Commerce at 789-1352.

Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo gives back to community

by Pat Conn

Lane Thomas, president of the Dinosaur Round-up Rodeo Committee, says it is the policy of their committee to donate back to the community which helps support the rodeo. With that thought in mind, the rodeo committee will be giving money to the following organizations throughout the next several weeks: Three \$500 scholarships will be going to the U.S.U. Uintah Basin Campus. A thousand dollars will be donated to the Vernal City D.A.R.E. program, while the Dinosaur Gardens will receive \$500 to help bring the Utah Raptor to Vernal. The Animal Care Association will also receive \$500 to help purchase straw for animal shelters, and fund their spay and neuter program. The Uintah Arts Council, Friends of the Uintah County Library, and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, will all receive \$500 each.

Back in July, Columbia Ashley Valley Medical Center donated \$500 to the rodeo committee. Mr. Thomas says the committee has decided to donate that particular \$500 to the Justin Cowboy Crises Fund. The Crisis Fund, sponsored by Justin Boots, lends assistance to rodeo contestants who have suffered catastrophic injuries.

Past Committee President Howard Carroll, says the Dinosaur Round-up Rodeo is one of the few, if not the only rodeo, where money provided by the community, remains in the community. Most of the money being donated in the next few weeks came from the horse and saddle giveaway ticket sales held during the 1996 Dinosaur Round-up Rodeo.

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Janet Wallis receives donation from the Dinosaur Rodeo Committee for the Uintah Arts Council. Howard Carroll makes the presentation



Meridee Sevy, of the Animal Care Association, accepts donation from Howard Carroll president of the 1996 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

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Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo makes history

Rex Jacobsen, president of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo says, "The Dinosaur Rodeo is once again making history. The Rodeo Committee is increasing the purse to \$7,500 per event. The Rodeo will also be broadcast on ESPN2 on July 23."

Returning to Vernal this year to announce the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is World Champion PRCA rodeo announcer Randy Corley. Benje Bendele will also announce the rodeo.

Well known barrelman and clown, Barry "Boom Boom" Johnson will be returning to Vernal this year as well as Jerry Diaz, a specialty performer that does precision rope tricks and horse acts.

Years ago, the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo committee set the ambitious goal of becoming one of the top rodeos in the world! "It is also of prime importance to maintain low ticket prices to keep this world class event affordable for Uintah Basin families" said Claye Robb, immediate past president.

Due to the efforts of so many, the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo gets bigger and better every year. The Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee was nominated for the 1999 Large Outdoor Rodeo Committee of the Year. PRCA cowboys and contract personnel voted the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo as one to the "top five rodeos in the world."

This nationally recognized event is total-



Bronc rider puts on show at Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

ly run by volunteers. There are over 450 Evans, promotions director for the rodeo volunteers who work on the rodeo. Steve and second vice president says, "The

Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo committee appreciates the support we receive from Uintah Basin families.

Many families attend two or three performances. Without the enthusiastic support of so many in our community, we would not enjoy the benefits of national ranking, and the level of excellence that has become the hallmark of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo."

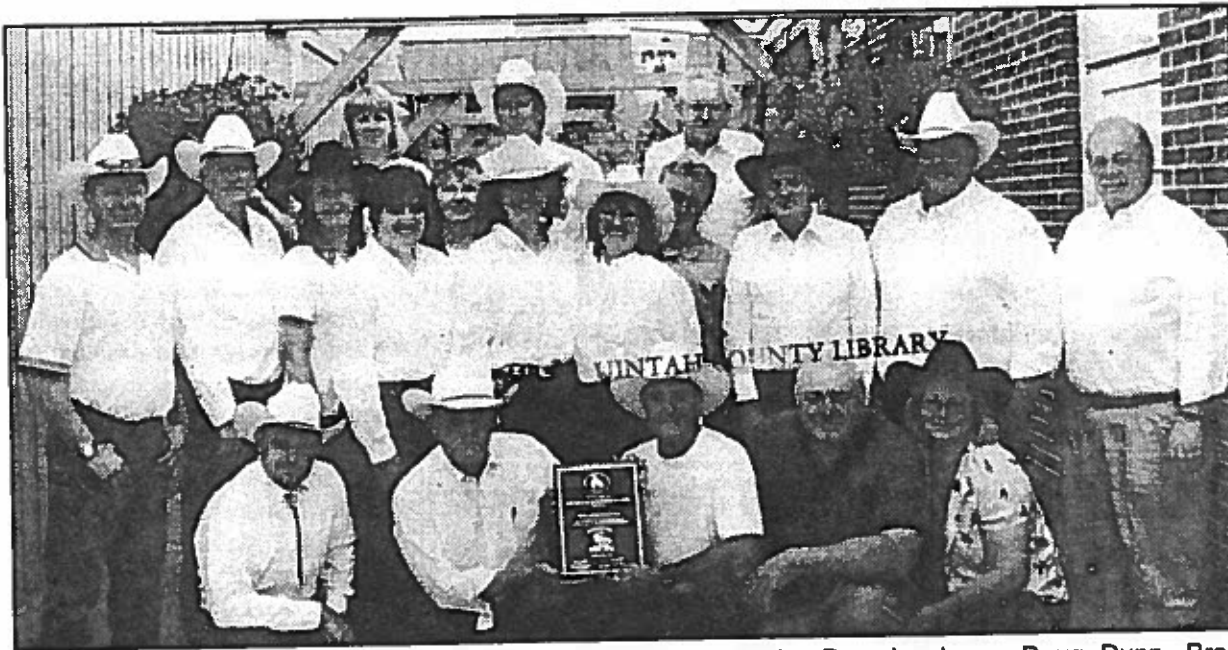
The Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, the largest outdoor rodeo in the state of Utah, starts off rodeo week with the True Value Country Showdown on Tuesday, July 11.

There will be a parade on July 12 to kick off the first night of the rodeo. Performances, with nightly pre-shows will run through July 15.

There will be dances on Friday and Saturday evening. Something new for this year is a trade show.

There is plenty to see and do for rodeo fans. For more information, check their web page www.vernalrodeo.com or call rodeo headquarters at 1-800 421-9635.

Information brochures are available at most area businesses. "Cowboy up" rodeo fans, and we'll see you at one of the wildest rodeos in the PRCA, the 50th annual Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, unlike any other rodeo on earth!



Dinosaur Roundup Committee members are Shawn Apblanalp, Rex Jacobsen, Doug Dunn, Brad Horrocks, Susan Horrocks, (middle row) Scott Snyder, Morgan Ainge, Michelle Miller, Julie Curry, Tammy Lucero, Dixie Birchell, Billie Jacobsen, Joe Evans, Russ Stevenson, Dave Chivers, Howard Carroll and (back row) Cindy Snyder, Mike Hopla and Carl Cobbs.

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Dinosaur Roundup to be on ESPN2 Sunday

This year the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo was selected to represent the PRCA as as a televised rodeo in the 2000 Wrangler ProRodeo Summer Tour.

The Vernal rodeo will be aired Sunday, Aug. 27 on ESPN2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The broadcast will be repeated Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rodeo was selected out of over 700 rodeos sanctioned by the PRCA each year.

"This is a great achievement for

your rodeo committee and local community," said Steven Hatchell, commissioner for the PRCA.

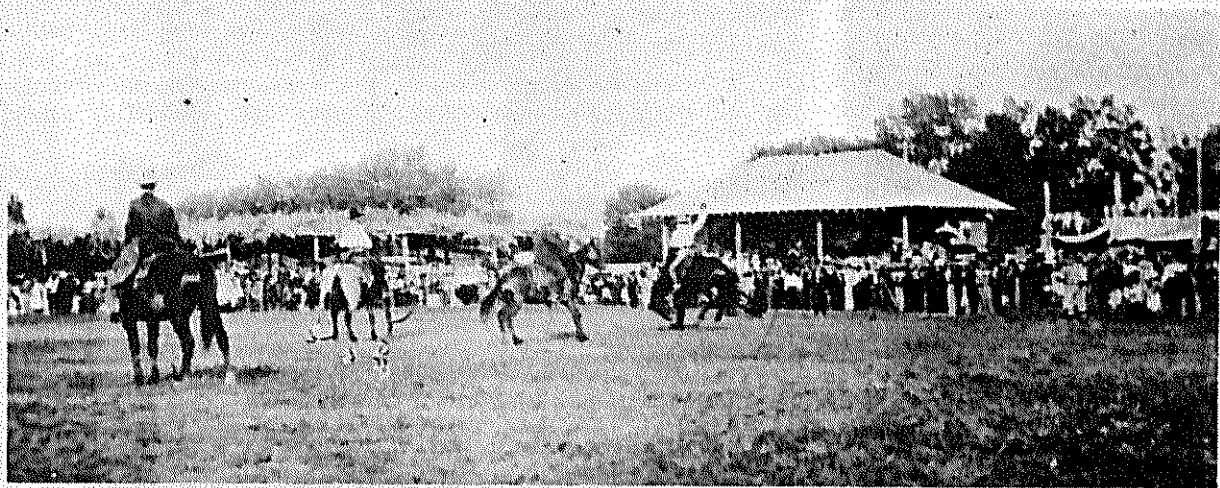
"The PRCA is most excited with the addition of the new Wrangler ProRodeo Summer Tour series nationally broadcast on the ESPN2 network," Hatchell said in a letter to Rex D. Jacobsen, Dinosaur roundup Rodeo Committee chairman. "We are confident by placing the top PRCA rodeos on prime time network television, we can build our national rodeo audience and the

PRCA's presence as a professional sports association."

As a televised rodeo, the Dinosaur Roundup will be viewed by approximately 1 million people with added exposure in the ProRodeo Sports News, 100,000 readers per issue. the PRCA Business Journal which reaches the PRCA's 12,000 members, the ProRodeo Program. distributed at most PRCA rodeos and the PRCA website www.prorodeo.com which currently has 400,000 raw hits daily.

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This is the first fair and rodeo grounds in the town of Vernal which was located at 100 N. and 100 W.

DRR rides legendary trail

by Carol Jewart
Society Writer

The 47th annual Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo will take place at the Western Park July 9-12 and the Pioneer Day Rodeo on July 24. In no other sport are there more risks and less security than in professional rodeo. Yet no athlete is more dedicated than the rodeo cowboy.

For the thousands who still thrill at the words, "let 'er buck," Vernal rodeo offers one of the best shows in the West each year.

Stretching over a decade, Vernal's rodeo history has shown growth and improvement. Bucking horses and steers, hard riding, fancy-roping, bulldogging cowboys, along with fleet race horses, were a part of Vernal's 4th and 24th celebrations long before organized rodeos made their bid for popularity.

In the Vernal Express of June 8, 1983 Doris Burton wrote of the rodeos of yesteryear.

One of the early rodeos was held in September of 1902 and was called a "Rough Rider contest" held at the Burton Resort in Old Ashley. She explains how the bucking horses were put in a corral. "A rider went into the corral and picked the horse he wanted to ride, roped it, saddled it, got on and rode it," says Burton. The first rodeos got their bucking horses by either rounding up some wild horses or using horses men were unable to break.

The first fairgrounds in Uintah County were built around 1916 on the block where the hospital now stands. A grandstand was built and then willows were brought in to make boweries for shade.

In 1918 the fairgrounds were moved down east of town where it is presently located. There was one corral there to put the rodeo horses in but no chutes.

Guy Rife of Wyoming began providing the horses. Rife's cowboys would drive the herd to Vernal. After the rodeo, the horses would be driven to the bench northeast of Vernal and turned loose; the horses returned to Wyoming by themselves. Since then Rife's name has become an institution in Vernal rodeo history.

When the Depression hit Vernal, the community dispensed with the

rodeo. However, in 1930 and 1931, the Blue Mountain cowboys held two rodeos on Blue Mountain; one at the A. H. Cattle Company and one at the Victor Karren meadow. People came from Vernal, Jensen, Rangely, Colo., and all over the country. They brought their bed rolls and spread them out in the yard. When Mrs. Karren got up the next morning and looked out, there was frost on their tarps. This was the 4th of July.

The Blue Mountain rodeo was then moved to Haslem Grove in Jensen on July 4, 1932. The Blue Mountain Rodeo Committee sponsored a "Wild West Rodeo" in September at the Vernal fairgrounds for a few years. It was held across the river from Joe Haslem's place. They kept the stock at Haslem's and swam them across the river for the rodeo. The horse and rider were turned loose in the wide open spaces and usually the horse headed for Blue Mountain, which was home.

"Everything was 'a go' at the Jensen rodeo," explained Burton. "They tried to get everyone's horse to buck whether they were in a contest or not. They used a chemical called hokey pokey, which, when put on the horses' flank, made them buck better."

Vic Karren, one of the hazers or pick-up men in the early rodeos, said, "This could be a pretty rough job sometimes. Those horses that were still bucking hard were rough on your leg when you got close enough to get a man off."

One cowboy named Long John will be remembered for a long time by older rodeo fans. He had long, black hair which he wore tied back, and he rode in the Vernal rodeos for years. He never won anything because he always pulled leather. "He was deaf and couldn't hear the whistle blow when time was up," Vic Karren said. "It was real hard for the pick-up man to get him off because he was hangin' on so tight with his hands and legs. It was like pullin' a tick."

Burton told of other colorful riders in the old time rodeos; Kine Hatch, Grant Ainge, Troy Burton, Arden Stewart, Tooney Broome, Jack Brewer, Ambrose Wash, Bill Lewis and Tex Chivers all rode

bucking horses and Brahmas. Other important names in connection with Vernal Rodeo history are those of B. J. Stringham, who was chairman in 1930, Wallace Siddoway, A. V. Lewis, John Jorgenson, Wilson Murray, and Alvin Weeks, along with J. R. Douglass, who had held the reins of Chairmanship during the late 1930's.

In March, 1933, the LDS First Ward Chapel in the old fairgrounds area, burned down, and a rodeo was held to raise funds to rebuild the chapel.

Funds were obtained to build a new grandstand at the county fairgrounds in 1938. Ted Williams of Vernal, told how the CC Camp boys built the new grandstand which seated 1,400 people, making a total of 3,000 seats including the bleachers.

Amateur rodeos continued in Vernal and spread to the smaller communities in the county, with Clair Burton of Lapoint providing most of the stock. When Burton retired, Doc Jenkins provided stock for the amateur rodeos.

Williams said the local talent back then was just as exciting as it is today. "They even played cowboys and Indians using real guns, but fired blanks. I was 16 years old, and I was an Indian. Earl Calder was an excellent trick rider, rope spinner and performed in front of the grandstand as George Wilson and his trotting horse and buggy ran the track. Milt Hacking had an old Essex car and challenged George to a race, Milt won the race."

Among the many cowboys of the valley were the Hall brothers, Floyd, Morgan and Marion. They were good bronc-riders, said Williams. Bud Massey, an excellent bareback rider and from Fort Duchesne, Long John, the Indian boy and the Cuch boys.

In 1948 the first lights came on for night rodeos. In 1957 when Jack Boren was president and Ted Williams vice president, the committee wanted to give the rodeo a new name and change the dates because of the June rain outs. Ted Williams, vice president, then suggested the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. The committee changed the name and the month to July.



The fair grounds in 1938. The round house in the background burned down and it was during this time that the CC Camp boys built new grandstands.



You can see why clowns are looked on with respect by the cowboys as clown Todd Bowman risks his life to unhook stuck hand of rider. Bowman eventually got him free after a wild 10 second ride!

Rodeo is perhaps more than a contest, to some it becomes a way of life. The rodeo cowboy makes it his entire livelihood by competing in the sport on a full time, year around basis.

Rodeo cowboys do not receive salaries, expense accounts, retirement benefits or vacations with pay, no coaches, doctors or equipment. Every cowboy must reach into his own pocket for an entry fee at each rodeo. The only payment he gets is what he can win in the arena against

ranked animals and the scores and times of other contestants.

He may earn more in a few seconds than most do in a month. If he's talented and lucky enough. But for the one that wins, there are a hundred who do not. Each time he goes into the arena he takes a risk, both financial and physical, which to them is part of the sport.

Is the attraction solely based on the challenge of one's own abilities and the strong desire to win and become a champion? Is it the desire of

the rodeo cowboy to grab glory, feel satisfaction, regardless of the risks? He does it on his own terms, does it in his own way and is his own man, most likely. It is these qualities that have enabled rodeos not just to survive but to grow into million dollar seasons and to draw millions of fans.

With the rodeo cowboy comes the luck of the draw, his skills, raw nerve and a chance to become a world champion — he wouldn't want it any other way.

Frost brothers are bull riding stars

By ALDON RACHELE
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The Frost brothers Joe, Josh and Jate placed in the Lane Frost Challenge at Mona, Utah, (near Nephi in Juab County) last month in bull riding. Joe Frost was first at an 81 ride. Josh Frost and Jate Frost tied for second at 77 scores. The Challenge was held on June 29.

It was a dream come true for the three brothers to place one, two, three in the same event at the same time at the same rodeo in Utah. All three are Union High School graduates and were on the Union wrestling team. They also competed at the Calgary Rodeo.

Joe Frost

2018 world standings place:
3rd, 2018 Wrangler NFR standings place: 2nd, 2018 Wrangler NFR earnings: \$155,891, 2018 earnings: \$252,054, Tour Finale qualifications: 1 (2014), Education: Oklahoma Panhandle State University (Goodwell).

Career Highlights --won Round 2 and split the win in Round 8, placed in five rounds to rank second in the average with 436.5 points on five head at the Wrangler NFR, won the Ponoka (Alberta) Stampede, won the RAM Wilderness Circuit Finals Rodeo (Heber City, Utah), won

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jate, Joe and Josh Frost finish among the top three in the Lane Frost Challenge in Mona, Utah last month. Joe Frost placed first with an 81 bull riding score.

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the Home Of Champions Rodeo (Red Lodge, Mont.), won the Red Desert Round-up (Rock Springs, Wyo.) Won the Summit County Fair & Rodeo (Coalville, Utah), won Utah's (Salt Lake City) Own Rodeo At the Utah State Fair, won the all-around at the Cedar City (Utah) PRCA Champi-

onship Rodeo.

Amateur - National High School Rodeo bull riding champion and Utah state high school all-around champion, 2010, and won the Utah high school bull riding title in 2011. Qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo (Casper, Wyo.) in 2013, finishing third in the steer wrestling, ninth in bull riding and second in the all-around to help Panhandle State win

the team title.

Josh Frost

Professional 2019 Highlights All-Around, won the Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo (Moab, Utah), won the the Fort Herriman (Utah) PRCA Rodeo, won the San Juan Stampede Pro Rodeo (Monticello, Utah). Bull Riding - won the Eastern Oregon (Union) Livestock Show, won the

Falkland (British Columbia) Stampede, won the Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo (Moab, Utah), won the San Juan Stampede Pro Rodeo (Monticello, Utah).

Career Highlights - 2018: won the all-around and bull riding at the Jerome (Idaho) County Fair and Rodeo, won the all-around and co-champion in bull riding at the Lehi (Utah) Roundup, won the Cedar City (Utah) PRCA

Championship Rodeo, won the Days Of The Old West Rodeo (Delta, Utah).

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second in the all-around to help Panhandle State win the team title.

Jate Frost

Jate Frost is a two-time state wrestling champion and also competes in bull riding at rodeos throughout Utah and the USA. He joins his dad Shane as the only state mat champions from their family.

Frost wins with spectacular ride

With Shane Frost's winning bull ride at Saturday's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, he is in first place in the Western Rodeo Circuit. No one could be prouder than his wife, Lisa.

"He has been doing pretty good this year," she said. "He won in Las Vegas last week and next week he is going to the Nappa rodeo and Elko."

On the weekends Frost is a top Rodeo Circuit bull rider, but during the week he and his wife operate a 550 acre ranch in Randlett.

"He only competes in the Western Circuit because he has to stay close

to the ranch," she said. "It's only us who run it."

Shane is a cousin to Lane Frost, a famous bullrider, on which the movie "8 Seconds" is based.

Randy Corley, the announcer for the Dinosaur Roundup, was introduced to Shane for the first time last week. When Corley introduced him prior to the ride as "the local favorite with a bullfighter heritage" the crowd was on the edge of their seats.

"There is a lot of pressure to do well at this rodeo, because it is local and it has grown into one of the best

rodeos in the Circuit," she said. "I think the crowd did a lot for how well he rode."

Frost scored an 87 on a bull that is relatively unknown, X-286, that flew out of the shoot and never let up.

"It was one of the best bull rides I've seen at the rodeo," said Lane Thomas, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo committee president.

Shane is a graduate of Union High School. He went to Utah State University where he competed in all rodeo events. During his last year in college he won the title of Collegiate All-Around Cowboy.

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Frosts named Grand Marshals in Roundup Rodeo parade

by Melanie Morrison
Lifestyle Writer

Former Uintah Basin residents, Clyde and Elsie Frost, parents of the late professional rodeo cowboy Lane Frost, have been named to lead the 1994 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo parade in July. In addition to their responsibilities as co-grand marshals, they will also ride in the grand entry prior to the start of each night's rodeo performance.

The Frosts moved from Vernal to a Lane, Oklahoma ranch in 1978. Two of their children, Robin, a senior, and Lane, a freshman, attended Atoka High School. Another son, Cody, attended Lane Elementary School through the eighth grade then continued on to Atoka for his high school years.

This spring the movie "8 Seconds" was released. It featured the life story of Lane Frost who was killed in 1989 at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo. Lane had been named the PRCA World Champion bull rider in 1987.

About the movie, Mrs. Frost said, "We were basically pleased with the way the movie depicted rodeo and the rodeo cowboy. It was really nice and we were honored when we were told they wanted to do a movie about Lane. There were some things we would have liked to see changed but for the most part, the movie was great."

When asked about Luke Perry's leading role as Lane, Mrs. Frost said, "We can't say enough nice things about Luke. He was so considerate of us and our feelings and he often said that he didn't care what the critics said, as long as we were pleased, he was pleased." She said she felt Perry was a good choice to play Lane. "There were a lot of similarities between Luke and Lane. Lane was a bit taller, but when Luke would turn to the side, often times I would have to look twice."

The Frosts prayed a lot before the movie was made. They wanted to be sure they were making the right decision about the movie before they agreed to help with it. "God gave me peace about all aspects of the movie," she said. "I knew by continuing to pray, that we had made the right decision."

Lane married Kellie Kyle in 1985. They had rocky beginnings, but Kellie and Lane were devoted to one another. After Lane was killed, Mr. Frost said Kellie had a "tough go of it" for a while. She was a major "behind the scenes" player in the filming of the movie and currently lives in Post, Texas with her new husband and their two-week old son.

Mrs. Frost says that one of Lane's fondest early memories was the "Vernal rodeo." In fact, when he was very young, he was introduced to an idol, Donny Gay, at Vernal's rodeo. Gay was the World

Champion bull rider from 1974 to 1981 and competed in Vernal on several occasions.

The elder Frosts were raised in southeast Colorado. Clyde's younger brother, Joe, and Elsie's brother, Albert, were best friends. Clyde and Elsie met as a result of spending a lot of time tagging around with their brothers.

Clyde Frost began rodeoing in his early teens. In 1948, at the age of 15, he won the All Around title at the "Kids Rodeo" in La Junta, Colo. and also won his first saddle. He continued to rodeo through high school by going to amateur rodeos in Colorado, Kansas and New Mexico. The first belt buckle Clyde remembers winning was at Springer, N.M. in about 1952. He graduated from Kim High School, Kim, Colo., in 1953 and joined the Rodeo Cowboys Association, or RCA, which is now referred to as the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, PRCA. He is a lifetime member of the 3,600 member organization.

Before Clyde and Elsie ever dated, he asked her to write to him while he was on the road rodeoing. He said, "The family wasn't real good about writing so I wanted to hear some news from home!" It thrilled Elsie, then a sophomore at Kim High School, to think someone "that old" asked her to write to him. Since he competed in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and steer wrestling, sometimes he had three head of stock during performances and if there were two performances in one day, he would compete up to six times.

Elsie graduated in the spring of 1958 and she and Clyde were married that November. She traveled with Clyde to attend as many rodeos as was possible. Since the Frost boys, B.T., Clyde, Joe and Jim, bought a ranch in Lapoint in 1957, that was Elsie and Clyde's first home.

Clyde qualified in bareback riding for the first National Finals Rodeo held in December of 1959 in Dallas, Texas. 1959 was a good year for Clyde, who ended up in seventh place, winning a total of \$8,955. The world champion for that year won a total of \$17,611. In 1993 the world champion won a total of \$128,740.

In 1960, Elsie began working at the RCA office in Denver, Colo. Even though they were still partners on the ranch in Lapoint, they had a mobile home in Denver where Elsie lived and Clyde stopped by when he could. The NFR was held again in Dallas in 1960 and 1961 and Clyde qualified that year in bareback riding, taking in sixth place and winning \$9,467.

The RCA was run by a general manager and secretary out of the Denver office. Major decisions, however, were made by a Board of Directors which included one director per rodeo event. They held their



DINOSAUR ROUNDUP Rodeo grand marshals, Clyde and Elsie Frost

convention in Denver in January and regular meetings in Las Vegas in May, Cheyenne in July, and the Cow Palace in San Francisco in November. Clyde was elected to the Board of Directors for two 2-year terms, 1961-64.

In 1964, Clyde went to the Finals in both bareback riding and saddle bronc riding. He ended up in 14th place in saddle bronc, with over \$7,000, and 11th in bareback with over \$9,000 in winnings. About this time, he began to rodeo less because of more commitments at home.

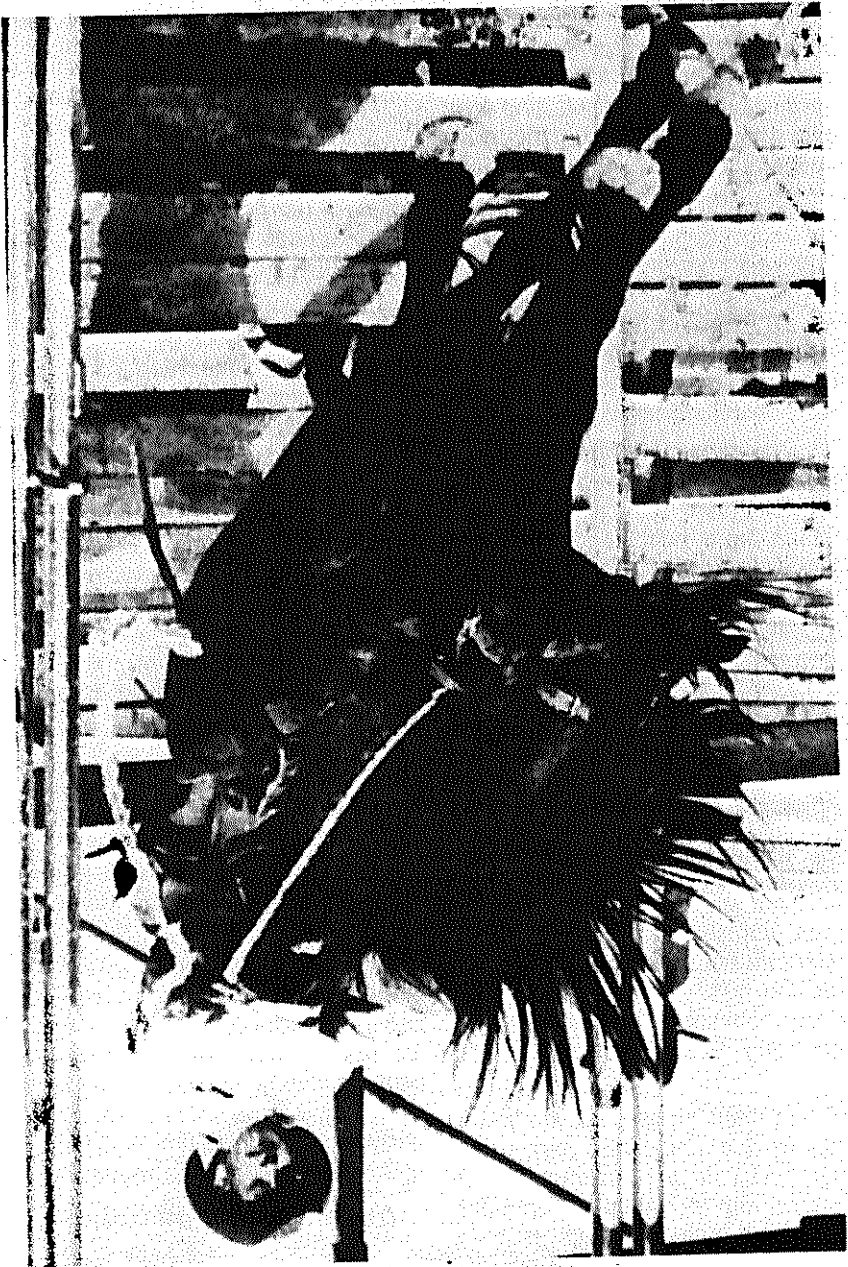
Early in 1966, the Frosts moved from Lapoint to Randlett. They next few years they ranched, farmed and even started a dairy. In 1968, Cody was born in the Roosevelt hospital and Robin and Lane were attending school at Todd Elementary. Clyde served on the Board of Directors of the Ouray Irrigation Company and helped the president and other directors build the Bullock Draw Dam located northeast of Ft. Duchesne.

In 1973 they sold their Randlett ranch and moved to Vernal for five years. Here Clyde worked for the Uintah Cattle Company while the kids attended school in Vernal. Robin and Lane both began rodeoing and the Frosts spent many hours at the Little Britches rodeo, high school rodeos and any other rodeos the kids could compete in.

The Frosts say they are honored to be the 1994 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo grand marshals and are looking forward to returning to Vernal for a visit. They have only been back once when Clyde's brother, Joe, passed away and for an over night visit as they were passing through on their way from one state to another.

The Frosts will lead the rodeo parade which begins on the west end of Main Street, July 13 at 5 p.m. The Rodeo will run four nights, July 13 through July 16 with world class cowboys competing. The purse exceeds \$60,000 and with an over \$9,000 purse for the Wrangler Bullfights, this puts Vernal in the top 50 rodeos in the country.

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CLYDE FROST rides "Rocking Chair" during a rodeo in Phoenix, Az. in 1961.



THE LIFE of World Champion bull rider, Lane Frost, is the subject of a box-office movie, "8-Seconds."

VERNAL A MECCA OF TRAVELERS

Bure Signs of an Important and Rich Country is Passenger Business.

Vernal is coming to be a traveling center of importance for an inland city judging from the records of the two transportation companies. The Uintah Railroad Auto has brot in over forty passengers in the last two days. The cash receipts for outgoing business during May was \$1,219 which is about an average monthly run.

The Vernal-Price Stage which operates its heavy passenger business in the reservation towns has brot twenty on to Vernal swelling the total to over half a hundred in the last two days, and these figures are not far from a good regular average for this time of year.

Vernal is growing. What makes it grow? Is it in a good country.

CHRISTENS AUTO

"Ask and ye shall receive: knock and it shall be opened unto you."

The entire "Express" force from the editor to the devil are going about since Wednesday afternoon quoting the above scripture to themselves and to their friends, protesting that they collectively and severally hold it applicable to our day, and that it has special reference to the time when Calder Bros. Ice Co., should depart from the slow-going ways of their fathers and bring from Zion over the perpendicular cliffs and reservation mudholes a cushioned, roomy and swift moving device called automobile. The doubting Thomases who visit this shop will be turned over to the printer's "devil" to be conducted to a secluded corner where they may gaze down upon the silent, yet mighty (even if empty) witnesses that this office was presented by the Calder Bros. Ice Co. with one mammoth case of Zenith soda water, assorted flavors, and one gallon of Jupiter's nectar ice cream. All this done submissive of course to the scripture quotation, but primarily as a public christening of the new, spick and span, 20 horse-power International delivery automobile.

The new gas wagon is a beauty. It was brought all the way overland

BUSINESS HOUSES TO GRANT HALF-HOLIDAY

Clerks Turned Loose to Romp, Big Plan for Base Ball Grandstand Finished

Through the efforts of Lyle Fisher of the Co-op and Ben. P. Kelley of W. P. Coltharp & Co., the merchants and other business houses inaugurate a half-holiday every Friday afternoon beginning Friday June 23rd.

Following the lead of other cities in a general movement to achieve a two-fold purpose: provide week-day recreation time, and mitigate against Sabbath breaking, the houses in Vernal who employ clerks, office hands, etc., will turn the said employees loose on Friday afternoons to romp, hoe weeds, sleep, or whatever diversion may please their fancy. Then on Sundays it is expected that the employers will see their respective employees at church.

The granting of the half holiday has awakened new life in public sports. Already the gentlemen who have fathered the movement have been in conference with Manager Rebeau Calder of the base ball team and are assured that the team will be in trim to meet all mit artists that may be brought here. It is further announced that the grandstand will be ready for the opening game next Friday and the band will touch off the occasion with music.

The following have signified willingness to get in line in the movement: Ashley Co-op, Bank of Vernal, Vernal Meat Market, Leslie Ashton Hdw. Co., Jensen Saddlery, Barter Shops, Studebaker Bros., Acorn Mercantile Co., Bracken Clothing Co., Pope Jewelry, Palace Meat Market, Vernal Harness Co., W. P. Coltharp & Co., Uintah State Bank, Con. Wagon, Vernal Trading Co., A. M. McKie Tailor, The Milliners, Placemiths and Plumbers. It is said that the medical profession is also in on it.

It is expected that this will be public notice to all patrons of Vernal business houses to provide ahead of time against the necessities of Friday afternoon, but notwithstanding this forewarning there is certain to be heard the proverbial "click" at finding the stores closed. But the fathers of the half-holiday are anticipating all this with the consoling thought that those who come to "click" may remain to be amused.

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John Hodgkinson is suffering from
an attack of appendicitis

Marion Roberts was called from
the reservation a few days ago to
the bedside of his baby boy who has
pneumonia and is in a dangerous
condition.

Jacob and Isaac Lybbert have
returned from Provo where they at-
tended the B. Y. U.

No new cases of scarlet fever are
reported and the measles flags are
fast disappearing.

The first kiln of brick for the
new academy was burned last week.

A great loss on the brick yard was
prevented by the use of the telephone.
On Sunday while the workmen were
at home an irrigation ditch broke
and was pouring its contents over
the brick yard and toward the kiln.
Orson Calder happened along and
gave the alarm to Bishop Goodrich,
who in turn phoned to Mr. Hunt who
mounted his wheel and in a few
minutes the water was stopped.

Grand Stand Day

Friday June 23rd will be Grand
Stand Day. On this date a game of
ball is matched between Vernal and
the Indians. All business houses
will be closed, and a record crowd
is expected. At night a dance will
be given in the Opera house, provid-
ed the quarantine is raised, the
proceeds to be applied on the grand
stand.

The ball team is about \$200 in
debt for the building which was put
up for the comfort of the public.
If every person who usually attends
these ball games paid 25c admission,
about three games would clear off
this indebtedness. As it is the
team did not clear expenses on the
last game. Don't be a "cheap guy"
on Grand Stand Day. Pay your ad-
mission to the grounds. The boys
need the money.

Vernal plays Roosevelt at Roose-
velt Saturday,

reservation mudholes a cushioned
roomy and swift moving device called
automobile. The doubting Thomases
who visit this shop will be turned
over to the printer's "devil" to be
conducted to a secluded corner where
they may gaze down upon the silent,
yet mighty (even if empty) witnesses
that this office was presented by the
Calder Bros. Ice Co. with one mam-
moth case of Zenith soda water, as-
sorted flavors, and one gallon of
Jupiter's nectar ice cream. All this
done submissive of course to the
scripture quotation, but primarily as
a public christening of the new,
spick and span, 20 horse power Inter-
national delivery automobile.

The new gas wagon is a beauty.
It was brought all the way overland
from Salt Lake City via Daniels can-
yon and the reservation, with 1200
pounds on board. The run was made
in 2 hours of actual driving and with-
out the aid of other motor power up
the hills than the machine's own
engines. Of course Pontha Calder
who went after the car says he
listened to the driver Fred Knowlden
and provided, pick, shovel, and block
and tackle, but they didnt use them.
Neither did they arrange with friend-
ly Indians to keep some ponies handy
by the steep places which the driver
avers are 25 per cent grade but
Pontha thot were nearer 50 per
cent and might have been streight
up and down. All in all, these two
gentlemen think this new delivery
auto hold the record of making Salt
Lake to Vernal without help.

The International delivery auto was
purchased from the consolidated
Wagon and Machine company for
the consideration of \$950. It has a
capacity of 1500 lbs., will take the
place of two teams and does away
with the service of one man, also re-
ducing the time consumed in deliv-
eries to the minimum.

May the cows that give ice cream
the soda water spring nor the gaso-
line tank never go dry!

District Attorney Harvey Cluff was
a passenger on the Dragon auto.

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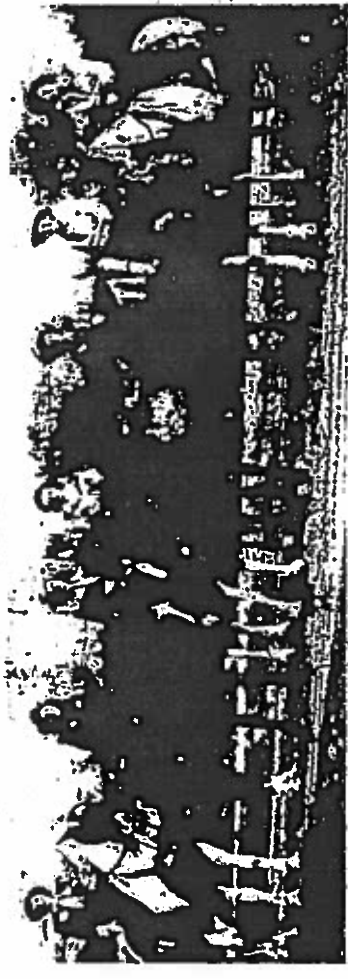
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VERNAL RODEO QUEEN contestants lined up for this picture just before competing for the coveted title last Friday evening at the fairgrounds. They are, left to right, Marilyn Siddleway, Mary Shavanoagh, Della Willis, Mrs. June Ross Caldwell, Mary Ellen Colton, Melba Ellen Chew and Sybil Perry.

With "hungry" cowboys pouring into Vernal for the Vernal rodeo Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the prime rodeo season is in full swing. The western attraction promises to be better than ever before, according to the local stock raisers.

The annual rodeo season opened officially last Friday evening when Melba Ellen Chew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Carew, was judged queen of the Vernal rodeo. Competing for the title were Marilyn Siddleway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siddleway, and Mary Shavanoagh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Willis. Judges were Mrs. John Willis, daughter of Miss Ullrich. Attendees are Sybil Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perry; Mary Ellen Colton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Colton; and June Ross Caldwell and Mary Shavanoagh of Ft. Duchesne.

The judging at the fairgrounds followed a colorful parade by a core of more than 100 well-mannered horses. Decision of the judges was announced at the Imperial Hall by O. J. Barnett, queen committee chairman.

Popular Decision

Announcement of the rodeo royalty met with unanimous consent of the people at the dance. For the first time in the above 12 year history special prizes and money were decided by the judges. The prize money was high.

A polo match between Vernal rodeo committeemen and a few other experienced horsemen was held at the fairgrounds. A light failure. At 9 p.m. the lithia were repaired and the game was played.

At about 10 p.m. the rodeo grounds which had been sprayed just before the queen judging. Altho slick at first, the ground soon was trampled into a condition. Jay the grounds committee chairman said that sawdust cut to an absolute minimum and would be an important factor for enjoyment of patrons at the rodeo performances this week.

Stock Arrives

First of the Kirby stock arrived today and appears to be in top shape. Last show for the animals was on July 4 at Tooele, it was reported. Very few riders have been able to stay on the particular breed at this time.

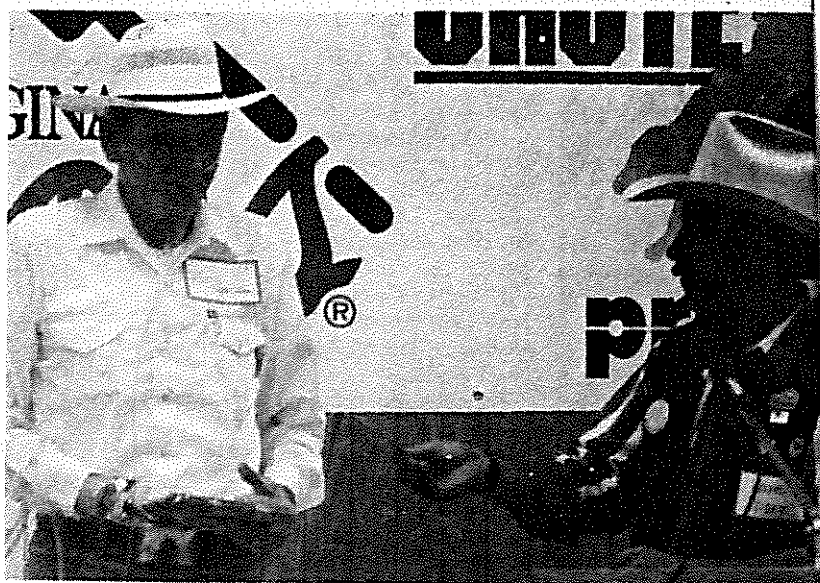
Tickets went on sale Saturday morning in the Vernal city office and business moved forward at a steady pace. Check tickets for the rodeo, noted that for the first time in several years season tickets are available at a slight saving and great convenience to rodeo followers.

Parades Set

Big western parades with prizes to go for best float and best costume will be held each evening of the rodeo starting at 8 p.m. The rodeo performances will start immediately after the parade, about 7:30 p.m., according to committee.

Winding up each evening's entertainment will be a rodeo dance at the Imperial Hall. Clineax will be Saturday night when a pony, saddle and bridle will be given away free.

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NORRIS HARRISON receives plaque as legendary cowboy for the '94 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo from Lane Thomas, Chairman of the rodeo committee.

Harrison honored as legendary cowboy

Vernal cowboy and long-time supporter of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Norris Neal Harrison, was honored as the Legendary Cowboy of 1994 during a banquet Saturday.

Harrison received the honor from Lane Thomas, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo president.

Harrison has lived most of his 80 years on farms and ranches. He was born May 28, 1913 the third of 11 children. In 1936 the winters were 30 to 40 below zero and snow averaged five feet deep. Harrison was feeding sheep for Walt McCoy. He would haul the hay from Ashley to Maeser where Mr. McCoy fed his sheep. It was so cold he would stop at home in Ashley ward to get thawed out and journey on to Maeser with a team and sleigh.

Sometimes when they took a ride out through Ouray, the cattle would be froze to death standing up along the fences.

In 1942 he was drafted into the United States Army. Basic training was in Camp Roberts, Calif. He spent time in Germany, Belgium and France as one of the Military Police (MP). He was discharged from the service in 1947. He and Orval Kempton started what is now Basin Wholesale Foods, hauling produce and food from Salt Lake to Vernal. He worked for a chemical company in Calif. as a carpenter. In

1947 he married Louise Wax and they had three children: Helen Marie Nelson, Joseph Neal Harrison and Margaret Louise Copeland. He has 9 grandchildren. He has enjoyed being involved with the rodeo and the queen contest where he helped for 15 years. In October of 1974 he lost his hand in a corn picker and ended up with a hook. He gets a big charge out of teasing children with his hook especially his nieces and nephews. Some of them call him "Captain Hook."

Since he retired, he devotes much of his time to gardening, traveling and visiting people.

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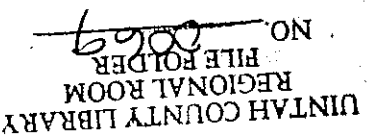
HARRISON, '94 legendary cowboy enjoys riding in rodeo parades

His heroes have always been cowboys

Express Feature Editor

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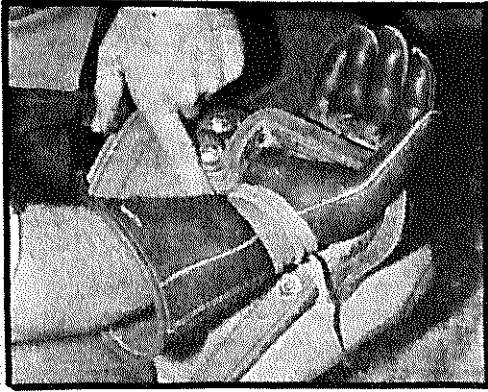
Jackson's conversation turns towards bareback riggings. The rawhide handle juts up with just enough space to allow a gloved hand to fit through. He demonstrated the snug fit and mimicked to action of a bronc. "If a guy comes off the wrong side of a horse, he'd bet-



conversation, is considered by his protegee to be "the best bareback rider ever."

It is evident that Ford feels confident that Jackson has what it takes to become one of the best. Ford, along with another top pro-rodeo cowboy, Shawn Davis, were instrumental in helping Jackson acquire his PRCA card.

Dedication and the ability to ig-



TO PROTECT the rider, a bareback glove must fit properly with no air pockets.

rawhide handle juss up with just enough space to allow a gloved hand to fit through. He demonstrated the snug fit and mimicked to action of a bronc. "If a guy comes off the wrong side of a horse, he'd better run to keep up with that animal until the pick-up man gets there to help him out or until he can pull himself back up and get his hand free," he said. Jackson is no stranger to injury but acknowledges that if "you let go while your hand is hung up, you're going to get hurt. Bad."

The history of the bareback rigging is interesting and Jackson has made it a point to learn all he can about both the old riggings and the latest designs for new ones. He understands what is needed to help a bronc rider stay on board. The tilt or angle of the handle is extremely important to the rider. Many of the designs seen on the riggings of today reflect the attention to the center of balance required by the dangerous sport. Jackson prefers the CLG Louis Field rigging, although he admits that there are some new ones he is considering as well.

As with any other avocation, those wishing to learn all there is to know try to learn from the experts. To this end, Jackson signed up for Bruce Ford's School of Champions in

A ROUGH ride for Ryan Jackson as grimaces in determination during the 1988 High School Rodeo Finals held in Heber.

Kersey, Colo. The intensive and exhaustive training was condensed in three days of riding, observing and video critiques. Beginning at 9 a.m., the enrollees began riding. Breaking briefly for meals, they spent most of the day either riding or observing another cowboy ride. Each ride was filmed then reviewed that evening. The critiques often lasted until 11 p.m. "I always tried to figure out what I had done wrong," Jackson smiled. "Most of the time I was right. It has sure helped me improve."

Ford, his mentor and teacher, requested Jackson to set a goal—part of it required practice. "I have to ride 50 head (of horses) before March...and I will." February will find him trying his hand at the Yuma Arizona PRCA Rodeo.

A trip to the National PRCA Finals in Las Vegas was a highlight for the young man. Only 40 of the nation's PRCA cowboys are al-

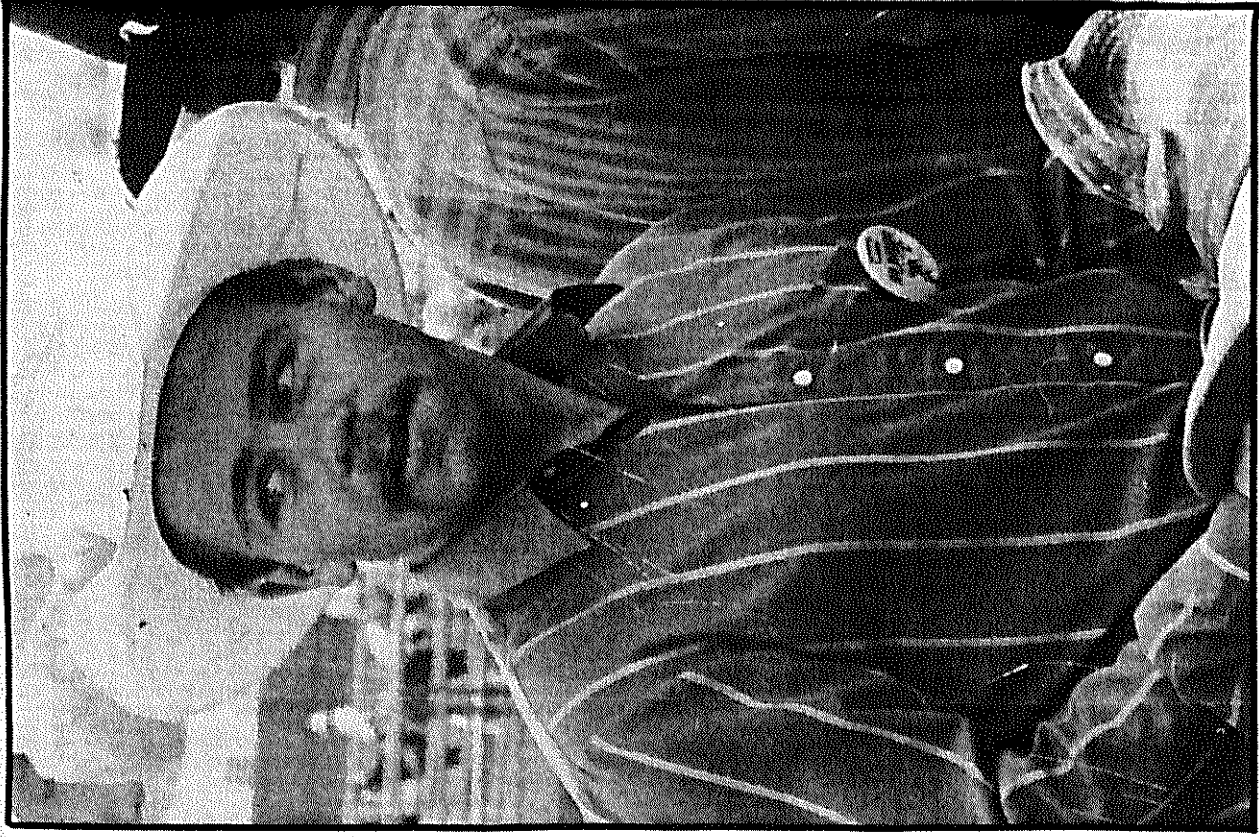
lowed to ride the brones in the annual bucking horse sale. Although he was bucked off, he spoke with admiration for the animal. "You aren't really competing with the others cowboys," he stated quietly, "you're competing against the animal."

Like thousands of rodeo cowboys across the nation, Jackson feels a closeness to the others who share a love for the rough and dangerous sport. He states that most of the people he meets at the rodeos become like family. "PRCA cowboys never need to 'bad mouth' each other...instead, they are always ready to help." This feeling of camaraderie is important. Another consideration is the amount of travel required. Many times a cowboy has just enough time to pull into town, ride in the exhibition, then leave again to make it to the next rodeo on time.

Jackson and friend, Mark, have plans to buy a van so they can travel together. He wryly admits that quite often in the beginning of a career, a cowboy makes barely enough to pay the traveling expenses incurred while on the road.

Jackson's mother, Tonah is understandably proud of her son. She pointed out the hard work and determination which he has exhibited. "Not too many kids his age are able to get the sanction of people like Bruce Ford," she explained. Like many mothers, she is not ignorant of the risks but has accepted the fact that her son is willing to work and learn all that he can regarding his chosen occupation.

By his own admission, Jackson admits to the danger in bareback riding. But the excitement and challenge overrides the dangers in the grueling sport. He is prudent enough, however, to workout daily. His physical conditioning is important and he embraces the routines he has established for himself. He runs each day to increase his wind and stamina. Weightlifting is an important part of his workouts as well. In addition, another helpful training aid has been rigged up in the back yard of the Jackson home. The 'barrel', as it is known, is training device which simulates the action of a



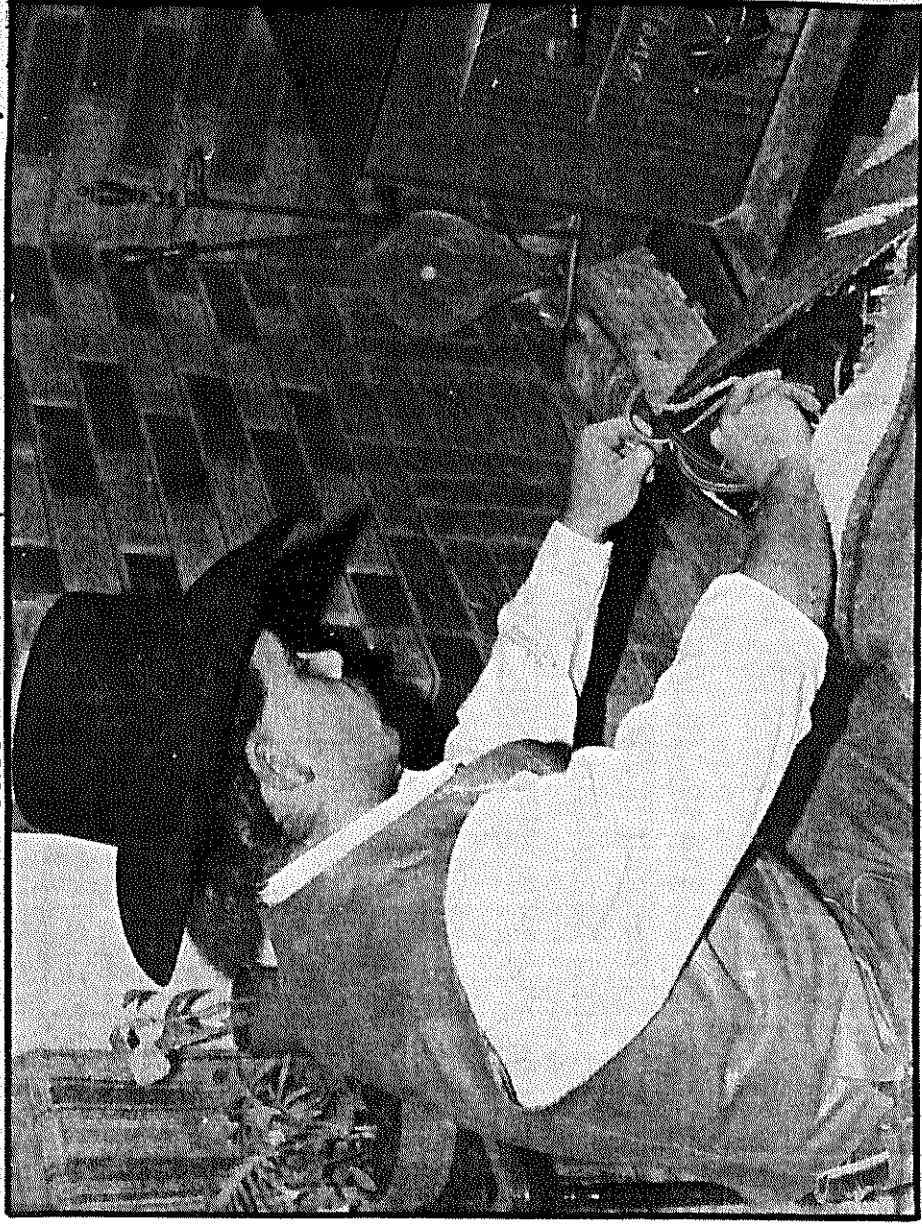
RYAN PREPARES to rig up for a rough ride during the 1988 High School Rodeo Finals in Heber.

bucking horse. A series of cables, pullies and springs allows the rider to operate it alone or receive rigorous action with the aid of up to four individuals. The use of the bucking barrel has helped Jackson fine tune his coordination and balance.

The past weekend found young Jackson loaded up and headed for Colorado to meet Ford and a few others. A small rodeo jackpot had been arranged and Vernal's newest PRCA cardholder had been invited to join in. His eyes were shining at

the thought of spending time with his friend and coach, Bruce Ford.

February will find Jackson at the PRCA-sponsored Yuma, Ariz. rodeo. July will find him back in Vernal at the Dinosaur Round-up Rodeo. It's a rough but exciting road ahead for the young man who plans to make rodeo a full-time avocation. But chances are great that if Jackson forges ahead with his plans, there will be other youngsters who will want to be like him—whose heroes have always been cowboys.



RYAN PACKS his gear in preparation for the cluding friend, teacher and all-time great, Bruce jackpot rodeo with other rodeo cowboys in- Ford.

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Ricky Hyde also took the top prize purse with a time of 18.7 to earn an additional \$1640. Ty Hays and Jeff Chapman finished 2nd and 3rd in the overall with times of 19.1 and 20.2. Hays earned \$1,357 and Chapman \$1,075.

The final Basin cowboy to put a bid in the prize money was Jeff Crozier of Roosevelt. He and Chad Hard combined their team roping effort to win \$277 each in the average stemming from a time of 14.5 two runs. A total of 70 ropers entered the team-roping event with Gil Griemsmann and Bret Tonozzi leading the group to win \$895 each. Second and third place in the over-average went to the teams of Gil and Cory Petska and Chad Anderson and Shawn Earais.

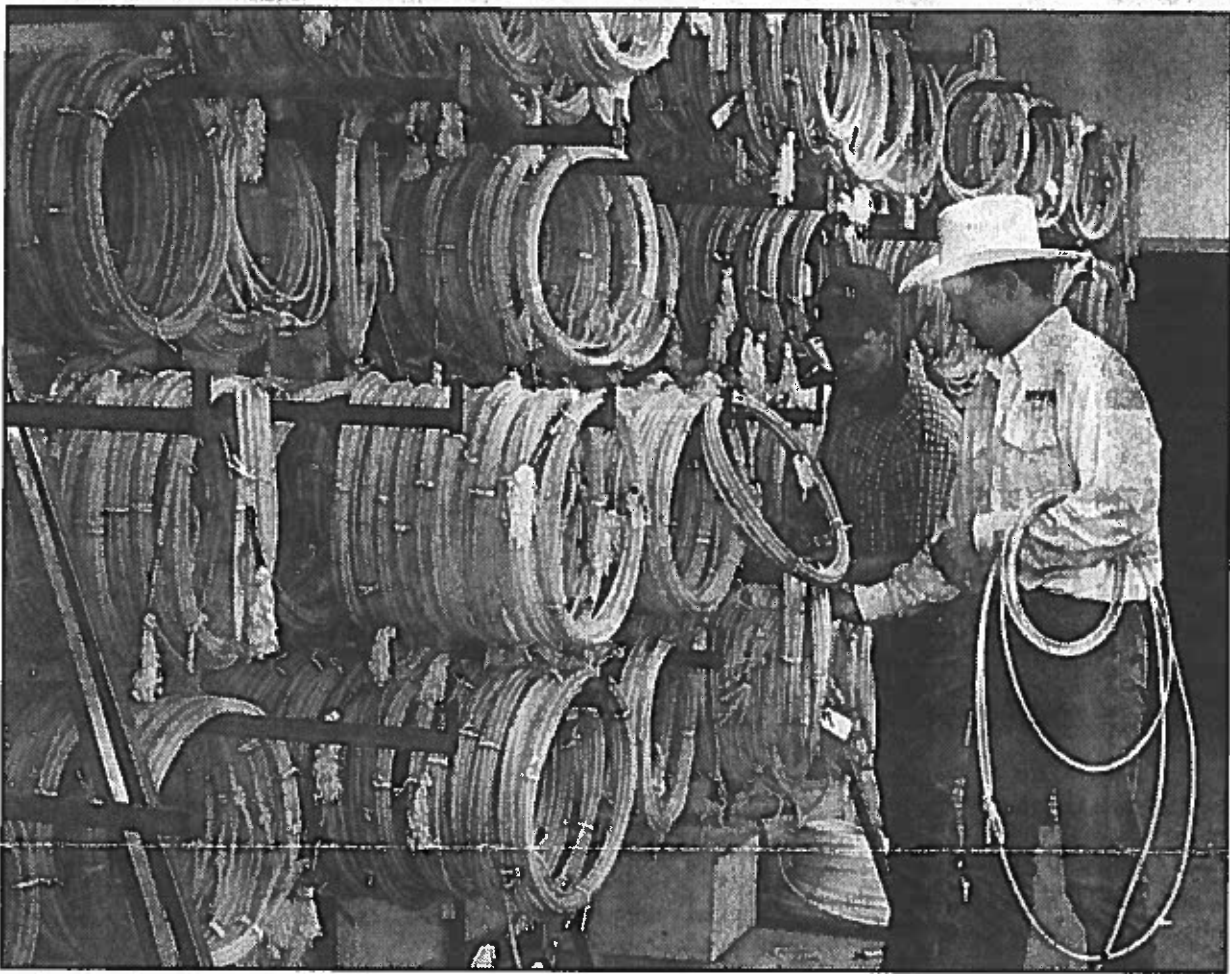
Fast team roping go-round money went to the teams of Mike Cervi and Kory Koontz and Mike Beers and Fred Whitfield with identical times of 4.9. Each of the four ropers pocketed \$818.

Nearly \$10,000 was divided among the top nine bareback riders in \$1,902 going to Todd Pierce Shelly, Idaho. He received 79 points for his ride to top the group of 42 competitors. Jason Havens finished in second place for \$1,725. Mark Garrett of Nisland S.D., currently unofficially ranked 8th in the world tied for third with Chad Smith. They both earned \$1,354.

Ryan Kapston of Geyser, Mont., and Glen O'Neil of Alberta shared 1st place in the saddle bronc competition with scores of 81. They left the arena with \$2,623 each. Danick finished in third place for \$682 followed by Scott Johnston in 4th place and \$1,088. A total of 10 cowboys were entered in the double event.

A mob of 58 registered bull riders, Mike Moore of Wellington, Colo., outdistanced everyone to win 1st place check of \$2,474. Moore is unofficially ranked as 4th in the world going into the Vernal rodeo with earnings of \$30,362 for the current year. Jason Nunemaker and Boyd Doyle tied for second.

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Rex Anderson helps PRCA roper K.C. Jones select new lariats from the Magnum Rope Company inventory in Vernal.

Hometown ropes add to downhome win

"K. C. is a great guy, he's the same in the arena as out," is how local rope maker Rex Anderson described K. C. Jones. Jones is a professional rodeo cowboy with "ties" to Vernal. "He's pretty competitive and wants to win," Anderson continued but he strongly stressed that Jones is a real down home person.

"Competitive" is probably a fair term to describe a rodeo cowboy whose winning ways included taking the top money in the Timed Event Championship of the World earlier this year in Guthrie, Okla. The event requires each participant to successfully compete in 5 events. They must trip a steer, rope a calf, head and heel a steer and steer wrestle. K. C. smoked up the arena and walked off pocketing \$52,000 in championship prize money. Prior to the timed event championship, which was held in March, he also won a large roping in Tucson, Ariz.

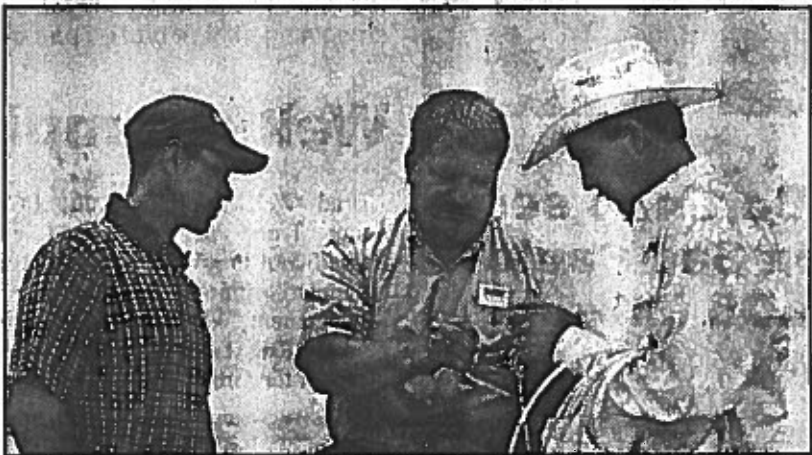
K. C. came to Vernal for the first time to compete in the 1991 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. Since then, he has been back to compete in the Vernal rodeo "about 6 times" he said. Last year, he dug a little deeper after a visit to Rex Anderson's rope shop. K. C. grabbed a couple of ropes and went down the road. Not long afterward, he was back to pick up more and offered to endorse the lariats professionally. Since that time he and the

rope company have sponsored a roping school in Vernal. His association with Magnum Ropes has been a benefit to him and the local company. He seems to win and they enjoy the market exposure.

"I stopped in the shop and swung a few of their ropes," K. C. said. "I liked the way they felt so I took a couple with me." He said that as he traveled the rodeo circuit, he would get the ropes out at rest areas or in down time and give them a workout. The consistency of the ropes impressed him. He pointed out that temperature, humidity, altitude and weather factors significantly affect the way nylon ropes behave. The rope "behavior" apparently suits him well.

"He called me last night to tell me he had just won the calf roping event at the rodeo in Estes Park, Colo.," Anderson said. K. C. had left Vernal on Sunday morning after roping in the Dinosaur Roundup on Saturday night. Before leaving however, he again stopped by the Magnum Rope shop to talk business with owners Rex Anderson and Brad McClellan. He also gathered up a half dozen new lariats noting that "I'm extremely picky about my ropes." The money he won in Estes Park apparently came on a rainy day and at the end of one of the new ropes.

K. C. often travels the rodeo circuit



PRCA Roper K.C. Jones discusses ropes with Rex Anderson, left, and Brad McClellan, center.

with his family. They stay in a pickup truck camper and pull a horse trailer behind. He and his wife, Melanie, do this at a hectic pace and in the company of 7 kids, 2 boys and 5 girls ranging in age from 11 years to 23 months. The 23-month side is doubled in a set of twins. A local Vernal mechanic who has worked on K. C.'s vehicles stood nearby the family considering their traveling arrangements and observed that "He's got to be a great guy to do that. I'd probably leave either them or me at one of the highway rest stops."

Jones keeps a busy schedule. He

Horseshoe tourney set for 24th

The Uintah Recreation District is sponsoring a horse shoe tournament July 24 at the Colton Pavilion starting at 5 p.m.

It will be a pot luck event. The meal will begin at 5 p.m. and the tournament will begin at 6 p.m. There will be a singles and doubles division. Cost is \$5 per person. For further information contact Frank Annerl at 789-7204.

Croquet benefit set

A charity golf croquet tournament is being sponsored by the Ashley Masonic Lodge to raise funds to benefit the Children's Justice Center.

The tournament will be August 7 at 9 a.m. A \$10 per person entry fee donation must accompany each sign-up. The tournament will begin with round robin play within blocks. Top finishers in each block will enter single elimination finals. Ribbons will be provided for first through fourth place. Competitors will sign up as team of two people.

Play begins at 9 a.m. at the Ashley Valley Community Park, 500 N. 900 W. The number of teams is limited. Contact Dan McCarty, 789-9681, for additional information. Sign-ups should be mailed to Charity Croquet, 2244 W. 1000 N. Vernal, Utah.

Neola penners attract fast horses

Fast horses, fast times and the luck of the draw, was what Neola Team Penning members needed on Saturday, June 26, 1999. A Rodeo Qualification jackpot was held at the Neola Fairgrounds. The top five places in the Open and Mixed Divisions earned the privilege to

Buckle Winners in the Novice Division were 1st Place Team: Brandon Whiting, Rob Hatch and Brad Mecham; 2nd Place Team: Kevin Duncan, Brandon Whiting and Trent Vanloughven; 3rd Place Team: Dean Clerico, Pete Harrison and Trent Vanloughven; 4th Place

Brothers and Friends placed first in the Women and Youth Division 1st Place Team: Ryan Bastian, Jesse Whiting and Brandon Whiting; 2nd Place Team: Jesse Whiting, Cindy Merrell and Mary Hatch; 3rd Place Team: Shiril Christofferson, Mary Hatch and

Uncle and Nephew were the two on two Champions 1st Place Team: Stewart Olsen and Rex Olsen; 2nd Place Team: Ryan Bastian and Rodney Olsen; 3rd Place Team: Pete Harrison and Linda Crozier; 4th Place Team: Bruce Sorenson and Mary Hatch; 5th Place Team:

Lt. Weldon Fox Reported Killed in Action

First Lt. John Weldon Fox, 23, was reported killed in action over Belgium on December 28, 1944, according to word received Wednesday from J. A. Ullo, adjutant general, by his brother, C. Laurence Fox.

Lt. Fox was born at Vernal October 19, 1921, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, now living in Oakland, Calif. Following his graduation from the UHS in 1939 he was employed by Stravell Patterson and the D&RG at Salt Lake. He enlisted in the army air corps in December, 1942, and received his basic training at Santa Ana, Calif.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant at Yuma, Arizona in 1943. He was stationed at Del Rio, Texas, Lake Charles, La., and Savannah, Ga. before his embarkation from Banger, Main at the time of the invasion of France. He received his final combat training in Ireland and England and was based in France at the time he was reported missing in action. He was a pilot on a B-26 Mirader.

Surviving are his parents and two sisters, May, of Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Nylas Andreason, Cambridge, Mass., and four brothers, Morrill of Salt Lake, Lowell, Concord, Calif., Laurence, Vernal, and Leland, with the army in the Pacific.

Thomas Caldwell Named Democratic County Chairman

Thomas Caldwell was appointed as Democratic central committeeman Thursday evening at a meeting of the central committee held at the Court House. Mr. Caldwell succeeds Henry Slaugh, who resigned his position.

Mr. Caldwell has been principal of the Maeser school for the past ten years and has been teaching for 30 years.

The committee appointed Melvin Jorgensen as secretary. Mr. Caldwell will fill the unexpired term of Mr. Slaugh, to June.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barr of Grand Junction, Colo., are visiting here this week with their son and daughter, D. R. Barr and Mrs. D. M. Finicum.

Stake Musical To be Given At First Ward

What promises to be one of the outstanding entertainment events of the year will be an "Evening of Music" to be presented by the Stake M. I. A. Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the First Ward chapel. Featured will be Miss Edythe Neal, in what may be her last local performance before her departure for California.

Red Cross Drive to Raise \$ 3200 in Uintah County

DAIRY SHORT COURSE TO BE HELD IN UINTAH BASIN

Next week the second Uintah Basin dairy short course, sponsored by the Extension service, will be held at central points in both Uintah and Duchesne counties. Two sessions will be held at Tablona, Altamont, Vernal and Lapoint, with Arthur Morris, dairy manufacturing specialist, Lyman H. Rich, extension dairyman and Aaron Bracken, extension agronomist, as the principal speakers. County Agents Russell Keetch, Vernal, and Mardin Broadbent of Roosevelt, will conduct the meetings.

The sessions are scheduled for 2 and 8 p.m. at the Tablona chapel on March 12; Altamont High School on the 13th; Court House at Vernal on the 15th and the Lapoint chapel on the 16th. Subjects on this year's course will be "Quality milk production and its effect on post war dairy industry", "Feed crops for dairy cows", and "Better sires for effective productions."

Mr. Keetch reports there have been numerous requests for the

course this year. Last year's course was well attended by basin dairymen, who profited from tips from Mr. Rich and Mr. Morris, speakers at the 1944 course. Mr. Keetch states this year's course will be an enlargement over the first meeting. The new dairy sanitation regulation will be of special interest this year.

Sheep and wool are Uintah county's chief industries, with dairying second in importance. Last year approximately \$750,000 was derived in this county alone from dairying. Over 6200 head of dairy cows in Uintah and Duchesne counties are Jersey and Holstein. Duchesne county puts dairying as her major industry.

Howard Caldwell Named President Of Vernal Rodeo

H. L. Caldwell was selected president of the Vernal Rodeo Committee for the 1945 season at a meeting held Thursday evening in the Vernal City Office.

Clark Felch is the new vice president, and Lawrence Siddoway, secretary and treasurer. Chairman of the various committees will be named at a later date.

Possibilities for this year's show were discussed by the committee and it was announced arrangements for a greater seating capacity will be made. The Rodeo will be held the fore part of August, according to President Caldwell.

E. Leland Bennion is the retiring president.

Bert Jolley Enjoys Vernal Express In Germany

Pvt Bert C. Jolley, in Germany with the Ninth Army, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jolley: "I'm still getting the Vernal Express and I certainly enjoy reading it. Thanks again for sending it to me."

Entering service in July, 1943, he was assigned to the mechanized cavalry and stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas before his embarkation in December, 1943.

Pvt. Jolley was in the First Army in France, Belgium and Holland and transferred to the Ninth Army after arriving in Germany.

QUOTA IS \$200 BEL
GOAL ALLOTTED
FOR 1944 CAMPAIGN

The national Red Cross Fund Drive officially this week, and will continue through the month of May according to Mrs. Tennessee County Red Cross man, Roy Showalter. Mrs. Roy Showalter has named county war fund man again this year. The quota is \$3200.00, \$2000 more than last year. The goal is \$140,000,000.

Mrs. Showalter announced following precinct chairmen for the 1945 drive: Business J. D. Jones and H. B. M. Vernal residential district H. Grant Vest, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. D. R. Barr, Mrs. Eakelson, Mrs. Francis and Mrs. C. R. Henderson, Mrs. Elmer Sweet, Mrs. J. H. Reader, Maeser, McCoy, Davis, Mrs. W. sen, Naples, Mrs. LaVering, Jensen, Mrs. J. lem, Dry Fork, Mrs. J. ley, Ft. Duchesne and rocks, Fr. S. J. Talbot, Mrs. Austin Wardle, Mrs. Goodrich, Lapoint, George Bigelow.

"When you give to the Red Cross you provide a touch of home for the boys of your community on the battlefronts of the world," said Mrs. Showalter.

Declamation Finals to be Held Sunday

Seminary Declamation Finals will be held Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the Ward chapel, according to Kimball, principal.

Six contestants, not including those who participated in the finals, three boys and three girls.

Gene Fisher returned home Wednesday from Salt Lake. Mr. Fisher has received a medical discharge. He has been stationed at the University of Utah since he entered service two months ago. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Fisher.

'March of Dimes' Nets \$920 In Uintah County

James W. Hallwood, county chairman of the March of Dimes, reports the 1945 drive in Uintah County netted \$920. It is expected that when the affiliate meets

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Expression:

It takes many people to put on world class rodeo

By Virginia Harrington
Feature Writer

This year while rodeo fans sit in the grandstand covering their eyes as a cowboy is thrown off a bull, or cheering when a clown runs in to protect the downed man, perhaps they will give a few moments thought to all the work that went into making the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo (DRR) happen.

Perhaps they will also think about how those hamburgers they are dining on were ordered, cooked and served. Maybe they will wonder where all the souvenirs they are buying came from. They might look around the arena and contemplate the many banners and signs that adorn the area and wonder why the rodeo does so much advertising. Who arranged for the band at the dance? Who came up with the great idea of having a trade show this year - and then organized it? The Kids' Korral, the Special Rodeo, the announcers, the specialty acts, the prizes and of course, the cowboys?

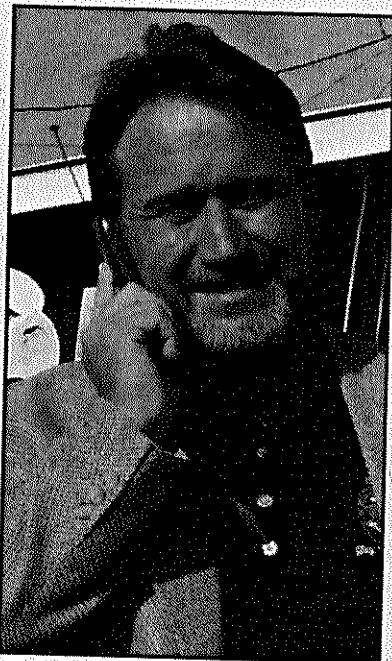
The answer is the DRR Board made up entirely of volunteers, and about 500 or more volunteers who man the committees headed by the Board members. These people work closely with Derk Hatch, who is the Western Park Manager, to make this ever-popular event a huge success that will continue to benefit the community year after year.

Rodeos began as small competitions between cattlemen who wanted to test their skills against each other. Fifty-one years ago, when the rodeo in Vernal began, it was barely more than that and contestants were mostly local people. Today, it is one of the top five outdoor rodeos in the nation, drawing the best competitors and contract entertainment on the rodeo circuit.

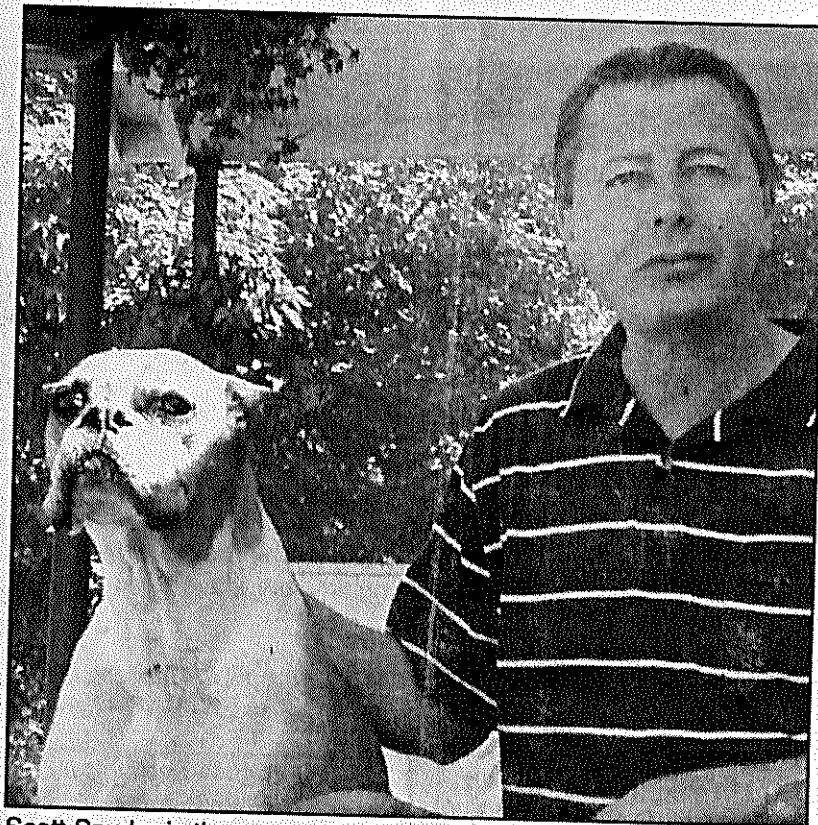
In the early 1980s the rodeo was taken over by members of the Chamber of Commerce, who hoped to revitalize and enlarge it through the efforts of the newly formed DRR Board. Roger Ford was the first president of the Board, followed by Dr. James Allen. These presidents, and the volunteers who helped them, laid the foundation for a successful event that has grown tremendously. This year the prize money for the competitors is more than the entire gross budget of the 1983 rodeo.

Joe Evans, chair of this year's production committee, said this large purse draws higher quality cowboys to the rodeo and has allowed Vernal to receive national news coverage, which helps to market the community. "We have top cowboys in each of the events," he said, "and that increases our ranking relative to other rodeos."

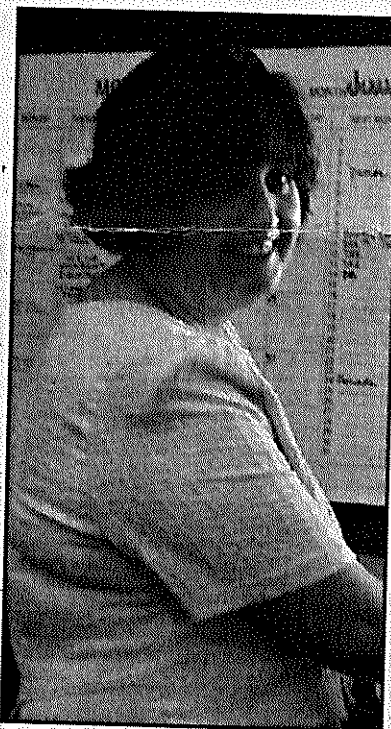
During the next decade, Board members began exploring ways to improve production of the rodeo. They met with Bob Tallman, whom Joe Evans says is the best rodeo producer in the nation, and sought his counsel. Phil Gardenhire and Lecile Harris spent five years concentrating their efforts on ways to improve the production of the rodeo and getting the...



Steve Evans is the current rodeo vice president.



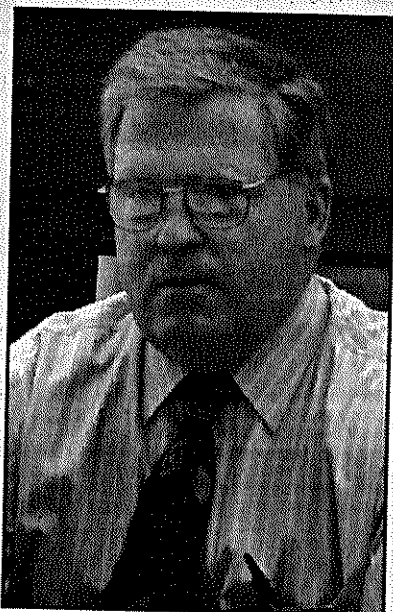
Scott Snyder is the current 2nd vice president.



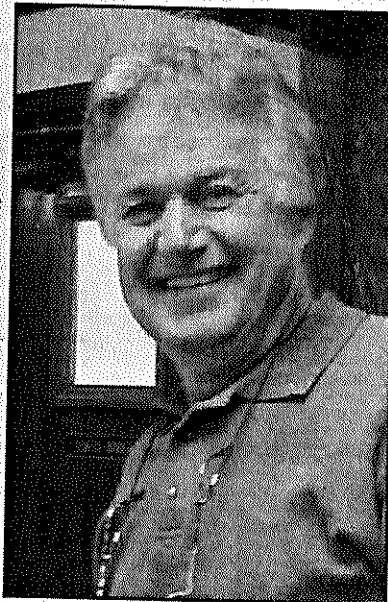
Julie Curry, the current secretary, tries to keep up with all the activity.



John Mathis is the current president.



Lynn Runolfson is in charge of concessions.



Joe Evans is in charge of production.



Dixie Birchell handles sponsors and dances.

What's new at the rodeo?

• This year the rodeo will host a trade show for the first time. Michelle Miller, chair of the disabled person, adult or child, is still looking for volunteers to entertain during the show. Singers, dancers or anyone with a talent who is interested in helping out should contact Michelle at 789-8795.

• The special rodeo is also trying something new this year. In the past the special rodeo, with its baby farm animals and horseback rides with the queens or Westerners, clowns and bull riding, excited about having a great special rodeo this year.

Past presidents hooked on rodeo!

Past presidents are automatically members of the Rodeo Committee each year. Many continue to actively serve every year, either by heading a subcommittee or with advice based on years of experience. Past presidents who are active on the Board this year are:

Dr. James F. Allen, Jack Allred, Del Brady, Howard Carroll, Jim Davis, Doug Dunn, Joe Evans, Brad Horrocks, Rex Jacobsen, Claye Robb, Lane Thomas and Art Vincheta. The DRK Board for 2001 is made up of Dr. John Mathis, DVM, president, Steve Evans, vice president and advertising, Scott Snyder, 2nd vice president, Donnie Woods and Val York.

Donnie Woods, Cindy Snyder, Brett Woods, Lynn Runolfson, Jody Smith, Michelle Miller, Cindy Rooney, Keith McDonald, controller, Susan Horrocks, Billie Jacobsen, er, Mike Hopla, Brad Horrocks, Derk Hatch, Western Park manager, Evans, Tex Gines, Sherry Gines, Curry, secretary, Doug Dunn, Joe Chamber representative, Julie Dave Christensen, Carl Cobbs, Birchell, Linda Birchell, Stacy John Beaslin, legal advisor, Dixie Atwood, Dave and Terry Basinger, Abplanalp, Morgan Ainge, Patty dent and animal welfare, Shaun

Randy Corley is one example of the satisfying results of all that work. He has been considered the top announcer in rodeo for several years and will appear at the DRK rodeo eight times, both clown of the year and specialty act of the year. John Mathis, a local veterinarian and mayor of Naples, is the current Board President. He said each year they strive to provide family entertainment in the acts they contract and make every attempt to avoid any "blue humor." Joe Evans agreed and added that the Board works hard to continually increase the quality without an increase in ticket prices.

The support from sponsors, volunteers, Western Park and the community at large helps make this a reality.

"Vernal City, Utah County and the Western Park Board form a combined effort to fill all the needs for the acts and competitors. They are truly partners with a commitment when it comes to the rodeo," said Joe Evans.

By May things are starting to fall into place and last minute details can be taken care of. Souvenirs are ordered, suppliers for food and drink are found, hospitality rooms for VIPs and cowboys are readied, specialty acts are contracted, cowboys are entered, sponsors are found, advertising begins, arrival of the animals is arranged, tickets and all volunteers are found.

Said Joe Evans, "A major tribute goes to the 500 plus volunteers that make this happen." Secretary Julie Curry agreed, saying these volunteers give so generously of their

time that they deserve special recognition. She added, however, that the Board members work extremely hard. For example, she referred to Joe Evans' job as head of production as "a monster," and Lynn Runolfson's job as head of concessions as overwhelming. "Lynn needs more than 200 volunteers," she said. Runolfson said he has between 42 and 50 volunteers each night to man the concession stands, and some people work more than one night. About 40 volunteers are needed each night to handle the chutes, supervised by Board member Morgan Ainge.

In spite of this outpouring of generosity, more volunteers are needed. For example, Dixie Birchell has only four volunteers plus herself to hang all the sponsors' banners and signs and to prepare for the dances. She said the sponsors are all great, many of them volunteering to give funds to help the rodeo and she wants to give them quality service. It should be noted that none of the funds are profits. All monies collected through ticket sales and sponsor donations are used to improve Western Park, create a purse that will attract top cowboys and entertainers, and to fund the next rodeo.

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J. R. Douglass Head Rodeo For 1939 Show

At the annual meeting of the Vernal Rodeo held at the Bank of Vernal directors' room Monday evening, J. R. Douglass was elected president for the third consecutive term, to head the 1939 show which will be held at the Fair Grounds Sept. 14, 15 and 16. Alvin Weeks was re-elected vice president and R. G. Watson, secretary and treasurer.

Eight directors were chosen for a term of two years, H. E. Seeley, D. R. Barr, Kenneth Stringham, J. C. Anderson, T. R. Johnson, H. W. Colton, Howard Caldwell and Thomas Karren; hold-over directors include Mr. Douglass, Mr. Weeks, Guy Samuels, De Vere Carroll, P. L. Cowan, Grant Calder, Ralph Watson, Otis Weeks and E. L. Bennion.

A report by the secretary showed the association to be in splendid condition financially. Committees will be named by President Douglass and Vice President Weeks in the near future.

Funeral Held at Ely, Nev. January 9th for Mrs. Ada Kelly Lambert

JENSEN (Special) — Impressive funeral services were held at Ely, Nev., for Mrs. Ada Kelly Lambert, wife of W. H. Lambert, on Jan. 9th at the Sacred Heart Church. Requiem mass was said by Father C. E. Hogan. Solos were sung by Christine Russell. The Rosary was said Sunday evening at the Wilson-Bates chapel.

The pall bearers were Les Hardy, Perry Giles, John Cobb, Earl Ness, Charles Williams and John Bonner. Interment took place in the Ely cemetery.

Mrs. Lambert passed away Jan. 6th at 12.45 a. m., at her home at Ely. She was born at Vernal, Jan. 29, 1904, and attend school at the Wilcox Academy and later specialized in art and music at the St. Mary's Academy at Salt Lake City. Thirteen years ago she went to Ely and was married to Harvey Lambert, prominent businessman of that city, on August 2, 1927 at Carson City, Nev.

Having had excellent musical training she was frequently invited to sing in public and over

Uintah Railway Hearing Held Thursday

Gun Club to Hold Annual Meeting at Imperial Hall Monday

The Vernal Gun and Rifle Club will hold its annual meeting at the Imperial Hall, Monday January 23 at 7:30 p. m., to elect new officers and make plans for 1939.

Roy Thompson of Salt Lake City, one of the foremost authorities in Utah on fish and game, has been secured to give a talk on the fish and game problems of the State of Utah. Mr. Thompson has been interested in fishing and hunting for many years and was one of the original developers of the Granddaddy Lakes area.

After the meeting a gallery shoot of 22 ammunition will be held. This will be open to any member of the Gun Club. The purpose of which is to utilize Government ammunition that was furnished the club by the U. S. Army. It is planned to set up 100 ranges, each 50 feet long so that every member will have a chance to participate. Take your 22 rifles for this event.

Representative Curry Chosen on Three House Committees

Speaker Heber Bennion, Jr., representative of Daggett county, appointed M. W. Curry, representative of Uintah county to the following important standing committees: Banking, insurance and real estate, municipal affairs.

House and Senate bills will be on file at the County Clerk's office, the Uintah County Public Library and the Vernal Express office, according to an announcement made by Mr. Curry.

"From indications, no man living can know all there is coming before the state legislature in the short time allotted to study the measures," said Mr. Curry, "and I will appreciate any citizen mailing

Seek to Abandon Line Because of Lack of Revenue

Has the Uintah railway, operating over the Bookcliff range from Mack, Colorado to Watson, Utah, gone the way of the stage coach, rendered obsolete by a more modern means of transportation? Can a corporation be expected to maintain operations over a public utility that fails to pay operating expenses and from which practically all traffic has been withdrawn?

These will be among the questions submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission following Saturday's hearing on the abandonment of the Uintah line. The hearing was completed before Examiner Sullivan at Grand Junction. A transcript of the hearing will be submitted to the commission in Washington for the drafting of a final report which in turn will go before the commission.

A ruling may be expected within a few weeks. Those present at the hearing were practically unanimous in belief the request will be granted, and the line abandoned.

Throughout the hearing there was testimony to the effect that all gilsonite movement over the railroad, for which it was constructed, has been transferred to a truck haul from the gilsonite mines via highway 40 to Craig, for shipment over the Moffat line to Denver en route east. It was shown this movement can be made at a saving of \$6.75 per ton over the rail movement via the Uintah line. Other traffic handled by the rail company has practically all been incident to the gilsonite operations in eastern Utah. With this gone, practically no traffic whatever will remain for the road. January gross revenue was estimated at from \$500 to \$1,000, with operating costs of \$11,000. There was nothing in the testimony to show that an increased traffic might be expected

Townsend Spending Spree



How to spend \$200 in a month, no more, no less, among family of Chelan, Washington, shown here, unemployed orchard worker, and the father of five, the first actual test of the Townsend old age plan. \$200 he was given by popular vote of Chelan's merchants were co-operating in the plan, assessed 2 per cent transaction tax, which it is hoped will pay for a test next month. The original \$200 was donated.

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tor of Hill Creek Monday and Tues-

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Cook that their son, Wallace, who has been in San Francisco since Nov. 1, is employed as station played at the KSFO radio station in that city.

J. R. Douglass Named Head Vernal Rodeo

At a meeting of the Vernal Rodeo held on Thursday of last week J. R. Douglass was elected president and Alvin Weeks vice president. Other officers and committeemen will be selected at a later meeting. Wilson Murray, secretary and treasurer will make his report at the next meeting to be held in the near future.

The Vernal Rodeo has become a definite feature for fall entertainment and will be held this year on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 9, 10 and 11.

The various officers and committeemen give their time and effort without pay for the big annual show.

The Vernal Rodeo is an annual event, is known throughout the West and draws riders and visitors from the entire intermountain region.

Last year the committee purchased a herd of Texas long horn rodeo steers, which will appear again this year.

The rodeo grounds are now in the best shape they have been for several years and will not entail as big an expense as in other years. Additional facilities for taking care of the ever increasing rodeo crowds are also being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson of Randlett have returned to their home after being ill in Vernal for several weeks.

J. Clive Davis, deputy county assessor, went to Roosevelt Monday, where he spent several days on business.

S. R. Bennion and Charles Roby returned Saturday from Salt Lake City where they spent several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jonely left today (Thursday) for Richfield where Mr. Jonely has been transferred. While in Vernal Mr. Jonely was assistant clerk at the Ashley Forest office.

Mrs. Dean Powers and Mrs. Leslie Taylor of Whiterocks visited on Monday with their grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Knoble. Mrs. Eliza Woods, a sister, returned with them to her home in Leeton after spending about a week here.

Mrs. Sam Fratto of Jensen was brought to Vernal Monday by her father, Hugh Stewart, suffering from a sliver of zinc which she ran under her fingernail from the bottom of a new zinc tub as she was rinsing clothes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sundquist and children will leave Friday for Pleasant Grove where they will attend the funeral services of Mr. Sundquist's mother who died on

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Mrs. George Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wiscomb were in Vernal Tuesday from Roosevelt.

Evan Workman was in Vernal Jan. 23. He is bookkeeper at the Bridgeland CCC Camp.

O. J. Justice and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tutt of Lapoint were in Vernal Friday.

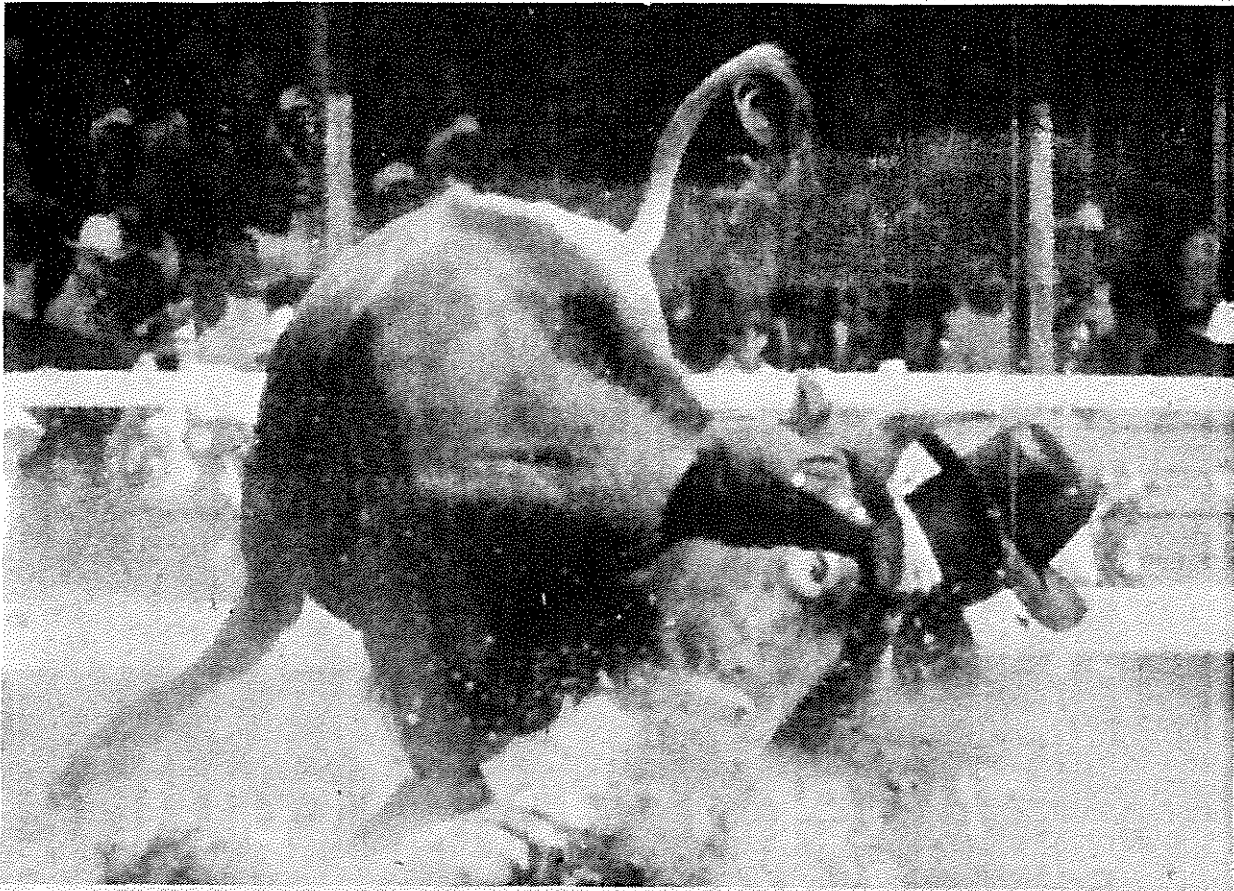
J. R. Douglass, manager of the Utah Gas company, made a trip to Salt Lake City Wednesday.

Mrs. Warren W. Richardson am

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CHAD BEDELL finishes third in steer wrestling at Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo.

Jensen cowboy places at Frontier Days Rodeo

Chad Bedell of Jensen, placed third at the Cheyenne Frontier Days finals in the steer wrestling event, winning a total of \$5,136.55 with a score of 32.4 seconds total on three steers. Mike Smith of Jerome, Idaho was first with a time of 31.6 seconds and John W. Jones of Morrow Bay, Calif. was second with a total of 31.9 seconds. Bedell was also second in the short-go of the final day on Sunday, Aug. 1. His best time for the three steers was 8.9 seconds.

Chad is the son of Orval Bedell of Clark, Colo. and Sharon Bedell of Jensen. He has been competing professionally for the past seven years following a high school and college career.

The Cheyenne Frontier Days

Rodeo is the world's longest running continuous rodeo and western family celebration. The first Cheyenne rodeo was held in 1897 on an open field north of town; very near the location of the present Frontier Park, with the arena made up of a circle of wagons, buggies and carriages. One of its most popular events is the chuckwagon races. They have over 2,000 volunteers that organize the week-long event and ten paid employees who assist in the production and promotion of the celebration. Just recently a new covered grandstand was added to seat an additional 1,600 rodeo fans.

The 1993 Cheyenne Frontier Days featured nine nightly headlining country entertainers. Among them were two artists who have recently

appeared in Vernal, Suzy Bogguss and Chris LeDoux. But the top headliners were George Strait on July 24 and 25 and finishing up was two shows by Garth Brooks, July 30 and 31. Seven of the nine shows were sell-outs.

To put the magnitude of the Cheyenne Frontier Days in perspective, in 1990 organizers fed 30,468 people at their annual free breakfast. Just for trivia's sake, that consists of more than 100,000 flapjacks made from 4,600 pounds of pancake mix, 3,000 pounds of ham, 9,000 pints of milk, 520 gallons of coffee, 630 pounds of butter and 475 gallons of syrup, all in a three-day combined serving time of eight hours and ten minutes.

Local cowboy wins in PRCA Circuit for 1991

Chad Bedell of Jesen has won the steer wrestling for the Wilderness Circuit for 1991 with earnings of \$9,229 and a fifth place in the finals rodeo.

He was awarded a saddle and buckle at the finals in Ogden at the Golden Spike Arena Nov. 14-16.

Bedell has competed in over 28 rodeos of the circuit covering Utah, Nevada and Idaho. Winning the average for the rodeo final was Jack Hannum of Ogden. The two will go on to Pocatello, Idaho to the

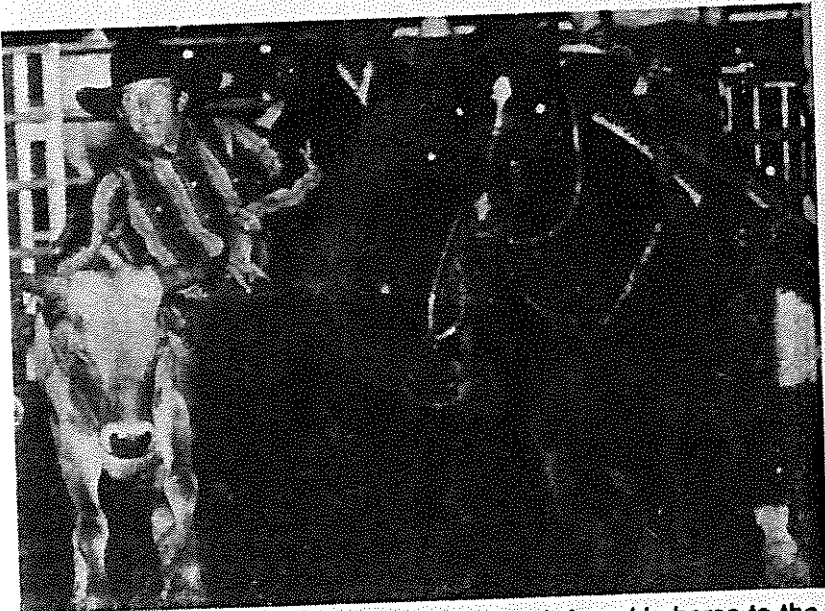
Dodge Circuit National Finals and compete for part of the \$110,000 in prize money. This is Bedell's fifth year competing in PRCA Rodeo and his third time to qualify for the National Finals in Idaho.

Also making it to the Wilderness Circuit finals in 11th place was Kenny Andrews in the bareback event. It is his first year to complete in PRCA. He plans on wintering in Arizona where he can have access to more winter rodeos returning in the spring to compete in the Wilderness Circuit.

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CHAD BEDELL shows off buckle and saddle he won.



CHAD BEDELL makes another smooth exit from his horse to the back of steer during the Steer Wrestling competition.

Jessen wins national Little Britches crown

BoDell Jessen, 15-year-old son of Kevin and Kristy Jessen of Altonah, earned the title of World Bull Riding Champion at the National Little Britches Rodeo held in Pueblo, Colo., on June 20-28. He also won the title of Reserve All Around Champion Cowboy.

To be eligible to participate at Nationals, BoDell had to qualify through the year at Little Britches Rodeos held in Utah. In Pueblo cowboys and cowgirls from 35 states gathered to compete on the National level.

BoDell competes in bull

riding, bareback riding (both of which he won six buckles at Nationals), steer wrestling, tie down roping and team roping. BoDell came home with the World Champion Bull Riding saddle, six buckles and two scholarships for his efforts.



BoDell Jessen won the World Bull Riding Champion at the National Little Britches Rodeo held on June 20-28 in Pueblo, Colorado.

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Joe Frost pockets national bull riding honors plus \$177,792

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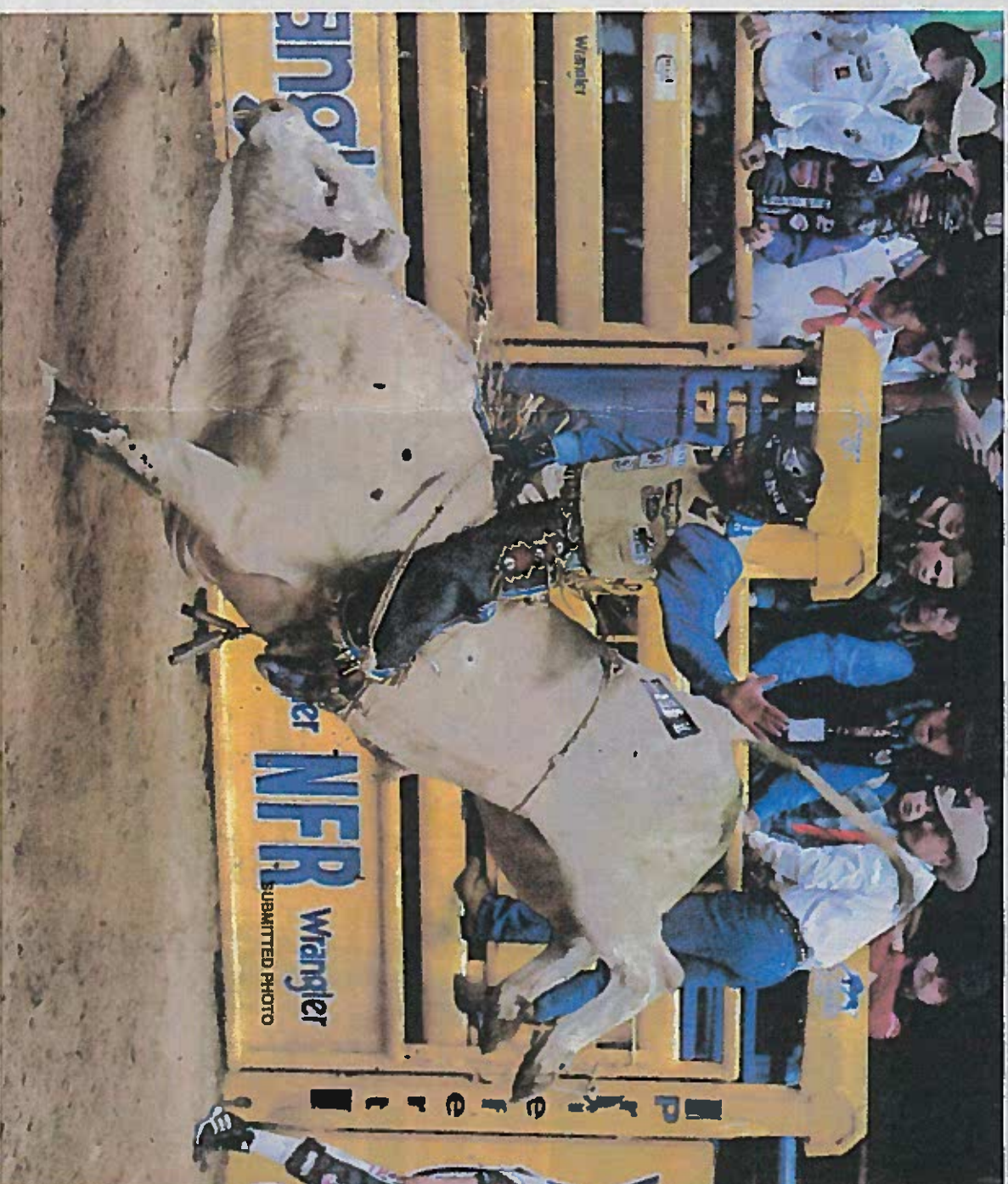
Randlett, Utah's Joe Frost finished No. 6 in PRCA Final Standings in bull riding at \$177,792.68. Frost recently competed at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sage Kimzey from Strong City, Oklahoma won the bull riding crown.

Roosevelt's Rhen Richard placed No. 9 in the All-Around Cowboy Standings at \$85,075.21. Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Texas, was No. 1 at \$518,010.96. Richard was No. 32 in team roping (header) at \$36,932.77.

Kaycee Feild of Spanish Fork was second in the bareback bronc riding at \$303,616.97 and Steve Peebles of Redmond, Oregon was first at \$314,139.74.

Rusty Wright of Milford was third in saddle bronc riding at \$244,448.21 and CoBurn Bradshaw from Beaver was fourth at \$229,772.88.

National Finals Rodeo results on the final day in bull riding were: 1. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah, 88.0 points on Rafter H Rodeo Livestock's Breaking Bad, \$26,231; 2. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash., 86.5, \$20,731; 3.



Submitted Photo
NFR Wrangler

Frost had a great week recently at the National Rodeo finals in Las Vegas. During round 4, Frost rode Bell Ringer from Andrews Rodeo for 85.5 points to win the gold buckle for the day. He finished 6th overall.

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Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo., 86.0, \$15,654; 4. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla., 84.5, \$11,000; 5. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla., 84.0, \$6,769; 6. Cody Teel, Kountze, Texas, 82.5, \$4,231; 7. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah, 81.0; no other qualified rides.

Average standings: 1. Cody Teel, 656.5 points on eight head, \$67,269; 2. Sage Kimzey, 578.5 on seven, \$54,577; 3. Shane Proctor, 413.5 on five, \$43,154; 4. (tie) Joe Frost and Clayton Holyn, 404.5, \$27,288 each; 6. Ty Wallace, 328.0 on four, \$16,500. NFR earnings: 1. Cody Teel, \$185,731; 2. Sage Kimzey, \$142,577;... 5. Joe Frost, \$83,981.

Barrel racing on final day: 1. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 13.55 seconds, \$26,231; 2. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga., 13.77, \$20,731;... 10. Vickie Carter, Richfield, Utah, 14.35; 11... 13. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 18.87. NFR earnings: 1. Sarah Rose McDonald, \$139,827; 2. Michele McLeod, \$138,346;... 11. Nancy Hunter, \$40,615; 14. Vickie Carter, \$11,000; World standings: 1. Callie duFerrier, \$303,846;... 10. Nancy Hunter, \$147,301.



Josh Frost wins all-around champion honors (Submitted Photo)

Josh Frost earns All-Around Champion Honors

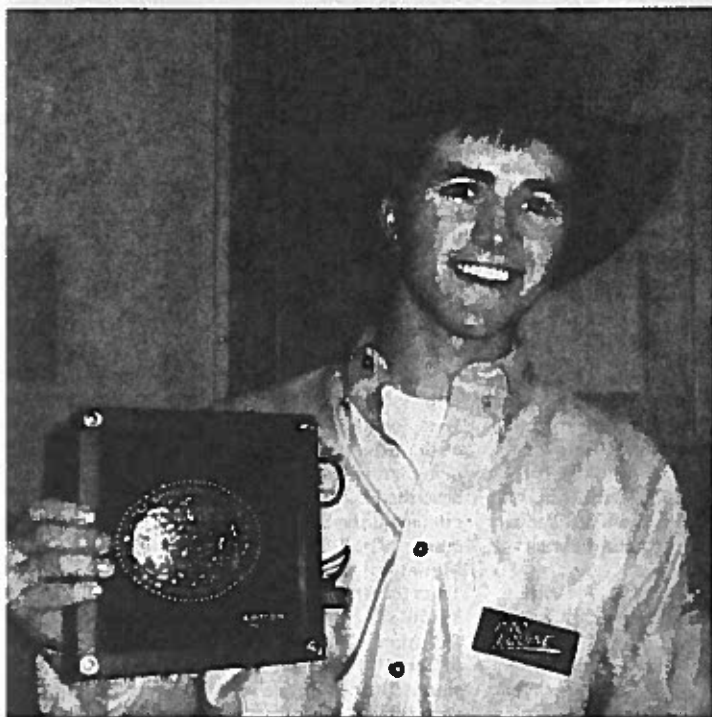
For the third year in a row Uintah Basin Kid brings home Utah Wrangler Division All Around Cow Boy. Josh Frost competed at the Wrangler Junior High State Finals over June 5th & 6th. Frost qualified for State in 6 events and placed 1st in Bull Riding, 1st Goat Tying, 2nd Tie down Roping, 2nd Ribbon

Roping, 9th Chute Dogging, 11th Team Roping, and was named All-Around Cowboy.

Frost qualified for Nationals in the Bull Riding, Goat Tying, Tie down Roping, & Ribbon Roping. Nationals will be held in Gallup, New Mexico June 27 - July 4th.

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Kaden Richard was recently named the Resistol Rookie of the Year in professional rodeo for 2010. He team ropes with his brother Rhen Richard.

PRO TEAM ROPER

Kaden Richard named top rookie

Kaden Richard of Roosevelt has been named Resistol Rookie of the Year in the 2010 season. He has been doing team roping with his brother Rhen in Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association events. Kaden is a header and Rhen does the heeler job.

Kaden was featured in a "Spin To Win Rodeo" magazine column called: "At The Barrier" in the December 2010 issue

The article is as follows:

"Kaden Richard is just carrying on a family tradition. Just as his brother Rhen did in 2008, Kaden won the Resistol Rookie of the Year honors in the

team roping. While Rhen won it as a heeler roping with Nick Sartain. Kaden took the honor as a header, spinning steers for his older brother.

"The experience was awesome—especially being with my brother who won the rookie a couple years prior to this," Kaden said. "He's been on the road and knows what it's like to do it and that was dang sure a big help. If you miss one or two, you kind of start fighting your head and he knows what it's like to go through that. He roped with Nick Sartain and Matt Sherwood for the two years before I roped with him and so they had taught him that when times get tough you just have to bear down, keep your head up and keep going at them."

Richard won \$29,048, which placed him 40th among headers for the season. Nearly a third of those winnings came in one flurry at the end of July.

"We won the first round at Cheyenne," he said. "That week of Cheyenne, we won \$10,000. We won Preston, Idaho, and won Castle Dale, Utah."

The brothers also won the Central Wyoming Fair and Rodeo in Casper, the Springville (Calif.) Sierra Rodeo and were the co-champ of the Silver State Stampede in Elko, Nev.

With his rookie season under his belt, Richard is planning to go all out in 2011.

"We're going to get after it for sure. We're going to start in the winter and keep on it all year," he said. "It hasn't registered yet, but you can only be a rookie one time and it's going to be with me for the rest of my life. I'm pumped up."

The rookies were recognized on Resistol Rookie Night on Dec. 7 during the Wrangler NFR at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev."

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Miss Uintah Lorie Chivers, Miss Dinosaur Roundup Tiffney Lance and Miss Vernal Tracina Casper.

Lance named Miss Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo queen

By Mandi Oaks
Express Writer

Tiffany Lance, daughter of Joe and Marion Lance of Vernal, was crowned 2003 Miss Dinosaur Roundup at the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee Social on May 3.

Tracina Casper, daughter of Leon and Ginger Casper of Tabiona, was named Miss Vernal and Lorie Chivers, daughter of Dave and Jenny Chivers of Vernal, was named Miss Uintah.

The queen was given a saddle made by Lee Mecham and all three girls each received a \$325 scholarship.

The contestant with the top score in each category was named and given a prize.

Leslie Bristol was named Miss Congeniality, a title voted upon by the contestants.

Lorie Chivers received the top score in the photogenic category, Tara Duncan scored the highest in the impromptu questions and Tiffany Lance received the highest scores in both horsemanship skills categories.

The personal interview category was won by Tracina Casper, Lorie Chivers took the top score in the speech category and Megan Scott received the highest test scores. All seven contestants received gifts from local businesses for participating in the pageant.

Sherry Gines, chairman of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Queens Committee, said three judges judged all eight phases of the contest and an outside person from the executive board was present during all scoring.

All contestants received a packet containing all their score sheets and Gines encouraged them to review each score sheet since they provide guidelines of improvement for next year's contest.

She said each girl "put forth a lot of effort" and they should all be appreciated for that.



Miss Dinosaur Roundup 2002, Kristin Torres, introduces queen contestants

2002 Miss Dinosaur Roundup Kristin Torres encouraged contestants who were waiting for the queen and her attendants to be announced by telling them the title of queen only lasts for a year but "the memories and friendships made here tonight can last forever."

Torres plans to run for Miss Rodeo Utah in a couple years.

Joe Evans, production manager of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee, gave an update on what is new for the rodeo this year. Although Coors has pulled out as a sponsor, Evans said Pepsi-Cola has become a new major sponsor in addition to all the local businesses who have always supported the

rodeo. He added that C & H Distributing has also brought Budweiser on board as a sponsor.

The rodeo committee had also asked for extra financial help from Uintah County, Vernal City and Naples City. Evans said each entity gave their fair share and because of that, the rodeo has added \$10,000 in purse money to each event, placing the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo in the top 30 rodeos when ranked monetarily.

Without the added purse money, the rodeo would have been ranked at number 75. Evans said the new sponsors and increased purse money helped the event remain "a stand-alone rodeo."

Evans said the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is one of the largest in the state of Utah and even ranks above the Days of '47 Rodeo.

"We will bring national recogni-

The 2003 rodeo will include the talents of Leisel Harris, a rodeo clown and entertainer, and Wayne Brooks, who is one of the top five rodeo announcers in the nation. Mike Cervi will be the stock contractor and will bring PRCA quality stock to the rodeo. There will also be festivities every night prior to the rodeo at Cobblerock Park.

"You haven't seen a rodeo until you've seen the one we're putting on this year," Evans said.

The grand marshal and legendary cowboy for 2003 were also announced at the social. This year's grand marshal is Garth Horrocks, husband of Joy Horrocks. Lyle Taylor, husband of Annave Taylor, was named this year's legendary cowboy. Roy and Lael Phillips were recognized for the time they have donated to the rodeo through concession stands over the last 15 years and LaDee Christensen was also recognized for her involvement with the rodeo through ticket sales for at least 15 years.

Scott Snyder, president of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee, was roasted by Dave Chivers. He was given several gag gifts, including a pewter belt buckle from the 1997 National Finals Rodeo.

All joking aside, Chivers said the committee really appreciates Snyder and he was given another, nicer belt buckle as a token of appreciation.

Snyder expressed his appreciation of the residents of Vernal and the surrounding areas.

"We couldn't do it without everyone," Snyder said. "I couldn't find a better place to live."

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Large Crowd at Rodeo Opening



Hayden, Colo., Cattleman Selected to Administer Taylor Grazing Act

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The Taylor Grazing Act, designed to conserve the nation's public domain and center of a bitter legislative battle in the last congress, will be administered by a Colorado cattleman.

Ferrington R. Carpenter, of Hayden, Colo., is the choice of Secretary of Interior Ickes for the position of director of grazing. The appointment was announced today and Ickes telegraphed Carpenter to come to Washington immediately.

The Taylor act gives the interior department jurisdiction over 80,000,000 of the nation's 173,000,000 acres of public land, most of which is located in 11 western states.

To Carpenter falls the task of eliminating such abuses of the public domain as over-grazing and consequent soil erosion, and putting it to the best possible use with the welfare of stockmen and the states concerned as a primary objective.

Carpenter's cattle outfit is in western Colorado in the congressional district represented by the veteran Edward T. Taylor, the author of the grazing act. Carpenter was born in Evanston, Ill., August 10, 1886, was graduated from Princeton in 1909 and from the Harvard law school three years later.

Since leaving college Carpenter has been active not only as a lawyer, but as a cattleman. He played an important part in preparing the NRA code for the cattle industry and was frequently seen in Washington while working for the passage of the bill providing for a processing tax on beef, a measure strongly opposed by many big meat packers.

Carpenter served in the army during the war, enlisting as a private in 1917 and being discharged

Splendid Program of Races, Roping, Riding of Wild Horses and Steers Please Crowd on Opening Day of Uintah Basin Rodeo at Fair Grounds.

The weather today was ideal for the opening of the Uintah Basin Rodeo at the Fair Grounds, when more than two thousand people from all parts of the Basin assembled for the three day show. The grounds were in good shape and a good bunch of bucking horses, wild steers and the choicest racing stock in the state were on hand.

Immediately following the parade the opening of the rodeo was announced by Jack Brown appearing in the chute as the cowboy clown. A number of hard bucking horses were next on the program, followed by more than a dozen calves to be roped.

The races were thrilling and proved of more than usual interest. In some events more than half a dozen were entered. "Hart Sand" ridden by H. Fenn and owned by V. Hanchett of Anabella, won the first place in the three-eighths mile 3-year colt race with "Red Roamer" second, ridden by G. Rhodes and owned by J. Rhodes of Neola.

"Goldie," ridden by G. Rhodes, won first in the three-eighths mile free-for-all, with "Oliver" ridden by Boyd Oliver, second. In the half-mile free-for-all "Dad's Hope" won first, ridden by D. Thompson and "Play Pirate," ridden by H. Fenn was second.

"Jabaraudt," ridden by H. Fenn, won first in a spectacular 5-8 mile free-for-all race, with "Sox" ridden by Eldredge, second.

In the bucking, Alf Hickey was awarded first, George E. Conway, second and Howard Dudley, third. Gerald Caldwell won first in bareback riding; R. Stewart, second and George E. Conway, third.

Lew Perkins won first in calf roping; Ralph Bennett, second and Melvin Crocker, third. Stanley Eaton won first in the half-mile relay and Lawrence Allen, second. Lyle Cotterell won first in the milking contest, Ivan Powell, second and Joel Eaton, third.

The committee anticipates a record crowd Friday, Saturday, Guy Rife is managing the show and B. H. Stringham is assistant.

600 Students Register at Uintah High School for Opening of Fall Term

Registration took place at the Uintah high school on Monday. Instruction began Tuesday morning. Enrollment seems to be larger than in previous years. To date 430 students have registered in the senior

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Corn Harvest River Drought To Commence

E. Peterson, director of river drouth relief, says the harvest of the bottom lands will be a big factor in the ability, be started in the bottom lands.

There are approximately 100,000 acres of corn planted on the projects by the Green river.

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Nearly all of the corn stored in treasuries is in excellent shape. A fair tonnage to be planted after July 1st.

Mr. Peterson. All of the corn planted after July 1st will be a big factor in the rapid growth. No estimate has been made yet of the amount of the corn expected from the projects.

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School Board Make Final Arrangements for Commencement of Schools

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education held at Vernal Tuesday, many matters were disposed of relative to the commencement of school. The meeting was presided over by chairman Roy Taylor. Board members Russell Todd, Mary Witmer, Charles P. Maughan, A. G. Goodrich and Superintendent H. S. Olsen were present.

School will commence Monday in the Uintah high school at Vernal and the high schools at Lapoint and Fort Duchesne, also at Bennett and Leota if enough register to justify. Schools in the entire county will commence the Monday following. There will be 23 schools run this season. There will be no new schools operated nor any new bus lines, unless the proposed route from Lapoint to the Uintah high school materializes. The teaching staff of the entire county will include 92 instructors, 2 less than last year.

Schools will be conducted for 8 months with the agreement that the teachers receive pay for 7½ months and teach three weeks without compensation. Prospects are bright for a longer term than the past season, according to Superintendent Olsen.

The cost to educate, per student, is estimated at \$62 for the coming year, said the superintendent, a decrease of \$1 over last year and \$2 over two years ago.

A clause in the teaching contract this year provides that at any time when desired the school board can request a health certificate from any instructor.

There will be 17 bus lines operated within the county, the one with the greatest mileage being the Randlett bus to the Uintah high school, a distance of 36 miles.

An institute or principals' meeting will be held in Vernal on Saturday, September 17, according to Mr. Olsen.

Leon L. Pack presented a proposition to the board to furnish coal and mechanical stokers for the Uintah high school. The board did not make any decision on the matter.

The board decided to transport the students from the Hayden section to Bennett, upon the recommendation of a delegation from the vicinities concerned.

A delegation from Lapoint ask for transportation to the Uintah high school of prospective students from Tridell and Lapoint. The board decided to offer a contract to Ollie Justice to operate a bus from Tridell and Lapoint to the high school at Vernal on a cooperative basis; the board to pay \$4.50 per students per month and Mr. Justice to collect from the patrons sufficient to make it possible to operate with the provision that if the number of students does not justify operation after a fair trial the contract to become void.

According to an agreement with the Duchesne School board students from Wilson and Bennett areas will be admitted to the Duchesne county high school at

Large Crowds Enjoy Three Day Rodeo Held at The Fair Grounds This Week

Blue Mountain Rodeo Held at Fair Grounds Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Attracted Large Crowds Each Day. Good Program Given.

Keepin well within their predictions, the Blue Mountain Rodeo association brought to Vernal some of the best rodeo animals that have ever been used in any like event before. The horses won comment and admiration from many who had come to witness the three day event. Commencing Monday with a parade and baseball games and selections by the Uintah high school band, the rodeo gave a very interesting program during each day of the celebration.

Large crowds turned out each afternoon for the program. The Blue Mountain men are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and pluck in putting over a celebration of this kind in the face of adverse conditions and the most discouraging predictions. Although they hardly made expenses, they have decided to make the rodeo annual affair and next year, with more time to plan the event they expect to make it the big thing of the intermountain region.

Among outstanding performers of the rodeo were Geo. Fisher of Fruita, Colo., riding "Steatnboat" and Joel Evans of Jensen riding "School Girl" who on the last day of the rodeo tied for first and second places in the finals and split money. Two Indians, Spencer Nephi riding "Slow Motion" and Chalmus Wash on "Shorty Pot", tied for third place in the finals and the money was divided between them.

Twenty riders took part in the contest for the prizes for riding bucking horses. Many others rode bare back but could not compete for the money. The riders included the following: Morgan Grant, Spencer Nephi, Chalmus Wash, Ivan Duncan, four Indians from the reservation; Joel Evans, Howard Ainge, Don Pitt, Orbin Rich, George Fisher of Fruita, Colorado, Rock Hall, Martin Evans, Howard Dudley, Marion Moon, Stan Eaton, Ted Sewell, Tom Burton, Bob Teters, Ralph Chew and Tex Holeman of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

George Fisher took first place the first day and Howard Ainge and Joel Evans split the money for second and third. On the second day Fisher took first and Joel Evans second and Ivan Duncan the Indian rider took third.

In the calf roping Billy Kingham of Cheyenne took first place every day. He rode a remarkably well trained horse and really demonstrated some fast work. His best time for roping and tying a calf

Three Nights Boxing Draws Large Crowds

Promoter Van Massey made a ten strike when he brought to Vernal one of the cleverest boxers ever to show here in the person of Mac Johnson of Salt Lake. Little was known of this Johnson lad when he was booked by the promoter. But in his first night in action against the hard hitting local boy Howard Killa, it did not take the fans long to not that Johnson possessed the goods. Unfortunately Howard was on the short end of the battle, losing by a technical knockout in the 9th round. It was a battle up to the time the referee stepped in and stopped the fight. In the feature attraction of the evening the pride of Vernal, "Cherokee" Massey stepped a notch higher in the fist world by annexing a three round knockout of the hard hitting fighter Kid Walton of Salt Lake City. It looked like Walton was out to stop Massey in the very first round. But things turned out different when after two minutes of ferocious fighting Cherokee let a terrific right hand punch on the Kid's jaw and Mr. Walton was stretched out on the canvas like a thin pancake. The balance of the program was snappy with plenty of

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Baseball

POST SEASON GAMES SCHEDULED

Tridell vs. Second ward at Tridell on Saturday, September 10, at 3 p. m.

Vernal vs. Myton at Myton, at 3 p. m. on Saturday, September 17.

STANDING OF TEAMS

Team	G.P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Vernal First.....	10	9	1	.900
Maeser.....	10	7	3	.700
Vernal Second.....	10	5	5	.500
Gilnes.....	10	5	5	.500
Davis.....	10	3	7	.300
Naples.....	10	1	9	.100

RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Gilnes vs. Davis, forfeit to Gilnes.

Maeser 1 Vs. First ward 15.
 Second ward 7 vs. Naples 3.

RODEO ELIMINATION GAMES

Myton, 4 vs. Vernal 3.
 Maeser, 0 vs. Second, 12.
 Vernal First 3 vs. Maeser, 4.
 Second 7 vs. Gilnes 2.

MYTON VS. VERNAL AT RODEO

The game Wednesday afternoon

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Legendary Cowboy named for love of animals

Legendary Cowboy for this year's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is Cecil "Doc" Jenkins. He was born Jan. 6, 1919 in South Ballard and he still lives there.

He was christened "Cecil Jenkins," but as the family folklore tells it: he has always had a knack for doctoring animals. Even as a little boy he was mending a cat's hurt leg or a dog's sore paw. So it wasn't long before he was nicknamed

"Doc."

"Dad is a cowboy in every sense of the word," said his son, Charles Jenkins. "He has always been a lover of fine horses and good rodeos. He started in the horse business by being one of the first to bring in a remount stud, Devils Due, to improve the quality of horses in the Basin. Then came Steamboat Joe, Senator Tom, Brook, Brough and Barzo to name

a few."

He became "the voice of rodeo" as he has announced for nearly every rodeo in the Uintah Basin including 20 years for the Neola 4th of July rodeo.

Today Jenkins spends his time cowboying in Bennett making sure his cows and calves are okay. "There isn't a day that goes by, that he doesn't make a ride through the

herd to make sure all is well," said his son.

His wife, Marie, runs barrels and has won several saddles.

He is the father of five children as well as Jay Gates whom he raised. He is "Grandpa Doc" to 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.



Legendary Cowboy for the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is Cecil "Doc" Jenkins.

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Local girl wins big at Oklahoma City roping

Abby Oaks of Brushcreek was a big winner in the United States Team Roping finals in Oklahoma City, Oct. 19 through 27.

Oaks, who has been roping for about eight years, competed in the breakaway and team roping competition throughout her high school days and is now competing in college rodeos. When she is not competing, working or going to school, she is usually home practicing her roping with her older brother.

A person qualifies for the finals in Oklahoma the same way a professional cowboy qualifies for the PRCA finals in Las Vegas, Nev. A team roper has to win or place high in a USTRC competition which are held throughout the United States during the year.

This year the Western Regional Finals were in Winnemucca, Nev. Aug. 22 through 25.

Abby and her heeling partner, Jesse Wood from Cedar City, went to the finals and placed first in the No. 5 preliminaries, which gave them a shoot out spot at the finals in Oklahoma. The first place win gave each roper a check for \$2,500 and a new saddle with the silver team roping emblems on them.

Abby then started preparing for the finals. She said there was no way she was going to miss this event. "When you are on a roll, you have to keep going," she said. "Anybody can win if it's your day."

She went to the finals with the idea that it would be great just to finish in the top 20 of the world in her division.

The week of the finals there were 50,000 ropers and over 80,000 horses. Over 5,000 roping teams competed for \$2.6 million in cash and prizes. During the event, over 18,000 runs would be made between the two complexes in Guthrie and Oklahoma City. The events culminated in the crowning of 16 United States Champions in

eight separate divisions.

The stormy weather outside the Oklahoma Fairground Coliseum, was no indication of the heated competition inside as the No. 5 shoot out was about to start on the last day of the national finals.

The attrition resulting from the pressure of the event played a big role in the outcome as there were few teams that seemed to possess the ability and mental toughness to see it through to the end.

With 15 teams making it to the short-round of the four steer and average and 12 places were up for grabs.

Moving into the final seven teams, only one of them failed to put a time on their last run, and of those who remained, their runs were solid, allowing for little movement among the group. It was the fourth callback team of Abby Oaks and Jesse Wood that turned in the fastest time of the round and made the first serious bid for the USTRC championship. Their 46.45 total time on four steers was good, but not quite good enough as a team from Stratford, Texas and Texoma, Okla. eclipsed the mark with their average time of 43.20. Later a team from Sparta, Tenn. and Nunnely, Tenn., came in to take the win with a time of 42.50.

With the last of the teams roped in the short round, it left a girl from Jensen with a grin on her face as big as Oklahoma. She had just finished in third place at the USTRC finals. She and her partner both received checks for \$10,000 and another for \$1,000 each for the fastest time posted in the short round. They also received gifts and gift certificates from various sponsors. They also received USTRC Gold Buckles given to the top three places.

The win is a dream come true for the dedicated girl from Jensen who believes in herself.

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Abby Oaks, big winner at team roping finals.

Matt Harris to work Vernal Roundup Rodeo

Rodeo clown and barrelman Matt Harris has committed to work Vernal's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, July 10-13, Utah's Centennial rodeo this year.

Harris has been around rodeo all his life and for the last 14 years, Matt has been working about 150 performances a year on the receiving end of Lecile Harris' (Matt's dad) original rodeo comedy acts.

Matt and Lecile work closely creating these acts. Matt's background in music (both Matt and Lecile were professional drummers) has helped make him a natural performer with timing, a thing all comedy relies on and needs.

Matt has the ability to make you think he's a female opera star, a space robot, a gorilla that can play a trombone or any other character that might be needed, such as a hard working popcorn vendor, during the rodeo to bring Lecile's renown comedy skits to life.

During Lecile's three acceptance speeches on receiving Pro Rodeo Clown of the Year, Lecile was quick to give a large portion of the credit to Matt for making his comedy acts so well received. Matt is the perfect foil for Lecile to work against and the opposite is also true.

Matt worked as a barrel clown during the bullriding. With Lecile's 34 years of bullfighting knowledge, knowing what a bullfighter needs from a barrelman helps Matt feel right at home in his portable bull shelter. Matt has been a barrel clown for several years now and has worked some of the best rodeos in the U.S. and Canada. Matt's adopted Uncle, Bob Witte, a former champion barrelman, has given Matt a lot of good tips about working the barrel also.

Matt, his wife Joy and children—Justin and Indie, live in Collierville, Tennessee.

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Clown and barrelman Matt Harris will be performing at rodeo.

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Ed Lewis Praises Rodeo

Ed Lewis rancher of Jensen and the Blue Mountain spent several days in Vernal attending the Utah Basin Rodeo managed by Guy T Rife of Rock Springs, Wyo Mr Lewis who is also manager of the Blue Mountain Rodeo which has exhibited at Jensen for the past three years on July 24th and at Vernal last year gives much praise to Mr Rife and his riders for the excellent exhibition they staged last week He left Wednesday for the cattle round-up on Blue Mountain which starts soon

Guy Rife is Honored at Big Reception

Sept 21, 1933

**Big Hearted Wyoming
Rancher Makes Contribu-
tion of Entire String of
Wild Horses, and Own
Services to Make Uintah
Basin Rodeo a Success.**

Vernal and Uintah Basin citizens on Saturday night at the Imperial hall vied with each other in heaping honors upon Guy T. Rife, big who's-hearts Wyoming rancher, who by his generosity made the Uintah Basin Rodeo an outstanding success.

Mr. Rife most generously donated his services the entire string of his famous bucking horses asking only expenses for his men and animals. His offer was a complete surprise to the Rodeo committee. A definite fixed price for his management and services had been made and he was giving more at that than his bargain with the committee.

The honors heaped upon him were smilingly acknowledged by Mr. Rife and cowboy like made him at ease by the profuse show made of his generosity.

In the same big-hearted way every committeeman has given of his time, money and energies for the success of the affair.

Too much praise cannot be given the members of the U. H. S. band and their leader Lloyd Winn. They played each day free of any cost. The same can be said for those working at concessions.

From the standpoint of generous giving there has never been anything in Vernal to equal that for the success of the first annual Uintah Basin Rodeo. This means much toward the completion of the Vernal First ward chapel coming at it does from those in all walks of life.

The support of the general public in contributing to the many forms of amusement during the three days is just as greatly appreciated by all committeemen for without this generous support there would not have been a genuine success.

The Rodeo Committee includes B. H. Stringham general chairman, John Jorgensen chairman grounds, Alvin Weeks horse racing, Wallace Siddoway bucking and roping, H. M. Snyder sports and concessions, J. A. Cheney finance, Charles Tucker general arrangement, Hugh W. Colton and Alton Hatch dance, Wm. B. Wallis advertising.

A large number of farmers from nearly every section of the county have been in Vernal the past few days getting instruction regarding the wheat reduction plan. E. Peterson, special agent and assistant have been busy helping them.

Rodeo Puts New Life in People Of Uintah Basin

Sept 21, 1933

Three day Celebration Enjoyed by Thousands From All Parts of Basin and Surrounding States. Real Wild West Events are Staged. No Waits in Entire Program.

The Uintah Basin Rodeo held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, concluded one of the finest celebrations held in Vernal in recent years. Each day the parking at the Fair Grounds was filled to capacity with cars from all parts of the Uintah Basin, Southern Wyoming and Northwestern Colorado. The program was carried out in rapid-fire order, with not a single wait during the three days. Too much praise cannot be given Guy Rife and the Rodeo Committee, headed by Bryant H. Stringham for the success of the entertainment.

Horse racing under the direction of Alvin Weeks was a big feature of the Rodeo. There were forty race horses in all events relay and regular matched races.

Mr. Weeks encouraged future horse racing in the Basin when he allowed only Uintah Basin reared colts to enter the colt races. No entrance fees were charged those entering for these races. Mr. Weeks was much pleased by the number of entrants. The three-year olds will be in line for regular races next year.

There were race horses here from Steamboat Springs and Meeker Colo., Richfield, Neola, Roosevelt, Randlett, Lapoint, Vernal and Whitewoods. Mr. Weeks is of the opinion that the races were the best ever held in Vernal. Also that the race meet next year gives promise of being even better. There was an average of five races each day.

The bucking, roping, steer riding and other events under the direction of Mr. Rife were unusually interesting and exciting.

The winners of events for the opening day were:

Three eighths mile Free-for-All—First "Mamie," Mrs. H. Barney, second "Fighting Red," E. D. Leavitt. Three-eighths mile Two-year Colt Race—First "Sun Dance," Hugh W. Colton, second "Red Roamer," Jim Rhodes.

One-half mile Three-year Colt Race—First "Little Waiver," Vern Alfred. Five-eighths mile Free-for-All—First "Scot," Ryne, G. B. Steele, second, "Socks," Bumps Eldredge.

Saddle Horse Race—First "Pearl," Frank Taylor, second Jimmy Rhodes, third Jim Kimmierman. King Elmer Eldredge. Bareback Riding—First Howard Dudley, second Lynn Dudley, third Lew Perkins.

Bucking—First Lew Perkins, second Howard Dudley, third Guy Cash. Calf Roping—First Hugh

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Exciting and Varied Wrestling and Boxing Bouts Entertain Rodeo Crowds Three Nights at UHS Gymnasium.

The Rodeo boxing and wrestling bouts under the direction of H. M. Snyder were interesting from the opening night. On Thursday evening Curly Rooks and Red Williams fought to a draw. Jack Howard won over Virtus McConkie by a technical knockout in the fifth. McConkie made a game fight and tried hard to put over a knockout but was outclassed by Howard in the last three rounds.

Howard Ellis won an unpopular decision over Hoy Cherokee Massey on the same night the majority of the crowd feeling the best Ellis should get was a draw. Both boys fought a very careful fight.

Jack Read lost to Leo Papiano in the first wrestling bout of the evening but not until after he had shown the rough house Greek that he knew a lot about the rough stuff himself.

Ira Dern pinned Pat Flannigan, 220 Bostonian, after a hard fought battle.

Ira Dern and Leo Papiano on Friday night put on a fast and furious bout with Dern out-smarting the Greek to win the third fall. The Greek had Dern tied up with a crab hold, the referee was standing close. Dern reached back and tapped the Greek who thinking it to be the referee let go his hold. Dern dropped him quick with head scissor and toe hold.

Pat Flannigan turned two of three falls from Jack Read in the bloodiest battle of the whole show.

Jimmy Anderson got a draw with Floyd Walker in four rounds of very careful fighting. Neither boy making too many chances. Martin Jarrell made "Sharkey" Thomas of Duchesne step fast to come out on even terms after six rounds.

Jack Howard stops "Gun" Lamoreaux the first part of a six-round with clean left to solar Howard has more promise than any boy showing here this season.

Saturday night, Leo Papiano failed to make good his threat that he would throw Dern in two straight falls after he lost to Dern Friday night. The match ended with Dern still the best man.

Pat Flannigan won an easy victory from the Yakima Kid in the same evening's bout. Pat's experience and strength were too much for the Yak.

"Cherokee" Massey came back Saturday night to put a knock-out on Howard Ellis in their second bout in three days. Ellis made a game fight but was badly outclassed in the last four rounds of the fight. Massey put over a left to the solar just a few seconds before the close of the last round.

Sammy Hatch stole the show by going to a fast draw with Cliff Caldwell. Caldwell was content to take it easy in the first two rounds but had to step fast in last part of the fight.

Charles Joe Indian substituting for Bud Jarrell, was K. O. in the fourth round by Archie Wash. Indian Johnny Farrar went four fast rounds with Eddie Stewart to a draw. Curly Rooks got a draw with Young Smutin in a lively three-round curtain raiser.

Before the end of the bouts, Howard Ellis challenged "Cherokee" to a ten round go any time after thirty days. Massey accepted the challenge and the bout will be put on by Mr. Snyder.

Jack Howard pulled a surprise on the crowd when he stepped in the ring and challenged Lee Broussard. CCC camp to a ten-round go. This bout will also be put on in the near future by Mr. Snyder.

RODEO PUTS NEW LIFE IN PEOPLE OF UTAH BASIN

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Ridley second Wallace Siddoway third, Joel Evans

Winners of Friday's Events:

Three-eighths Mile Free-for-All—First Red Roamer James Rhodes second 'Socks, Bumpas Eldredge Indian Horse Race—First Daylight Henry Johnson second Whiterocks' Fred Mart third "Tony," Tommy Grey Mountain

Three-quarter mile Free for-All—First, 'Mamie' Mrs H Barney second 'Bert,' Otis Weeks Calf Roping—First, Hugh Ridley, second Wallace Siddoway third Clark Felch. Bucking—First Howard Dudley, second Lewis Stall third Guy Cash and Lew Perkins, tie

Bareback Riding—First Lew Perkins, second Christensen third Red Foot Wild Cow Milking—First Yakima Kid and Indian Boy second Wallace Siddoway

Yakima Kid gave an exhibition of lifting 1100 pounds of cement which was placed on his back by eight men Lewis Roberts ran 220 yards beating a horse running one-fourth mile at the same time

Winners of Saturday's Events
Three-eighths mile, Two-year Colt Race—First, 'Red Roamer' Jim Rhodes, second 'Sundance' Hugh W Colton One-half Mile Free-for-All—First, 'Fighting Red' E D Leavitt second 'Princess' Charles Bain

One-fourth mile Indian Race—First Daylight Henry Johnson second "Tony" Tommy Grey Mountain One-half Mile 3-year Colts—First Lightning Alvin Weeks second Little Wolf Glen Allred, third 'Dexter' Dee Allred

Relay One-mile—First French for Weeks, second Gagon for Eldredge One Mile Free-for All—First 'Mamie' Mrs Barney second 'Bert' Otis Weeks Three-eighths Mile Matched Race—First 'Daylight' Henry Johnson, second 'Fly' Chandler, Meeker

Bucking Finals—First, Lew Perkins, second, Guy Cash, third Lewis Stall Bareback Riding Finals—First, George Cooper second Lew Perkins third Dean Oberhansley

Calf Roping—First Hugh Ridley second, Clark Felch third, Guy Cash Calf Roping men over 50 years—First, Guy Rife second Bert Caldwell, third John Jorgensen

The world's champion fancy trick roper George A Newton gave a splendid exhibition of his skill which was greatly appreciated by everyone

On Saturday Mr Bywater world's smallest tight-rope walker entertained the crowds

The wife of Yakima Kid graduated of Wilkes Dramatic school of Salt Lake City gave a reading Errol and Et Shepherd sang a number of cowboy songs Little Joan Caldwell also sang several selections

Hugh Ridley winner of the calf roping contests is the world's champion calf roper for 1931 He is going to attend the 'Invitation' World's Series Rodeo meet at New York after attending the Rodeo at Tremonton Mr Ridley is from Red Rock Okla

Pat Flannigan of Los Angeles who wrestled with Ira Dorn on the

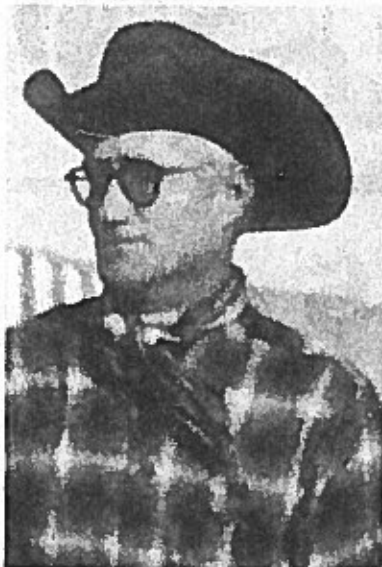
first night of the rodeo was declared All-American tackle in 1926

The pictures taken of the trip down the Green River by Dr Frazier of Bingham and companions of Vernal were exhibited at the U H S Saturday night

Earl Calder received long applause when he entertained with rope spinning and roping

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Obituaries



Bernard Moon

Moon dies of heart attack

Bernard Moon, 75, of Los Chavez died Dec. 11 of a heart attack. He was born Dec. 7, 1918 in Jensen. He married Loraine Fisher in 1960.

Moon was a rancher and stockman before joining the pro rodeo circuit. His career highlight was in the 1950's when he placed fourth in his specialty, saddle bronc riding in the National Rodeo Finals in New York's Madison Square Gardens. He was a ranch foreman for the Mitchell Ranch in Mosquero until he moved to Los Chavez 15 years ago. He trained and took care of horses virtually until the day he died.

Moon served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He enjoyed reading and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of Los Chavez; 2 sons, Gary B. (Barbara) of Vernal and Ronald J. (Kathy Slaugh) of Pueblo, Colo.; daughter, Loa Jean Brothers of Grantsville; sister, Leila Snow of St. George; 2 sisters-in-law, Jennie Moon of Salt Lake City and Thebbie Moon of Jensen; brother-in-law, George (Mary Fisher) of Indian Springs, Nev.; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Romero

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Neola woman not worried about slide to second

By VJann Prestwich

Nancy Hunter has several titles: wife, mother, nurse, and for several weeks she was top barrel racer in the world. The 51-year-old Neola resident recently lost her spot to Jordan Peterson, the 20-year-old daughter of four-time world champion Kristie Peterson. Presently, there is less than \$400 separating the women's earnings.

The Neola woman laughed when she talked about the spot her name has risen to in the Women's Professional Rodeo Association National Finals Rodeo standings. She described the experience of seeing her name along those of other women barrel racers she respects and admires as "surreal."

"We teased her about it," said Josh Hunter, the oldest of her four sons.

"We told her that when she was number one in the world she would forget about us. But she never forgot me," the Utah State University-Utah Basin student services coordinator said. "She called me every day to make sure we're taking care of her horses."

Hunter, is realistic about her success on the professional rodeo circuit. She quickly suggested that the highest paid barrel racer position will be held by several women before the season ends.

"Barrel racing is such a crazy game," the high energy rider explained. "The top spot could change hands weekly. You can be winning and then something could happen and you'd be out."

Within the past month, Hunter has experienced this roller coaster. She has been the top money earner and at the very next rodeo failed to collect a paycheck.

During the second week in January, Hunter won more money than any other competitor at the Denver National Western Stock Show. This was the first of the building rodeos for the 2009 season and drew the best cowboys and cowgirls from all over. Hunter placed second in the first round, and then went on to win the second round and the finals. She was the most consistent of all the contestants earning more than the rough stock riders or ropers.

Her payout wasn't nearly as good in Fort Worth.

"Fuzz," she explained, "loved Denver, but he hated Fort Worth."

Fuzz is Hunter's 9-year-old horse. Hunter and her husband, Fred, have spent more than three years preparing the horse to barrel race. They understand the animal and what arena conditions work best for him.

According to the Basin native, her horse hits the ground on the front end and prefers a landing that moves with him. The arena in Denver accommodated the horse's preferences, but in Fort Worth the arena had a solid clay base.

"In Fort Worth, the front end didn't move," Hunter said.

After a disappointing first go-round, Hunter switched to the second horse the Neola couple hauls, a 6-year-old they call Big Gun.

"My colt likes the backend, and the ground didn't bother him," she said. "He ran well."

Early last week, Big Gun raced against 75 other competitors in Farmington. His time was the fastest, but he dropped the third barrel. Even so the Hunters are pleased with his potential.

After Fort Worth the couple pulled their trailer to San



Nancy Hunter rounds a barrel during a Dodge PRCA Wildemess Circuit event in 2007. The Neola woman is currently sitting in the Women's PRCA's second spot, \$400 away from first place.

Antonio where one of the first things they did was check the arena and found a sandy base that would move with Fuzz. Still, Hunter wasn't sure how her high-strung horse would deal with the tunnel and alley that lead into the AT&T Center, the home of the San Antonio Spurs.

Fred Hunter rode Big Gun as a buddy horse down to the staging area where horses and riders waited to compete. This area is surrounded by tour

buses for the large acts, such as singers Alan Jackson and Reba McEntire, who entertain after the rodeo. The area is humid and the horses started to sweat even prior to competing. Neither the Neola rider nor horse had experienced this kind of situation before.

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County-wide Exhibit to be Made at Vernal August 31. To be Largest Display in Recent Years.

At a meeting with D. P. Murray, state leader of the 4-H club work, Tuesday evening in the office of Russell R. Keetch, county agricultural agent, it was decided to hold the Uintah county 4-H club exhibit day on August 31 in Vernal.

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It is also planned to hold a flower show in connection. The exhibit will probably be held in the Scout house in Vernal Second ward.

There are over 160 4-H club members in Uintah county this year, stated Mr. Keetch and an exhibit will be made by each member completing his respective course of work.

Demonstration contests will be made in health, forestry clubs, in plant identification, log sawing, canning, etc., and judging contests in the home economics clubs.

Winning exhibits and winners of the various contests will be taken to the Utah State fair and entered in the contests with others from throughout the state.

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Historical Relics To be Featured At the U.B.I.C.

Continuing a project which in future years promises to provide the Uintah Basin with a permanent public museum of early Uintah Basin Indian and pioneer relics, the Ft. Duchesne Women's Club is again planning a museum exhibit in connection with the U. B. I. C.-Indian Fair. Begun in 1937, when the group collected for exhibitional purposes scores of interesting articles from all parts of the Basin and exhibited them in the exhibit building, the Women's Club hopes to provide this year an even finer group of relics for display.

A cello which was reputed to have been brought across the plains in the original Brigham Young party, as well as a pioneer spinning wheel, early Indian bead and basket work, and some valuable Indian paintings, were some of the highlights of the 1937 display. These and others are being sought by committee members for the coming celebration.

It is hoped that the project will develop into a permanent museum

MARK E. CALDWELL



Deputy to Seek Office Sheriff in Fall Election

Mark E. Caldwell, deputy county sheriff, has made known his intention to seek election as sheriff of Uintah county at the fall Primary and general election on the Republican ticket. Mr. Caldwell has served for the past year as deputy sheriff.

For many years Mr. Caldwell has been active in law enforcement work, having been employed at various times in the Lapoint district and for the past seven years has been a deputy at the U. B. I. C. For the past three years he has had full charge of policing for Uintah county at the U. B. I. C.

Mr. Caldwell has been interested in agriculture and at one time was in the sheep business. For seven years he was mill foreman at the J. G. Peppard Seed plant at Roosevelt.

Oklahoma Tourists Injured in Car Wreck Tuesday

Resting in a local hospital, Mrs. McCarty of Tulsa, Okla., is recovering from a broken shoulder received Tuesday afternoon when a coupe in which she was riding, left the highway near Baxter Springs, Colo. Her son, LeRoy, driver and a daughter Earnestine, were badly shaken up.

The accident was caused, presumably, by a browout in a front tire as the car turned end over end and wrecked beyond repair.

Improved Road Base Urged by Dist. Engineer

D. F. Larsen, district road engineer, under date of August 5th made the following report to E. O. Knowlton, chief engineer of the state road commission, regarding the surfacing of the Vernal-Maaser highway requested recently by the board of county commissioners. Mr. Larsen states the present

Grandstand to Seat 1400 at Vernal Rodeo

New Structure and Bleachers to Accommodate 3,000. Queens to be Selected at Dance to be Held Here.

With thirteen men hard at work on the almost-completed, fairgrounds grandstand, the new structure will be ready for use in plenty of time for the rodeo, announced chairman J. R. Douglas of the rodeo committee. The new grandstand will hold almost twice as many people as the building which it replaces, and is expected to accommodate about 1400 people. Grandstand and bleachers combined will seat almost 3000 people, so that the seating accommodations problem which troubled rodeo committee officials last year will not occur again.

At a meeting of the Vernal Rodeo committee held Wednesday evening of last week in the Bank of Vernal directors' room, final arrangements were made for the selection of the Rodeo Queen for 1938 to rule at the fourteenth annual Vernal rodeo September 8, 9 and 10.

From the various communities of the Uintah Basin the committee will select candidates for the Rodeo Queen. The girls selected must be able to ride and also be of typical Western type.

All of the candidates for queen will be at a dance to be held at the Imperial Hall Saturday, August 20, when the queen will be selected.

The Rodeo Queen will then be taken on a trip including Helper, Price, Provo, Salt Lake City and Ogden, to invite officials and others to attend the Vernal Rodeo.

She will visit Governor Harry H. Blood and other state officials and extend to them an invitation to attend the rodeo, also the Mayors of Salt Lake City and Ogden.

Voting for the queen will be by dance tickets and the purchase of season tickets.

Queens selected for the Rodeo up to date include Evelyn Ashton, Roosevelt; Billy Haslem, Marjorie Duke, Virginia Dodds and Thelma Woolley of Vernal; Naomi Allen of Ashley and Genevieve Burton of Lapoint.

The twenty head of long horn steers purchased at the Chippewa Frontier Days Rodeo are now in the Joe Herbert pasture. These steers are considered the best ever to have been brought to Vernal.

The new public address system purchased by the Ashton Bros. Company will be used at the Vernal Rodeo.

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"THE BUZZER"

Utah State Bee Hive Activities *****

Union Meeting

At a special meeting held at the last Union Meeting, a large group of Bee Keepers met and discussed plans for the annual summer encampment. A short discussion on summer work and the coming MIA conference-convention was held.

Conference-Convention

At the annual MIA conference-convention to be held this Saturday and Sunday, two departmental sessions for those interested in Bee Hive work will be held. One Saturday evening at 7:30 at the First ward chapel, and one Sunday at 2 p. m., at the Seminary building. Mrs. Minnie E. Anderson of the general Bee Hive committee from Salt Lake will be in attendance. At the Sunday evening session, Bee Hive three and five year service pins will be presented to the following Bee Keepers: Mrs. Ruth G. Harrison, Mrs. Ernest M. Johnson, Mrs. Clair R. Hopkins, Mrs. Belle Labrum and Mrs. Lyle Remington

Summer Camp

The annual Bee Hive summer encampment will be held July 19, 20 and 21 at Iron Springs. Three days of interesting and entertaining events have been planned, including a hike to Brush creek cave, sports, campfire programs, flag services, nature study and a review and demonstration of the current reading course book "Good Morning." Over one hundred girls

Ton of Paint to Be Used On New Grandstand

To protect the seven thousand dollars invested in buildings at the Fair Grounds the Utah county commissioners have over one ton of paint on hand at Vernal to be used on the grandstand, farm exhibit buildings, and fences, announces Clerk F. L. Noel.

The board ordered the paint early in the year planning to have the buildings decorated in time for the annual stock show.

With a coat of ivory paint these buildings will not only be greatly protected from the weather but they will loom up as a landmark for many miles.

By means of the Powell gun the paint will be rapidly spread by WPA workers.

Town Talk

Chas. P. Lewis, instructor at the Utah high school, has carried out an interesting experiment in his garden this summer in killing wild morning glory. He has placed tin cans over the weed, pressing the vessel close to the ground. A few days of such treatment has completely killed the pest. Mr. Lewis says this is a very effective method in handling the weed if used before the plant spreads.

Mrs. Maud James, formerly Mrs. Bennie Kelly, and daughter Dene, also Billy Kelly, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Kelly, Mrs. James Brun, sister of Mrs. James were Sunday visitors at the Kelly home in Vernal. The James' family reside at Albion, Ida., while Mrs. Brun lives in California. The visitors, returning from the New York Fair and other points of interest in the East, have been traveling ten months.

Paul Jeffries of Hutchinson, Kan., is a new mechanic at the Basin Chevrolet garage. Mr. Jeffries has been employed for the past fourteen years with the Chevrolet dealer at Hutchinson and having a desire to come west, accepted a position with the local garage. The new mechanic has received factory training and has won a number of diplomas and pins for his work. Mr. Jeffries and his wife are making their home here at the Goodman apartments.

Duchesne County to Have Agricultural Agent

According to information received by County Agent Russell Keetch from Director W. W. Owens of the USAC extension service at Logan, a county agent will be appointed for Duchesne county and will be established in that territory Friday or Saturday.

The agent's salary is paid out of governmental appropriations to the extension service of the college. His expenses, in the amount of \$1000 per year must be met out

Defends Bow Title



Miss Jaen Tenney of Clear Springs, Md., women's national archery title holder for 1937 and 1938, will defend her championship in the national tournament opening Monday at the Minnesota state fair grounds, St. Paul.

Bingham Firemen Select Convention Delegates

At the Utah State Firemen's association convention to be held in Vernal August 3-4-5 the No. 1 Fire department will have eight votes. Elected as delegates were W. H. Harris, A. J. Rawlings, James Carigan and Irvin Stillman. Fire Chief Ray Tatton and Assistant Chief Joe Scussel also are entitled to votes as are State association First Vice President Earl James and Secretary John Creedon. Alternate delegates named were Loren Stokes, Ed Newman and Jack Householder. —Bingham Bulletin.

Water Users Name B. O. Colton Commissioner

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Duchesne Water Users' association held at the government irrigation office at Myton last week B. O. Colton was named water commissioner for the Duchesne river. Mr. Colton will be jointly employed by the Indian service and the Duchesne water users.

FISHING TRIP

Ivan and Dan Batty of Wallsburg, Don and Paul Batty, Jimmie

Business Houses Petition Mayor Cooper to Have Main Street Clean

To improve the appearance of Main Street, a petition signed by 30 business firms for cleaning the main street and washing thoroughly the present conditions of the are not conducive to building reputation of attractiveness progress such as our touristlic expects." As the commtton, which asked that immediate action be taken Mayor Cooper said that action taken on the request.

Among the business firms represented on the petition are Grill Cafe, Commercial Hotel, Graton Bros., Clark Hospital, Hugh W. Colton, Quick Way Service, Fountain, Woodward, Electric Applia, Utah State Bank, Utah Oil company, Leon's Curb Ser, sin Chevrolet, Utah Auto, Farrar Bros. Shamrock, Cash, Community Market, M. Lyman, Triangle Cafe, Drug, Bank of Vernal, E. Bennion, Weeks Barber Shop, Express, Calder Beauty, J. C. Penney Co., Utah Attorney Clyde S. Johnson, Power & Light, Sather Jew, Dr. J. W. Stevens.

ANNUAL COUNTY 4-H CLUB BONFIRE PROGRAM

Today (Thursday) 4-H the county will hold their outing at Elmer Lind's park Dry Fork. The activities of recreation, picnic and a program. Awards will be the best stunt and to having the greatest percent attendance with the greatest ber of miles traveled.

The report of clubs notified shows seven Indian boys clubs, nine clothing club, foods clubs and one home agement club, making a total clubs with 214 members.

Each club is following a assignment to complete learning to do one or improved practice in the on the farm. The 4-H club ment is growing and is mable through the effort of county 4-H club leaders.

New Wheat Farms to Admitted in Next Year's Program

The agricultural adjustment administration has made it for "new farms" to participate its 1940 program. The noutment for 1940 is 7,000 greater than this year.

If any farmer in the co which wheat was seeded for in any years 1937, 1938 or uests of the County Com wheat acreage allotment be allowed. Those who ne their names on the program not request, some farmers in the program "they are"

Vernal Society

Legion-Auxiliary

Mrs. M. W. Curry, assisted by Mrs. Adair Tyzack and Lucy McNeill, were hostesses to the Legion-Auxiliary Wednesday of last week. New officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Mrs. Edith Shumlin, president; Mrs. Grace Findlay, first vice president; Mrs. Muriel S. Wallis, second vice president; Mrs. Hannah Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Jean Cheney, treasurer; Mrs. May Davis, historian; Mrs. Bertha White, chaplain; Mrs. LeVern Pope, sergeant-at-arms. The club is planning a food sale to be held July 2nd at the Ashton store. A delicious luncheon was served. Meetings were adjourned for the summer until September.

Tokawana Camp DUP.

Friday at the home of Mrs. May Woodard the Tokawana camp of the D. U. P. were entertained by Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Nellie Eaton, Mrs. Merle Eaton and Mrs. Margaret Erickson. About twenty ladies were present, to whom a delicious luncheon was served. Mrs. Van Massey read a history of her mother's life. Mrs. Jessie Williams was appointed historian. July 8 the members with their husbands will enjoy an outdoor party.

Lady Lions Club

Mrs. L. P. Christensen, Mrs. Karl J. Engar and Mrs. Wallace S. Calder entertained the Lady Lions club last Wednesday, at the Scout building. The hall was beautifully decorated with spring and summer flowers, and pansy corsages were presented as favors. A two-course luncheon was served and a musical program enjoyed, which included the following numbers: An original campaign song used at the District convention in campaigning for Vernal as the 1939 meeting place, was given by Mrs. Wallace S. Calder and Mrs. John H. Clark, and several numbers by the Lady Lions chorus. A mock wedding was cleverly carried out by members of the club. The next meeting will be July 13.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 10: Creede J. George, 27 Mancos, Colo., and Merle Roberts, 19, Vernal.

June 15—Leland Lavell Perry, legal age, Lapoint and Velma Rasmussen, legal age, Lapoint.

Work to Soon Start on Farm-to-Market Road

Survey is now being made of the first farm-to-market road in Uintah County, by the State Road Commission and sponsored by the Uintah County Commissioners.

The first road in the Ashley valley is for 3.7 miles, commencing at the Fitch saw mill in Ashley ward through south to the corner where the road will go west to the Vernal-Manila highway and east past the H. E. Sealey house to Spring Creek and possibly to the Karen ranch.

Roberts-George

Announcement is made by Mrs. Melva Roberts, of the marriage of her daughter, Merle, to Creede George, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. George of Mancos, Colo., which took place last Friday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother. The room was beautifully decorated with peonies and lilies and the bride was lovely in white. Bishop Pontha Calder performed the ceremony in the presence of close relatives and friends. The couple left immediately after the wedding for Salt Lake City where they spent a few days. The bride, who is a graduate of the Uintah high school, has been employed for the past year at the Mt. States' and T. Co. After finishing the month of June at her present position, she will join her husband in Denver, Colo., and they will make their home at Estes Park, where Mr. George has been transferred as a government surveyor.

Entertains for Friend

Mrs. George E. Adams entertained at a shower at her home Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Thomas McNeill, who will soon move into her new home. Over twenty-five guests were present, and a delightful social time was had. Many beautiful gifts were received. Refreshments were served and during the afternoon Mrs. O. N. Olsen, daughter and son favored with musical selections.

New Grandstand to be Completed for Rodeo

Work is progressing on the \$6,500 grandstand to be ready for the Vernal Rodeo in September at the Uintah County fair grounds.

The WPA project sponsored by the county paying \$1920 is estimated to cost \$6,280 exclusive of other costs.

A crew of men have been busy getting out the logs for \$90,000 feet of lumber, which will be sawed on the ground where the logs have been piled. Only the lumber will be brought from the mountains.

The new grandstand, not including the bleachers, will be 30 feet wide and 150 feet long, with a seating capacity sufficient for the large crowds attending the rodeo.

As soon as the lumber is ready, a sufficient crew of WPA workers will start on the construction of the grandstand and work until the project is completed.

Of the many WPA projects sponsored by the county and Vernal City the new grandstand will undoubtedly be one that will be greatly appreciated for its convenience to the public.

Tennis Tournament

Entrants for the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce tennis tournament will be received at the Ross Jewelry or the Vernal Drug up to Monday evening, according to O. A. Ross, chairman. The finals will be played off at the Fourth of

Ace High Club

Mrs. Leona York delightfully entertained twelve members of the Ace High club Thursday evening of last week. Bridge was played with high prize going to Mrs. J. L. Hansen. Mrs. Wenner Pope was appointed as president for the remainder of the season, and Mrs. R. B. Hegsted was voted a new member. Those present were Mrs. Virtus McConkie, Mrs. LeRoy Edredge, Mrs. Wallace S. Calder, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Kenneth Richardson, Mrs. Jesse York, Mrs. Marion Batty, Mrs. Raymond Siddoway, Mrs. C. R. Henderson, Mrs. Merrell Goodrich and the hostess.

Bridge-ette Club

Monday evening the Bridge-ette club was entertained by Mrs. Arthur Woolley. Special guests were Mrs. Robert Johnston, Mrs. Howard B. Woolley and Mrs. Virtus McConkie. After a dessert luncheon tables were arranged for Bridge with Mrs. Rex Olson and Mrs. Johnston receiving high and draw prizes, respectively. Mrs. Olson will be hostess June 27.

Relief Society Entertains

Tuesday afternoon at the First ward chapel, the First ward Relief Society honored its members with birthdays in the month of June. Those included were Mrs. H. S. Olson, president, Mrs. Erma Colton, Mrs. Docia Rich, Mrs. Sarah Preece, Mrs. Jennie Weeks and Mrs. Leila Preece. A quilting and refreshments were enjoyed. Thursday of last week the Relief Society entertained for the elderly ladies of the ward at the chapel. A program and lunch were enjoyed and a social afternoon spent. The older ladies told incidents of their early lives.

Women Will 'Shoot' Colorado Rapids With Utah Guide Next Week

Two woman botanists setting out to join five men on a scientific expedition down the Colorado river said they hoped to be the first of their sex successfully to traverse the treacherous rapids.

Miss Elzada Clover, 40-year-old University of Michigan instructor, who hunted rare plant life on Utah wastland last year, planned the trip. Her woman companion will be 26-year-old Lois Jotter, an assistant in the university's botany department.

They are undisturbed by risks of the 650-mile water route seldom negotiated by man.

"There is no danger in a carefully planned expedition," Miss Clover said. "I'm sure we will make it. If you expect trouble you are sure to find it."

The men in the party will be Norman Nevills of Bluff, Utah; Eugene Atkinson, 25-year-old University of Michigan botanist and zoologist; LaPhene Harris of the United States geological survey; a newsreel cameraman and an art-

The arrival of summer here June 21 is later than by the barometer. The ahead of our hemisphere is experiencing winter.

Uintah Academy and High School Graduates Hold Party at Jensen Friday

The party given for the Jensen Uintah high school of 1938 graduates last Friday evening was largely attended. Mrs. Alton H. Peterson was in charge of the program consisting of musical numbers by Karl J. Engar and U. H. S. students.

Ashey Bartlett was master of ceremonies, who called for the former graduates of the Uintah academy, Wilcox academy and the Uintah high school.

Gerald Thorne, bacteriologist, graduate of the Wilcox academy, gave a short address relative to his nationally known work.

H. Walter Woolley addressed the students, choosing for his subject "The Economic Condition of the Time." At various times during his speech Mr. Woolley was roundly applauded, as he urged the graduates to seek the higher plane of living, not depending on the WPA or other agencies now existing, which might stifle a independent effort.

A large number of those present were former graduates of the three schools mentioned, the last commencing before their graduation in 1923. Mr. Bartlett then called the roll by years as listed below:

The first year Uintah high school graduates, 1924, included, Elmer Timothy, Howard Caldwell, G. Glenn Wellman and William M. Turner; 1927, Evelyn, Mamey McNaughton, Elva, Mamey Stewart and Howard J. Dudley; 1929, Faye Gardner Pearce; 1930, Lynne Dud-

the postoffice, the last spring, when the club, American, and other civil service departments, the ing such as the be to the H. King, and Murdock, worked whole-heartedly for the improvement, resulting in the appropriation.

Mark Childs, deputy sheriff of Ventura county, said the prisoner in jail Wednesday refused to go to Mitchell's back door.

The Kingsbury Congregation Church will hold no further services until the end of the summer. Sunday School and preaching services will be resumed on the first Sunday in September. Rev. M. J. Potts and family will attend the Congregational summer camp which will meet at Redcliff Camp in Ogden Canyon July 24 to 28. The camp is for the purpose of providing religious instruction and inspiration to the Congregation's young people. Both Mr. and Mrs. Potts will be members of the camp at this time.

Norman D. Nevills of Mexico and Hat, Utah, leader of a Colorado river expedition stopped at Grand Canyon, Ariz. Wednesday and expects to resume the trip Friday morning to Boulder Dam.

After hearing the request for medical care for a child born from the county medical fund was decided not to grant any money from this fund to the public welfare office until after January 1, 1939.

Miss Gigg, accompanied by her mother, were guests at the Court Tuesday evening. Miss Gigg is the champion ice skater in California and was enroute to Los Angeles to give an

Issues Warning on Contaminated Water

clinics which will be given in the near future. The price charged is nominal and will merely cover the expenses of the physicians donating their time to the public in these times," said the doctor.

Dr. Wm. McKay, state epidemiologist of Salt Lake City, arrived Tuesday to investigate water supplies in the county and make recommendations for the treatment of the Vernal City and Mosser water

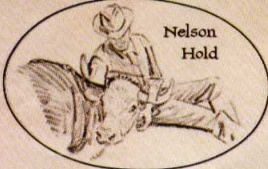
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Nelson Hold

BULL DOGGING is a time event. When the chute opens the dogger riding on left and the hazer who rides on the right side of the steer to keep it running straight, burst into the arena seconds after the steer. There is a ten second penalty if the dogger

starts too soon. This sequence illustrates the front hold. Rules require the contestant to bring the steer to a full stop before throwing him. For a legal fall the steer must be twisted down until it is lying flat on its side with all four feet pointed straight out.

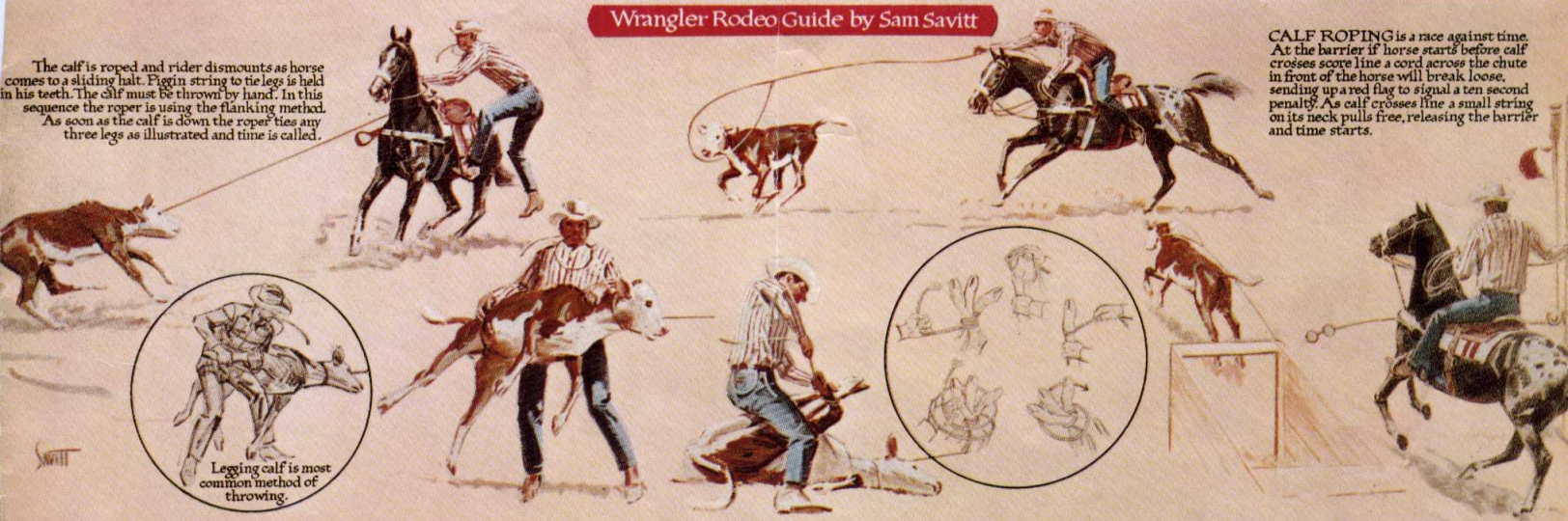
In **SADDLE BRONC** the contestant must ride for ten seconds using a plain halter and a single braided rope rein. He cannot wrap the rein around his hand, will be disqualified if he changes hands on the rein, touches any part of the horse or equipment with his free hand, or loses his stirrup. All riding events are scored half on the horse-how hard he bucks, and half on the way the rider spurs.



First jump into the arena, rider must have both his spurs over the break of the horse's shoulder. During the course of one buck his spurs must swing back to the cantle of the saddle and be over the break of the horse's shoulder next time his front legs meet the ground.

Wrangler Rodeo Guide by Sam Savitt

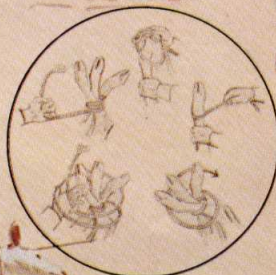
The calf is roped and rider dismounts as horse comes to a sliding halt. Fiddin string to tie legs is held in his teeth. The calf must be thrown by hand. In this sequence the roper is using the flanking method. As soon as the calf is down the roper ties any three legs as illustrated and time is called.



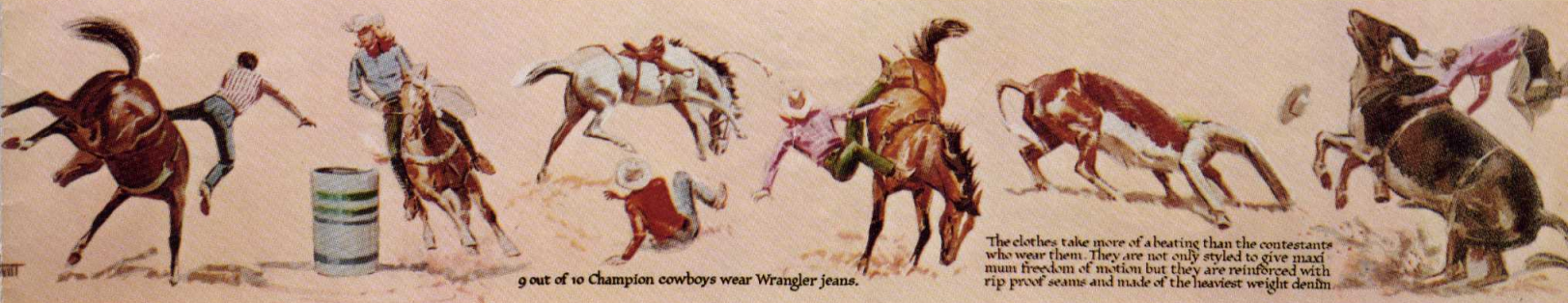
CALF ROPING is a race against time. At the barrier if horse starts before calf crosses score line a cord across the chute in front of the horse will break loose, sending up a red flag to signal a ten second penalty. As calf crosses line a small string on its neck pulls free, releasing the barrier and time starts.



Legging calf is most common method of throwing.



Tying calf is most common method of throwing.



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Pages From The Past

Rodeos of days gone by

By Doris Karren Burton

Rodeos in the early days were quite different from the rodeo of today. There were no chutes, arenas and no grandstands.

One of the early rodeos was held in September of 1902. It was called a "Rough Rider Contest" and held in Old Ashley at the Burton Resort. The bucking horses were put in a corral. The rider went into the corral and picked the horse he wanted to ride. He then had to rope it, saddle it, get on and ride it. Judges were Snellon Johnson, Hy Meeks and Joseph Timothy.

The following is quoted from the Vernal Express: "Shorty" Dangel took the first ride. 'Shorty' caught a little gray broncho out of the corral and rode him to a finish, but he appeared weak and did not do any hard bucking...A soldier next caught a nervy looking sorrel horse which stood perfectly quiet until he was saddled and the soldier started to swing into the saddle, but before he got seated the horse threw his head down and went into the air like a rocket and done some good hard churning. The soldier's head commenced to flop and the next instant he turned a trick in the air and fell all spraddled out in front of the horse.

F.J. Thornton, a rider from Montana, now staying at Duchesne roped a chunky little bay horse which looked to be all muscle and meanness. Thornton slipped into the saddle with ease and made a pretty ride, whipping and spurring all the while until the pony had enough.

Jim McKee's turn came next and he selected the sorrel horse that threw the soldier, partly because the crowd asked it and partly because he had thrown the soldier and was generally considered to be a bad horse...it stood quietly as before while being saddled and until the rider's foot was in the stirrup, and then went at it. He had pitched at least fifty yards and stopped before Jim got his right foot in the stirrup, and then did some running and side pitching but Jim stayed with him and spurred him up. This ended the riding and the judges gave the first

prize, a \$50 saddle, to Jim McKee and the second, \$15, to Thornton. There was considerable kicking at the judges for giving Jim McKee the first prize, it being claimed that he held to the horn of the saddle for several jumps and that Thornton made the prettiest ride. McKee said he did hold to the horn for three or four jumps until he got into the saddle but let loose long before he got his right foot in the stirrup."

There was also a steer roping contest. "Pardon Dodds took his place first and was after his steer the instant he crossed the line, and before he went fifty yards had him roped by the horns and thrown on his back and was down by his side ready to tie him in just eighteen seconds, but the steer got up and Pard had to get on his horse and throw him a second time. By the time he had got him tied and had crossed back over the line he had taken two minutes and 36½ seconds. He was awarded the first prize of \$50 cash, however. T.C. McNeill roped his steer, but his horse was too strong and pulled back and broke the rope at the saddle horn. Dick Oakley failed to rope his steer in two throws. Jim McKee did rope his steer on the first throw but it was such a logy fellow and he had hard work to throw it, time being called before he finally threw it. Wood Alexander got a wild steer, make a pretty catch and threw him five times in a quarter of a mile chase. He got off his horse once but the steer got up, and the horse was jerked over with him. He finally tied the steer and got second prize of \$15 cash. The last roper, F.J. Thornton missed the first throw and the second time the steer jumped through the loop and he caught him by the hind foot and time was called."

The first fairgrounds in Uintah County were built in about 1916. They were on the block where the hospital now stands. There was no arena or chutes. They corralled the horses and when one was picked they snubed it up close to another horse and let it out. The rider had to saddle his own horse. Sometimes they blindfolded them or tied one leg up until the rider got on.

They built a grandstand of sorts and brought in willows to make boweries for shade.

Derrell King said, "I remember when Pard Dodds had that big old horse of Ward Murray's. He caught his steer and threw it and was going to tie it and old Thorne ran out there with his camera and spooked that horse. The horse took off, broke the rope and just raised hell." Derrell also said, "Wellon Mantle, that crazy bugger, he rode a buckin' horse there one day. He had a blue serge suit of clothes on. He looked like hell, but he stayed on that horse."

In about 1918 the fairgrounds were moved down east of town where it is presently located. They moved the grandstand down there and later tore it down and built the present one. There was one corral there to put the rodeo horses in and no chutes the first year or so. Derrell King said, "They brought the horse right out in front of the grandstand to saddle it. Sometimes they had a hell of a time with it. It was about as much fun as watching that as it was the ride."

Wylo Mackay was one of the best riders in this country. Derrell said, "Old Wylo would get on anything to make a show whether he got anything out of it or not. He just liked to rodeo. I can remember one year he won the new saddle which was the prize. They had a buckin' horse from over on the reservation they claimed hadn't ever been ridden and the winner had to ride that horse with his new saddle. Old Wylo tried him but he didn't stay on very long."

I found the following in the July 9, 1926 Vernal Express: "In the first day bucking Lee Hall won first and Edgar Hall second. Several attempts were made to ride the famous Bluebell Outlaw and Wylo Mackay rode the horse for 13 jumps."

Vic Karren told me they had a mule that they bucked at the rodeo. He said Wylo rode it one day and it nearly shook him to pieces.

The Vernal Express of July 6, 1923 read: "The rodeo was all that could be

desired without a moment's delay, roping, racing, bucking and bulldozing contest followed in rapid order. The picturesque cowboys from all sections reacting the scenes of the range to the delight of the assembled multitude, among who were many tourists who had stayed over for the purpose of seeing a real cowboy in action, only having seen such performances on the screen before."

Ray Searle told me some things about that rodeo. He said the Commercial Club sponsored it and Bert Thomas was in charge. He appointed Marcus Jensen, Pard Dodds and Ray Searle, Sr., to head the rodeo.

Ray said they gave a \$25 prize for the best bucking horse brought in. Willis L. Johnson put in a lot of time catching a little brown wild horse on Blue Mountain. He had a real hard time getting him. Ray said he was far the best buck. George McKee was the judge and he gave the prize to a friend of his. Willis was really mad and so was everyone else. Ray said they roped goats that year.

At this rodeo they gave away a saddle to the winner of the bucking contest. 'Kick' Hardy rode a little black horse and won the saddle. Ray said 'Kick' later put the saddle on Bluebell Outlaw, but he didn't last long on that horse.

Wallace Siddoway had bought a horse Vic Karren had been breaking. After the rodeo he said he bet Vic could ride the black that 'Kick' had won on. Vic was about 16 years old and so they asked him if he would try it for five dollars. Vic said he had never made that much money riding a horse so he agreed. They passed a hat around to raise the money for his payment. The men placed bets on their own. Vic rode the horse. He rode in several rodeos after that.

The first rodeos got their bucking horses by either rounding up some wild horses or using horses men were unable to break. In about 1925, Ernie and Ed Fisher and George Brewer brought in horses for a rodeo. They were from the Bookcliffs and had just put on a rodeo in Grand Junction. They trailed the horses across the mountains to Vernal. Bud Duckett, Luke Shook, Cliff Ivy and some other cowboys who had ridden in the Grand Junction rodeo came with them to ride in the Vernal rodeo. On the way they picked up a bunch of wild horses and brought them along.

Jack Brewer told me he was about nine years old. This was his first trip to Vernal. He remembered the board walks and all the cowboys stayed at The Travelers Home, which was a boarding house owned by Pard Dodds. It is the building where the Thornes had their first studio and where Rhoda now lives at 122 S. Vernal Ave.

Jack said for an added attraction at the rodeo they put him on one of the little wild horses. It didn't buck but stampeded. An old man was holding some stock down at the far end of the arena. When he saw the little horse run he thought it was going to go through the barb wire fence around the arena. So, he ran his horse out to head him off and ran right into Jack and over the top of him. Jack said he wasn't hurt bad but the old man was unconscious and in the hospital for some time.

Guy Rife of Rock Springs started bringing in the rodeo stock. Then Clair Burton brought it until he died. Dee Allred purchased most of his stock and furnished stock for rodeos around the area.

During the Depression years of 1931 and 1932, the cowboys on Blue Mountain had to make their own fun, so they held a rodeo on Blue Mountain at the meadow of the Victor Karren ranch. They had a corral and a chute to let the horses out of, but when the rider rode



THE FIRST fairgrounds that Uintah County built. It was built in about 1916. It was

located where the hospital now stands.

Early Rodeos...

some and Bernard Moon was to put on Jge Haslem's horse, as Joe wouldn't ride a bucking horse. Bernard poured it on the horse's back behind Joe's saddle and the horse jumped straight in the air. Joe jerked the reins up so hard the horse's head was almost on his chest until he could jump off.

Hazers or pick-up men were the cowboys who helped get the riders off their horse safely after their ride. Some of the men who had this job in the early rodeos at the present fairgrounds were Austin White, Butch Hall, Vic Karren, Clark Felch and Joel Evans. Vic said this could be a pretty rough job sometimes. Those horses that were still bucking hard were rough on your leg when you got close to get a man off.

An Indian named Long John will long be remembered by the old rodeo fans. He had long hair tied back and he entered and rode in the Vernal rodeos for years. He never won anything because he always pulled the whistle blow when time was up. Vic Karren said, "It was real hard for the pick-up man to get him off as he was handing on so tight with both his arms and legs, it was like pullin' a tick."

It was really exciting to attend the old amateur rodeos. You knew all the people who were participating. The mantle boys, Pat and Charlie 'Potch', were neighbors of ours on Blue Mountain and they were among the top riders in the 1940s. They were staying at our home when 'Potch' won the saddle.

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he was in no arena. The horse just bucked out through the open spaces. Hazers tried to get the men off. Some of the riders were Bradford Powers, Bus Johnson, Wyo Mackay, Bub Biles and Vic Karren. Vic won first place price of \$10.

People came from Vernal, Jensen, Rangely and all over the country. They brought their bedrolls and spread them out in the yard. When Mrs. Karren got up the next morning and looked out there was frost on their tarps. This was on the 4th of July.

The Blue Mountain Rodeo was held two years, then moved to Jensen. There it was held across the river from the Joe Haslem place. It was still called the Blue Mountain Rodeo. They kept the stock at Joe's and swam it across the river for the rodeo. Again the horse and rider was turned loose in the wide open spaces and usually headed for Blue Mountain which was home.

Hoyte Robinson told me about one rider whose horse came out bucking and running and took off. He said, "The hazers chased him around awhile and finally they just came back and left him out there. They had a heck of a rodeo and along that afternoon he rode him back in there, still on him."

Vic Karren said he rode one and it headed for Blue Mountain, when he saw no one was coming after him, he

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN Rodeo was held in Jensen on July 4, 1935.



ROSCO (ROCK) HALL rides Steamboat in the Vernal Amateur Rodeo in 1928.



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jumped off and had to walk back. Everything went at the Jensen rodeo. They tried to get everyone's horse to buck whether they were in a contest or not. They used a chemical called hokei pokei, which when put on the horses flank made them buck better. So, Dave Karren, Jr. obtained

Pipkin to announce first PRCA winter rodeo

It's just around the corner; Vernal's first PRCA winter rodeo. With Christmas behind the Ad Hoc committee of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, they are now gearing up to present another full-event rodeo this weekend.

The first performance will start at 7:30 p.m., in the Western Park's indoor arena, with a full line of professional cowboys and cowgirls ready to take on some of the sport's toughest stock. The stock contractor, Cervi and Sons of Sterling, Colo., will be bringing 17 head of stock, among others, that were seen in this year's National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev.

Cheyenne Pipkin, who announced this summer's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, will be in the ring again to emcee the event.

Pipkin was inspired to become an announcer, but it wasn't the bolt-of-lightening kind of inspiration some people experience.

"I bought interest in a rodeo company and had hired a couple of announcers, but none of them had the enthusiasm I was looking for," Pipkin said. "I kept complaining, and finally somebody said I should do it myself."

Although hesitant to do the job at the time, Pipkin says now it was the best dare he ever took. Pipkin loves announcing, partly because he just likes the spotlight, and partly because it lets him stay around the sport of rodeo.

He attended the University of Tennessee on a rodeo scholarship after making his mark in high school as a bull rider and bareback rider, never giving a second thought to serving as the master of ceremonies.

His role with the stock contracting company came after he stopped competing in rodeo. His start as a rodeo announcer came around 1982, and led to a five-year announcing career in the International Professional Rodeo Association. He became a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1987.

Pipkin said he enjoys taking time researching each contestant's history but still dreams, though, of announcing the faster-paced National Finals Rodeo.

Doc Allen says they expect 140 contestants from six Intermountain states to compete in this weekend's rodeo including 23 bull riders. This figure is about one-half the contestants at the summer rodeo, but organizers feel good about the number of participants.

"This will be a real boost to the local economy in the winter," Allen said. "These contestants will be



Cheyenne Pipkin

bringing their families and using services throughout the community. It should generate quite a bit of money in town."

Pay-offs to the contestants should run around \$7,000 to \$8,000 for each event.

Allen said the committee had a good response from potential contestants. They feel the good response is attributed to having the Western Park to compete in and Cervi and Sons as the stock contractor. He said to look for around a dozen local people competing, including the Allen family, Chad Beddell, John Reynolds, Leona Cuch and the Cuch brothers.

Following the first night's performance, there will be a New Year's Eve dance that will accommodate both families and those over 21 years of age.

Music will be provided by one of the top dance bands in Utah, "The Legal Tender Band." Admission into the dance is \$10 per person or a combination rodeo and dance ticket can be bought for \$20. Saturday night's performance will be "Kid's Night." Children 12 and under can get in the rodeo for \$8.

Friday night tickets are \$12 for the rodeo only.

The committee hopes to make enough profit from the winter rodeo to go into a "rainy day" fund for the summer rodeo. Allen said they are afraid that sometime the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo will go into the hole if they were to get rained out during the summer performances; especially if the summer rodeo is expanded to seven days.

The Western Park is the place to be this weekend to ring in 1994. Advance tickets are available at rodeo headquarters at the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce building.

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Woodshed Burns Tuesday, Fire Cause Not Known

The west wall of an old woodshed was burned Tuesday at the Martin E. Oaks residence at 295 East 5th South.

The fire department was called at 12:40 p.m. and reported minor damage. Cause of the outbreak was not known.

MAIDS O' MAESER

The annual Maids O' Maeser party is scheduled to be held this year at the home of Beatrice Stringham in Maeser. Date for the event will be Thursday, August 9 beginning at 3 p.m. All ladies raised in the Maeser vicinity are invited.

Catton, historical.

Juvenile: "The Ghost in the Gallery" by Carolyn Keene, mystery; "Bluegrass Champion" by Dorothy Lyons; "Pollyanna and the Secret Mission" by Elizabeth Barton.

Extension Service Plans Farm Safety Meet Tonight

In response to a request from President Eisenhower, Governor Lee and the Utah State Extension Service, a farm safety committee will be organized Thursday at 8 p.m. in the courtroom, disclosed Wm F Farnsworth, county agent.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with Farm Safety Week July 22-28.

TO SOUTH AMERICA

Mrs. Reid L. Hullinger and small daughter, Heather, of Roosevelt, left Monday of last week on the first leg of their trip to South America where they will join Mr. Hullinger.

Mrs. Hullinger and Heather are making the trip to Maracaibo, Venezuela, by plane, where they will make their home for the next two years. Mr. Hullinger is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hullinger, Vernal.

Isaac Ross...

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The children are Melvin, Vernal, Floyd and Mar, Roosevelt, George, Grand Junction; Mrs. Myrtle Reich and Mrs. Anna Chamberlain, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Ada Knudson, Provo; Mrs. Rosalee Hawker, Galt, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Wallace, Mrs. Glen Stanley, Olympia.

The Ross' moved from Vernal to Park City in 1926 where Mr. Ross worked in the quartz mines. Mrs. Ross was active in work in the Relief Society of the LDS Church in both Vernal and Park City.

Mr. Ross retired from the mines and moved to Roosevelt in 1951 where they now live. They have 63 grandchildren and 57 great grandchildren. Mrs. Ross' mother, Mary McDonald Young is still living at the age of 90.

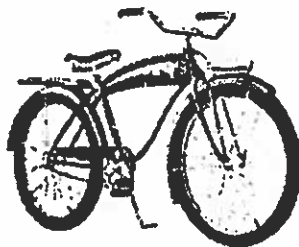
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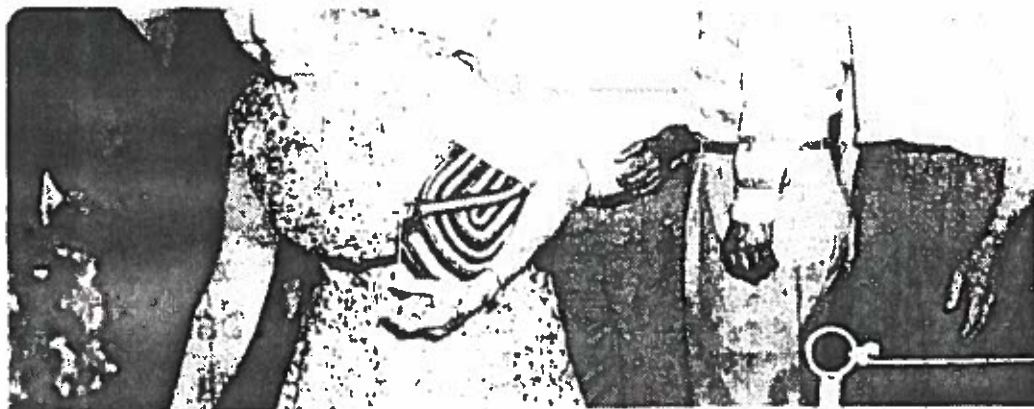
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CRUCIAL VOTE—Mrs. Grace Peitz, foreground, smiles for the Vernal Express cameraman as she casts her vote at the recent Moon Lake Electric election. Mrs. Bernice Huskey waits her turn. Both ladies were from Rangely. In the background are William Fieldsted, Boneta, vice president; Ray Brown, Roosevelt, president; Ron E. Harrison, Vernal, manager, and A. DeMar Dudley, Jensen, former president.

Professional Rodeo Opens Tonight, Top Riders Will Compete for \$2000

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ross Watch 60th Anniversary Slip Quietly By

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ross of Roosevelt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 8, quietly at their family home in Roosevelt.

Isaac Ross and Janie Young of Heber were married July 8, 1896 at Vernal.

Mr. Ross at the age of 6 years came to Ashley Valley with his parents in 1882. At that time, Ashley Valley was just a huge sage flat. Isaac, with his father James Ross, moved from Midway to the Ashley Valley driving 30 head of hogs through snow and water. Mr. Ross' father homesteaded a farm, in what is now known as Glens Ward. He brought the first threshing machine to the basin. Mr. Ross grew up on this farm and later took it over.

Mrs. Ross came from Heber to the valley with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. David Young in 1890. The Young family only lived there until 1896 then moved back to Heber City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross were married in Vernal July 8, 1896. They had eleven children, 10 now living, 4 boys and 6 girls all born in Vernal and raised on the same farm where Mr. Ross grew up as a boy.

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Stake Choir Plans Summer Concert With Dr. Cornwall

Under the direction of Dr. J. Spencer Cornwall, conductor of the world-famous Salt Lake Tabernacle choir, Uintah Stake choir will present a concert Friday, August 3, at 8 p.m. in the stake tabernacle. The local choir has 85 members.

Proceeds from the concert will go towards the purchase of an organ for the stake.

Ownership certificates or stock in the new organ will be sold in different wards by members of the choir.

Chair officers are Lowell Wardle, president, Marietta Wardle, secretary, Max G. Abbott, conductor, Darlene Evans, assistant conductor, Ruth Walker, organist, and Ruby Fife, assistant organist.

Chairmen of committees for the special concert are Glade Sowards, publicity, Eldon Winterton, finance, Bernice Liebhardt, program, Carolyn Wallis, ushers, and Deward Shiner, physical properties.

Lloyd Clement is chairman of the stake music committee.

Western music booming over downtown speakers heralds the sale of tickets at a booth at the main intersection for Vernal's annual popular Professional Rodeo.

Ushered in with a parade at 6 p.m., the rodeo will begin at the fairgrounds at 7:30 p.m. Dances at the Imperial Hall will follow the rodeo each night Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with music provided by Billy Gray and his Western Okies.

Due to Main Street construction, the location of the parade has been changed. Participants will assemble at Fifth West and proceed east on 1st North to Vernal Avenue, then turn south and pass through the main intersection to 2nd. South and turn east to disperse at the fairgrounds.

Frank Hackler, rodeo president, reported that Swanee Kirby, rodeo promoter, had announced that many cowboys from the nation's top rodeos that are seen at Madison Square Gardens will be in Vernal to ride for the \$2000 prize money.

Mr. Kirby said that this is due to the fact that the local rodeo falls in between the top national productions.

Between rodeo events will be specialty acts such as high pole stunts.

Reigning over rodeo days will be Eula Chew, queen, with attendants Marva Oaks as Miss Uintah, and Lorraine Hampton as Miss Vernal.

open fields is considered health hazard by the State.

Approximate cost of the construction will be \$312,700 include a plant east of town, Ashley Creek and new lines. The trunk line will from Vernal Avenue east south to the new plant. Sewage lines will be built North from Fifth West to V Avenue and from the Coca plant south to 4th North.

Eventually the entire system of the city will be added into the new disposal plant.

Two kinds of bonds will be issued, "revenue" and "general obligation," each for \$150,000. The balance of \$12,706 already in city sewer funds.

Revenue bonds are payable in equal annual installments beginning not later than 10 years from the date of the issue and running not later than 10 years from that date. The repayable solely from the revenue from the entire system and waterworks have a maximum interest rate not more than 4 percent per annum.

The general obligation negotiable coupon bonds interest up to 4 percent per annum and are payable in up to 10 years.

Polls will be opened at 8 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. Residents in District No. 3 will vote at the scouthouse between Vernal Avenue and 1st West and in District No. 4 will be at the election judges will be Merkley, Nina Pope and G. Winward.

Polling place for District No. 4 will be Uintah County house. Judges will be Slaugh, Bessie Markey and Margaret Witbeck.

Separate ballots will be provided for each kind of issue. Voters in favor of both issues will mark X after the word "Yes" on each ballot. Opposed to the issue will mark X after the word "No."

Restrictions on Garbage Containers Noted by City Committee

An appeal was made by Vernal City public works committee for local residents to conform with ordinance regarding garbage pickup.

Officials pointed out that garbage containers should not weigh more than 60 lbs. nor contain more than 10 gals. of liquid. Containers should be covered and set up for handling with handles or bails.

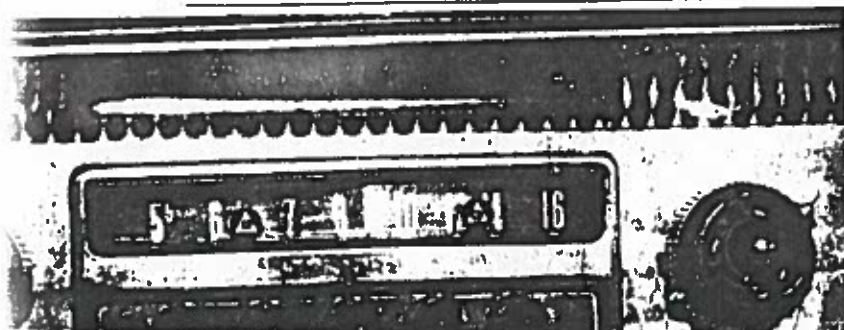
The committee warned that the future the contents of drums will not be picked up if they are too hard to handle.

Library Announces Reading Contest To Start for Adults and Teen-Agers

Adult and teen-age readers will compete for valuable book prizes during a summer reading contest to start Monday at Uintah County Public Library, Mrs. Marjorie Eaton, librarian, announced this week.

read 30 books in this contest will be awarded a prize of his choice to be selected from a special list compiled by library staff.

The first person to complete the books in the adult category will be awarded a prize.



Record Crowds Enjoy Annual Rodeo at Vernal

Over 5,000 Attend
Final Day
Of Breath-taking Events

Having drawn participants from ten states the 1939 edition of the Vernal Rodeo closed last Saturday as one of the most successful in the history of the annual gathering. The weatherman produced balmy skies for Friday and Saturday and thus redeemed himself in the eyes of the community after the heavy storm which rained out the tail end of Thursday's show.

Record crowds watched carefully planned and fortune blessed thrills and spills which were often breath-taking but no serious injury occurred during the three days.

Mud and large calves slowed roping times below usual averages. The best time made was only 23.2 seconds when Harold Jackson of San Antonio, Texas won first money on the last day. Clyde Brown took first place in the roping event Thursday and Friday.

Bulldogging had been spectacular as ever but rather slow until Mat Cropper of Desert, Utah, managed to get a good break and threw a longhorn in 7.4 seconds on Saturday. Timers on all roping events were Dr. John H. Clark, Supt. L. G. Noble and Prin. H. M. Lundell.

Guy Rife's string of bucking horses lived up to their long reputation as one of the really tough strings in the West. Rife has been bringing his ever increasing herd to Vernal for the past twelve years. In the riding attraction of Thursday, first place was taken by Kay Fraughton followed by Turk Greenough and Duck Peterson in second and third places. The judges found difficulty in Friday's placements and made five awards: First place going again to Kay Fraughton, second to Mickey Hicks, Blats Jacobs and Bob Norman tied for third and fourth places while young Robert Hazelbush was given fifth place.

Day placements on Saturday showed Turk Greenough as first with Mickey Hicks and Lex Crawford in second and third. Six men were slated for the final contest which was won by Turk Greenough. Duck Peterson got second, Lex Crawford third and Bob Norman fourth. Judges for the riding events were chosen from among the participants by the cowboys and committee so that scores were computed by Com. O'Driscoll of Bridgeland and Matt Cropper.

Local talent dominated the bareback riding to give Bobby Burns, Mark Hall and Jackie Murray first places during the three days.

The race meets which were judged by William Anderson of Glenwood Springs, William Mott and Clarence W. Showalter, brought in some fast horses. Robert Mattheis took the pony race the first two days but was nosed out by "Helen," ridden by Earl Herbert on the last day.

In the saddle horse race, Harold Dalton on "Baldy" won first in both meets. Half-mile free-for-all, first and second day, "Black Beauty" owned by Ray Price, third day.

"May" was winner, owned by A. F. Gentry. Winner in the Basin race first day, "Ray-o-lle" owned by Earl Allen; third day, "Silver Ute" owned by H. W. Colton.

The two-year-old race was won the first and third day by Jim Rhodes' "Sky Breeze." The one-mile free-for-all was won by R. Heiser's "Sparkling Rose." The Allen boys took the half-mile Basin races, Orin's "Red Wing" won the first day, Karl's "Ray-o-lle" the second and Lawrence's "Utah Joe" the third. The five-eighths mile free-for-all run only the first day was won by R. Heiser's "Scout."

The feature attractions Aleice Nesbitt with her horse "Golden Chief," Brahma Bull and his trained bull and Chief and Mrs. Stanley with their horses and ropes won acclaim from the crowds in about the order named.

The Imperial hall was filled to capacity at the dance Saturday night with one of the largest dances ever held in Vernal. Sixteen hundred witnessed the drawing and the winning of the Chevrolet sedan by Mac Shaw, son of Duane Shaw of Vernal.

It was estimated that 5000 persons saw the rodeo and races on the final day.

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Rodeo bull shot; felony charge filed

By Amy Joi Bryson
For the Uintah Basin Standard

Tony Mendes was hopeful Charley's Nephew could develop into a John Elway-style athlete, a powerful competitor able to retire at the height of his career.

Now, it could be that Charley's Nephew is destined to be little more than a lunch special at Carl's Jr.

Mendes, a resident of Jensen, a small community near Vernal, is a world champion bull rider who makes his living on the rodeo circuit. He is mourning over injuries his 4-year-old bull suffered in September when authorities say a neighbor shot it repeatedly with a shotgun.

The neighbor, Devin Murray, 24, was charged last week in 8th District Court with second-degree felony criminal mischief stemming from the Sept. 15 shooting outside of Vernal. His court appearance is set for Nov. 13.

Uintah County Attorney JoAnn Stringham said that although the bull survived, the incident prompted the filing of the felony because of the amount of damage.

"It fit the elements of the crime — intentionally damaging the property of another with a value in excess of \$5,000."

Mendes said he bought the bull two years ago at a nationally televised sale for \$4,700 and since then has traveled the country with the animal for use in bull-riding competitions. He estimates the animal's value at well over \$25,000 — maybe

as much as \$50,000 — but said the real loss is that it is no longer fit for competition.

"The bull is going to survive, but his potential to be an athlete; well, he is not going to be able to do that. He is not going to be able to buck."

Mendes, who did not witness



Eastern Utah's Charley's Nephew was worth up to \$50,000 as a top bull on the PRCA circuit. Photo by Matt Breneman

the shooting, believes a feud with a neighbor prompted the attack after the bull somehow got loose.

Authorities say the bull was not threatening anyone, and before it could be retrieved by the Mendes family, it was shot as many as seven times, with three hits to the head. Mendes said both eyes suffered damage, and the bull may lose one.

"What makes me upset is that this bull had his whole life ahead of him, with several years left of being

an athlete. It's like taking a Little Leaguer away from being able to play in the profession — you never know if he is going to be the next John Elway or not."

Mendes has been on the rodeo circuit for over a decade, earning the bull-riding Rookie of the Year title in 1996 from the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and qualifying for the world finals seven consecutive years.

"I make my living riding bulls, and aside from that, I raise them well. They are like my kids, and they are trained athletes that are valued. The fact that someone would do something like this to an animal, it's a twisted deal."

Mendes is hopeful the animal can be salvaged for breeding purposes, but if bulls become lazy or don't perform, he says "slaughter comes into play."

The criminal charge comes even as advocates are pushing Utah lawmakers to pass a law that would make egregious animal cruelty, such as torture, a third-degree felony. As it is, acts of violence against animals that are deemed "cruelty" under the law are misdemeanors.

Authorities say what happened to Charley's Nephew can be encompassed in a different statute that allows them to seek a stiffer penalty — criminal mischief as it applies to people's property.

"If someone destroyed your dog, obviously you love your dog, but your dog didn't have the value of this bull," Stringham said.

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Rodeo bull was frequently free

By Geoff Liesik

A rodeo bull that authorities allege was repeatedly shot with a shotgun by a Jensen man had a history of getting loose onto neighboring property.

Uintah County Animal Control Officer Rick Bell said in the past he received multiple calls concerning the bull, Charley's Nephew, and other livestock owned by Tony Mendes roaming free.

"I can't give you an exact number, but I have dealt with them on several occasions," Bell said. "Wherever he puts his bulls, they do get out."

Bell said at one time Charley's Nephew was kept on property just west of Vernal. In that location, the massive animal was out "almost weekly," Bell recalled, and was once reported wandering near Highway 40 by the scenic overlook.

"If somebody would have hit one of those things, it would have killed somebody," the officer said.

Whenever any of Mendes' livestock got free, Bell said he was able to contact either Mendes or a family member to come and capture the animal. But he said because of the amount of time involved in chasing the bulls, he has warned Mendes that future incidents will result in a citation being issued.

"I don't mind helping somebody, but it's just repeated stuff," Bell said. "It gets to be a little more than one old guy can handle."

Devin Murray, 24, has been charged with second-degree felony criminal mischief for allegedly shooting Charley's Nephew. Bell said while he didn't personally investigate the incident, he spoke with Murray who said the rodeo bull was hooking one of his bulls when the initial shooting occurred.

Three phone calls to Murray's home last week for comment went unanswered. Murray is scheduled to make his initial court appearance on Nov. 13.

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Rodeo bull worth 50K shot in Jensen

Rodeo bull "Charley's Nephew" had a promising career, making thousands of dollars for owner Tony Mendes at bull-riding competitions across the country. In September, however, the four-year-old bull was shot at least seven times with a shotgun and will no longer compete in the rodeo arena. Devin Murray, 24, has been charged with criminal mischief, a second degree felony, for the incident and will appear in court Nov. 13.

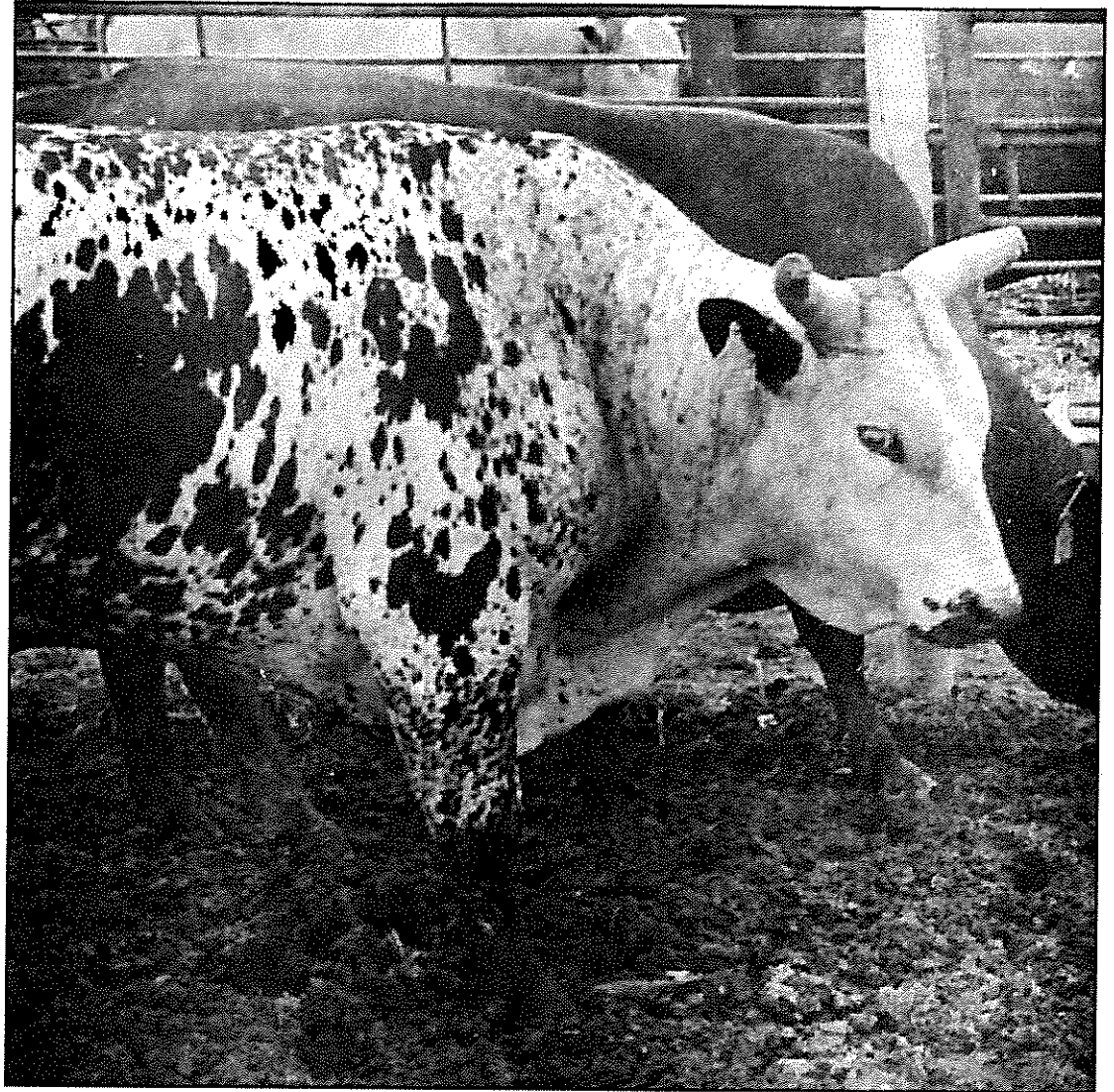
Mendes said his neighbor, Murray, has threatened to shoot animals before for wandering onto Murray's family property. Mendes admits that his cows and bulls have gotten loose at least seven times in the past, but not recently. About five months ago, Mendes said he spent \$15,000 to put cattle panels around his property, which fixed the problem.

Two months ago, however, Charley's Nephew got out and wandered onto the neighboring property while Mendes was away from home. Mendes suspects that a hunter cut the fence. Charley's Nephew was the only bull that got loose out of at least ten others. Mendes said Murray's grandmother called his wife and warned that her grandson was ready to shoot the bull.

According to Mendes, Murray told authorities that Charley's Nephew was fighting with one of Murray's animals when he shot it. Mendes objects and said he has pictures to prove this was not the case. Mendes feels he has a strong case against Murray, who received a felony charge because of the bull's value.

"He knows he messed up," Mendes said.

Mendes owns 47 acres of land in the Jensen area where he breeds and raises bulls for part of the year for competi-



Rodeo bull "Charley's Nephew," estimated to be worth \$50,000 by owner Tony Mendes, bucked at competitions across the country including southern California, Idaho, Washington, Kansas, and New Mexico.

tion. His animals spend the rest of the year in North Carolina or in California. He currently has about 15 bulls in competition and participates in 40 to 60 events each year.

"Bulls are my livelihood," Mendes said.

Charley's Nephew was one of his top five bulls, earning about \$250 per out. Mendes purchased him for \$4,700 and estimates the bull was worth \$50,000 before he got shot. What

upsets Mendes most is the fact that Charley's Nephew was just reaching his potential. Now, he said, Charlie's Nephew is 80 percent blind and will not compete again. His goal now is to help his bull heal, and possibly breed him.

Helping Mendes this week is Tommy Lee Osha, president of a small company called Tlop International, who has developed unique methods and products to relieve pain

and heal mostly horses and cattle. The newly developed company sponsors Mendes, who is also a world champion bull-rider. Mendes was named Rookie of the Year in 1996 by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. A recent knee injury has prevented him from competing for the last couple of months, but he plans to get right back on the bull's back as soon as possible.

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Radio Committee 1955

Back Row

Jay Searle - Lawrence Sidaway
Alvin Ray - Loyd Eaton - Howard Calder

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Barney Barnett - Charlie Halstead
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Floyd Hall - Gene Hacking

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Rodeo crowd breaks record

One night of good attendance and two nights of being over-sold made the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo the best rodeo ever, said Joe Evans, Rodeo Committee president.

"We had to turn away hundreds of people," Evans said, who projected a 25 percent increase in sales over last year.

One of the major items that made the rodeo a success are the 100s of volunteers. A group from the Days of 47 rodeo, who are mostly paid for their effort, said the local effort was remarkable. The group attended three days of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

"We are known nationally for our dirt," Evans said. "There must be over 150 hours of preparation of the arena."

Art Ylincheta and crew have been preparing the arena for many years. Gene Bigelow has donated many hours in construction to the arena.

"Without the volunteers there is no way we could accomplish what we did," Evans said.

"Everyone was pleased with Phil Gardenhire, the announcer," Evans said. Gardenhire charmed the crowd while announcing the rodeo from his horse.

Next year the committee plans to

provide more adequate seating and to present a different program that will entice a crowd. They hope to get the same announcer.

Evans had high praise for the stock, especially the bronc and bareback animals. "The stock providers gave us world-class animals."

Landing in the money were Doug Walker, bullriding, \$984.74 with a score of 80; Wallace Berryhall and Christopher Freed, team roping, \$886.10 each with a time of 6.7; Deb Mohan, barrel racing, \$693.74 with a time of 17.16; Keith Easter, steer wrestling, \$1040.81 with a time of 6.7; Denny McLanahan, bareback riding, \$900.94 with a score of 78; Jim Dunlap, saddle bronc, \$987.01 with a score of 76; Jerly Teffon, calf roping, \$886.10 with a time of 9.2 and Scott Dechow, bull fighting \$1650.

Dr. James Allen of Vernal ended up three-tens of a second out of the money in the calf roping event.

Along with the rodeo, retail merchants received awards for showing western spirit: Best Dressed Individual, Jennifer Walker at Smiths; Best Dressed Employee, First Security Bank; Best Window, Main Street Pizza; and Overall Best Decorated Store, IGA.

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Rodeo featured on ESPN2

This year the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo was selected to represent the PRCA as a televised rodeo in the 2000 Wrangler ProRodeo Summer Tour and was featured on ESPN2 Sunday.

In addition to the rodeo, the broadcast features Dinosaur Monument, Flaming Gorge, Dinosaur Museum and Jones Hole National Fish Hatchery.

The broadcast will be repeated Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rodeo was selected out of over 700 rodeos sanctioned by the PRCA each year.

"This is a great achievement for your rodeo committee and local community," said Steven Hatchell, commissioner for the PRCA.

"The PRCA is most excited with the addition of the new Wrangler ProRodeo Summer Tour series nationally broadcast on the ESPN2 network," Hatchell said in a letter to Rex D. Jacobsen, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee chairman. "We are confident by placing the top PRCA rodeos on prime time network television, we can build our national rodeo audience and the PRCA's presence as a professional sports association."

As a televised rodeo, the Dinosaur Roundup was viewed by approximately 1 million people with added exposure in the ProRodeo Sports News, 100,000 readers per issue, the PRCA Business Journal which reaches the PRCA's 12,000 members, the ProRodeo Program, distributed at most PRCA rodeos and the PRCA website www.prorodeo.com which currently has 400,000 raw hits daily.



Bareback rider shows his style at the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

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Rodeo For Vernal

With \$200 00 Hand Made Saddle Big Prize

Vernal is to have a rodeo on Friday and Saturday of next week July 29 and 30 Tex' Prichard is in charge of it with Walt Shrimp as assistant W L Fletcher chairman of the board of county commissioners will be grand marshal of the day and Parley H Goodrich as acting marshal of the day

There are to be auto races bull-dogging broncho riding roping contests trick riding wild horse races etc Among the prizes to be given away is a hand made \$200 00 saddle, donated by Newton Brothers

Watch for the full page advertisement next issue

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

In 1935 Uintah County bought ground from William H. and Emily Siddoway to place the CCC camp on. (These barracks were built south of the present Armory. Some are still there and used by the forest service. They have green roofs today 1991) The County then leased the land to the Government. In 1935 the first load of lumber arrived to build the barracks under the direction of Bus Hatch. They did some beautification work in the area including some work on the rodeo grounds.

RODEO GROUNDS

Part of the ground for the fair grounds was purchased from James F. and Minnie Chapman in 1923. The part where the armory is from Joseph H. Carter in 1926.

Old grandstand was built by the WPA had a plaque on it before it was torn down.

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Rita Curtis and Glen Goodrich, who were named winners in the annual declamation contest of the Uintah LDS Seminary. The two won over nearly 250 contestants in the annual competition. Miss Curtis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Curtis. Her oration was "Adherence to LDS Ideals." Mr. Goodrich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Goodrich. He spoke on "The Power of Example."

Road, Hospital, Airport Groups Ask County Money

Vernal's City Park had a naked look today following the felling Wednesday of the 18 giant poplar trees which lined the park on Main Street, County workmen with bulldozer and patrol took down the trees in a businesslike bit of lumbering Wednesday afternoon. Ross Merrill, county road supervisor, headed the crew.

The trees came down to make way for the curb, gutter and sidewalk project which is planned for the immediate future. County commissioners, who ordered the job done, pointed out that not only did the improvement program necessitate removal of the trees but that they carried a lot of dead wood and were dangerous.

In session all day Tuesday the commission heard hospital, county road, school, airport and beautification delegations.

The hospital building committee, headed by Chairman Hugh W. Colton, asked that the commission set aside the \$13,000 of state liquor money which is to become available to the county, for hospital construction purposes. The entire hospital committee backed up Mr. Colton's request. The commission took the matter under advisement.

H. Grant Vest, superintendent of schools, counselled the commission regarding the setting of the school levy in order to furnish funds adequate to meet the standards required by the state in maintaining schools under the new finance program.

Morgan Merkley and J. Ferron Hacking, representing the Maeser city board, asked the commission to use B and C road fund money which will become available from the state to asphalt surface two miles of highway in Maeser. The strip comprises one mile of highway between the Old Mill corner north of Maeser to the Don Pearce corner, thence northward one mile toward Merkley Park.

The commission favored such improvement but made no commitment of funds.

A Roosevelt delegation headed by Bennie Schmeitt asked the commission for funds to improve the Roosevelt airport which lies partially in Uintah county. Mr. Schmeitt pointed out that the airport served the population in the western portion of the county and thus should be given county aid.

Commissioners declared that

and that they felt that no additional money could be allotted.

G. E. Untermann, LeRoy Taylor and Mayor B. H. Stringham of the city beautification committee, asked that the commissioners enlist in the city's beautification program by engaging in park beautification and improving the appearance of the county courthouse.

Painting the building was suggested by the group. The commission agreed to seek bids on such a project and to do everything possible to make the courthouse grounds the city's beauty spot.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henderson are vacationing in Miami. They will be gone about six weeks.

Mrs. H. W. Colton is recuperating in Salt Lake following an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shimmin of Ogden were here a few days this week. The Shimmins are former Vernal residents.

Karma Rae Samuels is employed at the new Hi Way service as a bookkeeper. Miss Samuels has been attending the Utah State Agricultural College at Logan the past few months.

ASHLEY FOREST REPORT SHOWS WATER STORAGE IN UNTAS IS 47 PERCENT ABOVE NORMAL

Water storage of 47 percent above the normal averages in the Uintah Mountains was revealed by measurements of snow depths and water content which were completed on the watersheds of the Ashley National Forest during the last week in March.

Measurements on the various snow courses on the forest have been taken for the past 16 years and the 1947 measurements on all courses are well above the 16-year averages and in some cases were double those of 1946.

On the watershed of Yellowstone Creek, the snow on Lake Fork Mountain measured 45.1 inches in depth with a water content of 12.6 inches; the aver-

day night heard Fire Chief Henry Schaefermeyer ask for the enactment here of a fire code which make illegal the harboring of fire hazards within the city.

Mr. Schaefermeyer pointed out to council members that an epidemic of small fires during the past 10 days emphasizes the need for ordinances covering fire hazards. He said that several fire traps in the business district are dangerously near to incinerators which are burning almost continually.

Council members agreed that the need for a fire code existed and asked that City Manager Roy Taylor obtain samples from other cities on which to pattern one for Vernal. They told Mr. Schaefermeyer to conduct a fire inspection and that the council would prosecute those who maintain fire hazards on public nuisance ordinances.

Rodeo Group Bargains for 1947 Livestock

Committee appointments were made and a contract signed for furnishing livestock for the annual Vernal Rodeo, slated August 7, 8 and 9 at the fair grounds, at a meeting Monday of the Rodeo Association.

Henry L. Slough, association President, and the directors, approved the contract with Western Rodeo company of Wellsville. Representatives of the company at the meeting Monday were Parley Hall, president, and N.W. Kimball, secretary.

The directors also voted to stage a race meet along with the rodeo as was done last year.

Committee chairmen appointments announced by Mr. Slough are as follows: Finance Lawrence Y. Siddoway; rodeo, Hugh W. Colton; racing, Karl W. Allen; grounds, John Ronald Preece and Eugene C. Weist; publicity, Don Richardson; dances, Lloyd Eaton; queens, Alvin Kay; tickets, Orlan L. Johnson; parade, Henry Schaefermeyer; seating, James Hemstreet; concessions, Alvin E. Weeks; purses and prizes, Charles Halstead.

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Establishment of a National Garden Club day at the Vernal when interested groups gathered to meet with Mrs. Don Vest, president of the club, Francis Felt, and Mrs. J. L. H. treasurer.

The club is the direction Salt Lake state federal the meeting managing publication; Don chairman and Fred

Rodeo has long history

The 35th annual Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo will be in Vernal at the Uintah County Fairgrounds, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and the annual event has a long history.

Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo No. 1 took place in 1957, but the sport of professional rodeo in Vernal goes back to the turn of the century when thousands gathered in late September for the County Fair and the Vernal Rodeo.

By 1929 "Uintah County's annual rodeo held during the fair week is assuming such proportions that it may be classified as Utah's greatest rodeo." Also in 1929 the first place bronc rider received a \$150 purse. Admission was 50 cents.

Some early rodeo supporters included B. H. Stringham, A.V. Lewis, John Johnson, Wilson Murray and Alvin Weeks. Guy Rife supplied the stock and served as rodeo manager for many years during his time.

Queens were first chosen in 1935 with Enid Johnson as the first recorded queen. Vonda Speirs was queen of the rodeo in 1936. In 1937 the rodeo moved to August with J.R. Douglas as president. Alvin Weeks was rodeo president in 1940 and Nellie Hill was the queen. 1940

1939 Grant Calder

Guy Samuels and Devere Carrol served as rodeo president in the early 1940s. There was no record of Uintah rodeos held in 1942 and 1943, but in 1944 Leland Bennion was president and Lois Hacking queen. The rodeo was held in early August and 4,000 spectators attended.

The president in 1945 was Howard Carrol and the Hillside Rodeo company furnished the stock. \$2500 was awarded in prize money and Betty Karren was the queen.

Howard Caldwell

Hugh Colton was the president in 1946 and Barbara Hatch was picked as the queen. Local men who competed in the show were Red Ainge, Jensen; Bill Norman, Dragon; Pat and Charlie Mantle, Blue Mountain, Marion Hall and Dean Roberts, Vernal.

Rodeo shined bright in 1948 when it was staged under lights for the first time in the history of the show. O.L. Johnson, secretary-treasurer, reported when all expenses were taken out enough money remained to pay the \$1550 lighting system.

Howard L. Caldwell was given a

stetson hat for being the best dressed cowboy. Laurence Siddoway was rodeo president and Nona Caldwell was the queen.

Bernard Moon, Vernal, won \$214.30, as the best bronc rider in 1949. A rule was made by the rodeo committee that the queen must ride in the street parade prior to the rodeo all four nights. Melba Ellen Chew received that honor.

Jay Searle served as president in 1950 and the Vernal Jaycees had the concessions bid. In 1951 all Indians were invited to the rodeo as guests of the Chamber of Commerce. They were admitted free if they were in native dress and 15 silver dollars were given to the Indian in the best native costume. Woodey B. Searle served as president. Dorothy Luck and Mary Shavanaugh tied as queens.

Wiley Baucam served as president in 1952 when Gene Autry's brother Doug entertained at the "bigger than ever" rodeo. Indian war dances were held on Main Street every night before the parade. Norma Jean Carroll was the queen.

Tex Ritter participated in the 1953 rodeo when Warren Mott was president. A great show was enjoyed by the capacity crowds. The Silver Spurs riding group entertained at the rodeo and were in the parade. Mary Ann King was the queen.

In 1954 the directors of the Vernal Chamber of Commerce voted to accepted the Rodeo Committee's invitation to help promote the rodeo and called upon all citizens of Vernal to wear western clothes to help publicize the rodeo. Wiley Baucam was president.

Joyce Robbins was the queen. The total prize money was \$3850.

Ralph Preece was the rodeo president in 1955 when profit from the rodeo went to beautify the fairgrounds. One tourist a day leaving town about 3:30 p.m. was arrested by a Western posse and hauled to the Justice of the Peace and sentenced to free motel accommodations, free dining, free tickets to the rodeo and a free tank of gasoline the next day as he left town.

The rodeo president in 1956 was Frank Hackler and the queen was Eula Chew.

Jack Boren was president of the

first Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo in 1957, which was formerly the Vernal Professional Rodeo. Judy Hall was the queen and received, along with her court, an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas.

Hackler was the president in 1958. The queen was Sharee Stringham. Hackler, Wes Robbins, Wylo Mackay and Ralph Richardson rode bareback regular bucking stock.

The 1959 rodeo president was Ken Stringham and the queen was ReNae Martinsen. The rodeo was held on July 30, 31 and 32. July had an extra day that year for the rodeo and besides it fit better on the posters.

Other Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo queens were: Sheryl Eaton, 1960; Tarie Merrell, 1961; Deanna Murray, 1962; Melody Riggie, 1963; Aloma Richardson, 1964; Lynda Richardson, 1965; Lee Ann Caldwell, 1966; Bonnie White, 1967; Sandra Hatch, 1968; Sharon Graham, 1969; LuJean Leavitt, 1970; Mary Ann Chandler, 1971; Teri Harrison, 1972; Maralee Taylor, 1973; Cherie Workman, 1974; Cindy Williams, 1975; Cyndy Harrison, 1976; Lori McNeill, 1977; Tammy Johnson, 1978; Suzanne Fausett, 1979; Darlene Frost, 1980; Shelly Wall, 1981; Suzann Wilkins, 1982; Kathy Chivers, 1983 and Janet Kent, 1984.

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Rodeo history spreads across century

By Kristen Kremin

The Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo will be held at the Western Park outdoor arena July 12-15. This year is the 50 year anniversary for the rodeo as a PRCA sanctioned rodeo.

Although this is the fiftieth PRCA sanctioned rodeo in Vernal, rodeos have been held in Vernal as far back as the turn of the century in 1902.

Records go back to 1924 when the rodeo was called the Golden West Days and was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. In 1929 the first place bronc rider received a \$150 purse, and admission was 50 cents.

In 1932, records began to show who the president of the rodeo for that year was. Elmer Snow, Joe Haslem, Stuter Rhinehart, John Haslem, and Clyde Haslem (known as the Blue Mountain Boys) took charge of the rodeo.

In 1933 B.H. Stringham served as president and in 1935 the first queen was chosen. Enid Johnson was chosen to represent the rodeo as the first queen, followed by Vonda Spears in 1936. A.V. Lewis was president in 1935 and 1936.

In 1937 and 1938 J.R. Douglas served as president and the CCC built the Grand Stand. 1939 president Grant Calder was followed by 1940 president Alvin Weeks and Nellie Hill as queen. 1941 president DeVere Carroll was followed by Leland Bennion in 1944 after two years of no recorded rodeo.

In 1945, Howard Caldwell was president when \$2500 was offered as prize money and Betty Karren was rodeo queen. Hugh Colton and Barbara Hatch were president and chosen queen in 1946, and in 1947 Henry L. Slauch was president.

1948 proved a historical year as it was the first time the rodeo was held under lights. Lawrence Siddoway was president and Nona Caldwell queen.

In 1949 it was said that the queen must ride in the street parade prior to the rodeo all four nights, and Melba Ellen Chew was the first

queen to participate in the new rule. Woody B. Searle was rodeo president that year. In 1950, Jay Searle was rodeo president and Mary Ellen Colton was rodeo queen. That same year, the rodeo became PRCA sanctioned. Woody B. Searle served again as president in 1951 and Dorothy Luck and Mary Shavanaugh tied as queens.

In 1952, Wiley Baucam was president and Norma Jean Carroll was queen. In 1953, rodeo president Warren Mott and queen Mary Ann King served as The Silver Spurs riding group entertained large crowds.

The next year, the directors of the Vernal Chamber of Commerce voted to accept the Rodeo Committee's invitation to help promote the rodeo and called upon all citizens of Vernal to wear western clothes to help publicize the rodeo. That year, Wiley Baucam was again president and Joyce Robbins queen.

In 1955 Ralph Preece was president and Lee Ann Gerondale was queen. They decided to use the profit from the rodeo to beautify the fairgrounds. The 1956 president was Frank Hackler and Eula Chew queen. In 1957, the rodeo was first called the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. The rodeo had previously been known as the Vernal Professional Rodeo. Jack Boren was president and Judy Hall was the queen. That year the queen received an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas.

The 1958 rodeo president was Jack Hackler, and the queen was Sharee Stringham. Ken Stringham was president and ReNae Martinsen queen in 1959, and in 1960 Clyde Wilkins was president and Sheryl Eaton was queen.

Rodeo presidents during the sixties were: Wylo MacKay, Frank Hackler, Barney Goodman, Deloy Shiner, Jim Jenkins, Bob Anthony, Max Tanner, and Clyde Ashby. Rodeo queens that decade were: Tari Merrell, Deanna Murray, Melody Riggle, Aloma Richardson, Lynda Richardson, Lee Ann Caldwell, Bonnie White, Vickie Taylor, and Sharon Graham.

Dewey Caldwell served as rodeo president from 1970-1976, with queens Lu Jean Leavitt, Mary Chandler, Teri Harrison, Mara Lee Taylor, Cheri Workman, Cindy Williams, and Nancy Long. Following Caldwell was Wayne Jenkins in 1977 and 1978. The queens those two years were Lori McNeil and Tammy Johnson. Dewey Caldwell again took on the rodeo as president for one more year in 1979, and Suzanne Fausett was queen.

Mike McKee and Darlene Frost served as president and queen in 1980. Buz Holmes served as president as Shelly Wall, Suzann Wilkins, and Kathy Chivers served as queens in 1981, 1982, and 1983. For the next two years, Roger Ford headed the rodeo with Janet Kent and then Marci McNeill as queens. Dr. Jim Allen was president in 1986, and Connie O'Driscoll was queen. Jack Allred, Art Ylinchetta, and John Anderson served as presidents in the late 1980's and Shari Russell, Kayde Palleeson, and Melissa Holgate were queens.

The early 1990's started with Joe Evans, Marie Yoder, Del Brady, and Brad Horrocks as rodeo presidents. The queens early in the decade were Nikki Wilkins, Sonja Witbeck, Heather Hobbs, and Heidi Lesh. 1995 rodeo president Jim Davis served with KerriLee White as queen. They were followed by Howard Carroll and Jaclyn Gines in 1996, and Lane Thomas and Kimmie Shiner in 1997. Wrapping up the century of rodeo presidents and queens in the late 1990's were: 1998 president Doug Dunn and queen Shaula Ivie, and 1999 president Claye Robb and queen Brindy Merrill.

This year the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo president is Rex Jacobsen and Jocelyn Witbeck is the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo queen.

Tickets for this year's rodeo are available at Davis Jubilee, IFA, The Bull Ring, the Vernal Chamber Office. Or reserve your tickets by calling (435) 789-1352 or 1-800-421-9635.

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BRONC RIDER at Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo

Rodeo in 41st year

In keeping in the spirit of the West, the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo will be July 11, 12 and 13, each night beginning at 8 p.m. Saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, WPRA barrel racing and Wrangler bull fights will be shown each night. The rodeo will

be in the Western Park outdoor arena.

The Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is celebrating its 41st year. It is a Coors Chute Out event with Coors being the sponsor. Rodeo professionals from all over the country will compete, including Ty Murray, the 1989-1990 World

Champion All-Around Cowboy; Robert Eibauer, the 1990 World Champion saddle bronc rider; Chuck Logue, the 1990 World Champion bareback rider; Jim Sharp, the 1988 and 1990 World Champion bull rider; Troy Pruitt, the 1990 World Champion calf roper; Ote Berry, the 1990 World Champion steer wrestler; Allen Bach, the 1979 and 1990 World Champion team roper; Phil Lyne, the 1990 World steer roping

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 champion and the 1971-1972 World All-Around and calf roping champion; and a special guest appearance by the 1991 Miss Rodeo America, Lisa Poese from Gordon, Neb. Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is a Pro-Rodeo, PRCA sponsored event.

This year's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo will include something exceptional. On the second day of the show, July 12 at 7 p.m., the

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PRCA, will host an event especially directed to special needs children. The event will involve students at the Utah Learning Center in Vernal and its basic format features the special needs child and his or her pro-rodeo partner working through a series of modified rodeo events in a special rodeo performance. All events are designed to be appropriate for this group of special children. Following the completion of the events, each child will

be individually recognized with his or her rodeo partner and will receive a trophy and an autographed picture of the child and partner.

The Westernaires, a precision riding group will open the rodeo each night with a preshow. They have performed during the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo for a number of years. A Wrangler Bull Fight will also highlight each night's performance.

Restaurant & Shop

11:30 p.m.

Children's Menu

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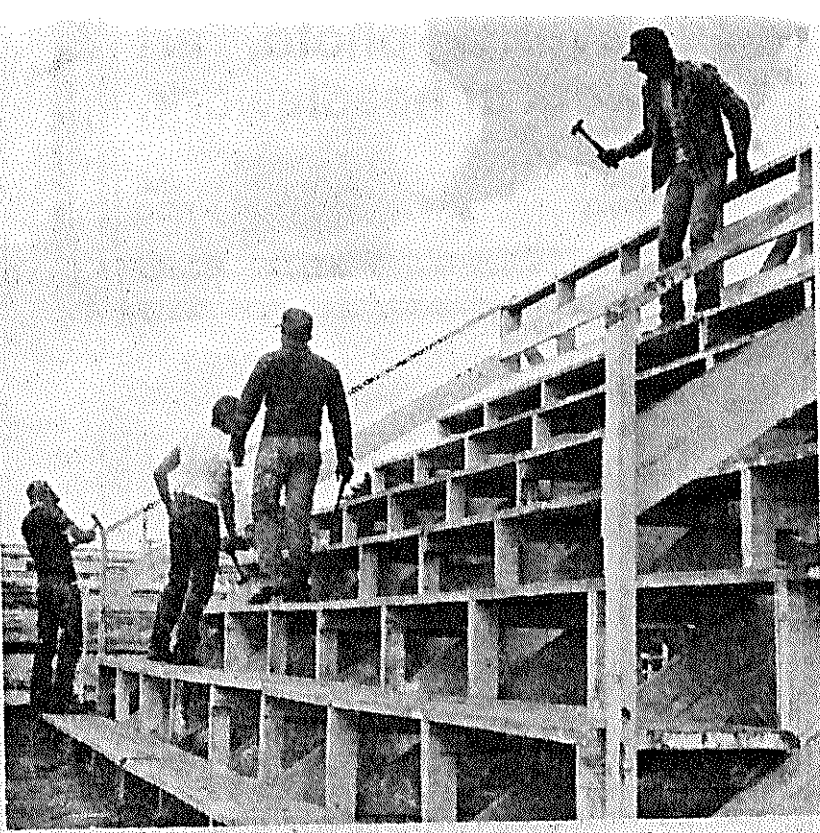
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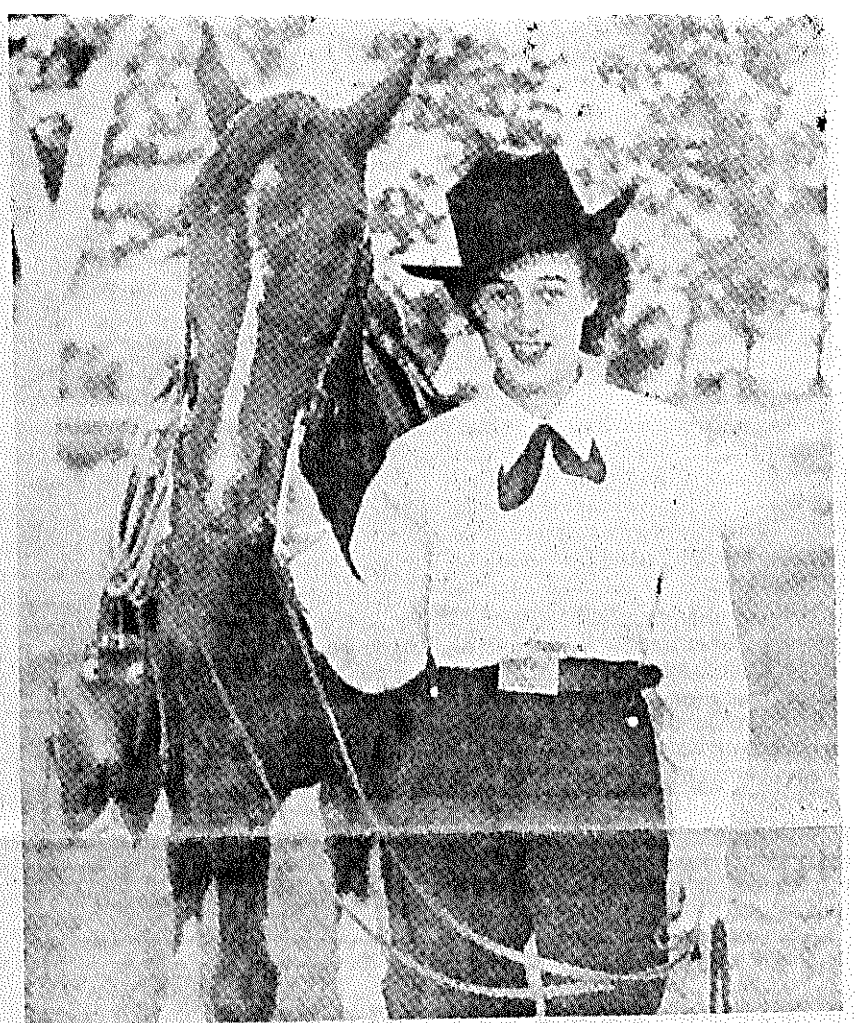
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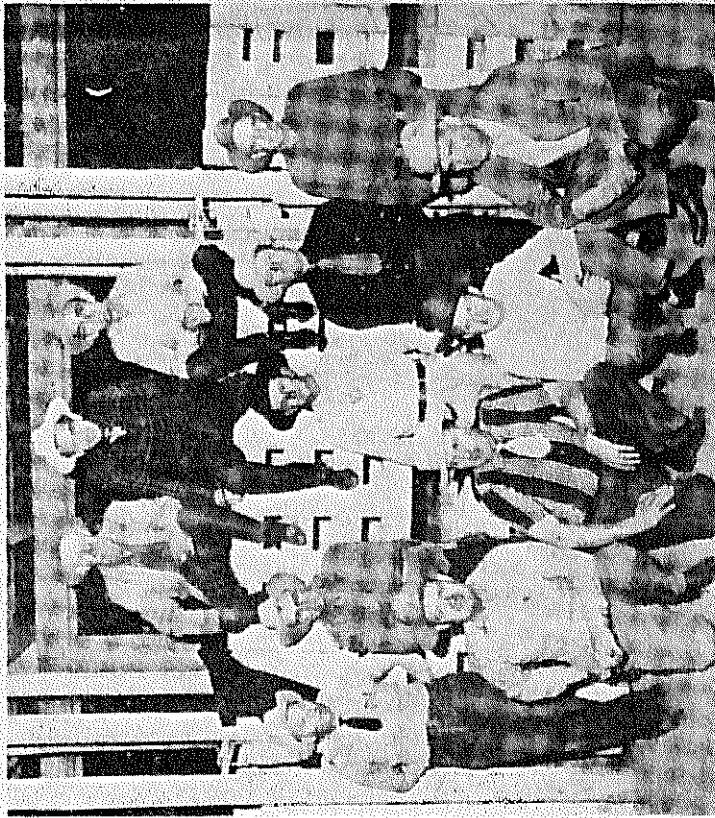
MISS MARY ANN KING was the Vernal Rodeo Queen in 1953. At that time the queen was elected by popular vote. She was not judged in competition as the rodeo queens are today.

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MEMBERS OF the 1953 Vernal Rodeo Committee are pictured above. They are front row, left to right, Verne Gifford, Ed Jackson, Warren Mott, rodeo president, and Charles Johnson. Second row, left to right, Rex Striegel, Wilo Mackey, Ralph Preece, Reed Birchell and Harry Brown. Top row, left to right, Leslie Thacker, Grant Parry and Lee Jenkins. Missing when the picture was taken were Marion Hall, Bill Dunn, Ralph Hall and Russ Holley.



PROFESSIONAL COWBOY Mickey Young rides in saddle bronc competition during previous Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo in Ver-

nal. Cowboys from all over the area participate in this annual event.

Dinosaur Round-up Rodeo-- continues local tradition

"To promote community spirit and involvement," the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce is presenting the Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo July 12, 13, and 14," said Roger Ford, chairman of the rodeo committee.

"We also want to unite the area in a total recreation project combining the livestock show, horse races and, in the future, a fair," he said. "We want to generate funds to improve facilities for these combined functions."

This rodeo is not a new event but a revival of an old tradition. In an article printed in a September, 1933 issue of the Vernal Express, a glowing report of the rodeo activities is given.

"Wild bucking horses, steer roping, horse racing, parades, wrestling and each night a dance which continued until early morning hours. Families came from Wyoming, Colorado and all parts of Utah and as far away as the Dakotas and Nevada."

The Sept. 21, 1933 issue: "The rodeo puts new life in people of the Uintah Basin." The rodeo chairman was B.H. Stringham, with Alvin Weeks as horse racing chairman and the other names on the committee which may be recognized were Wallace Siddoway, H.M. Snyder, J.A. Cheney, Charles Tucker, Hugh W. Colton, Alton Hatch and William B. Wallis.

Each day of the three-day celebration began with a parade at 10 a.m., the rodeo was a 2 p.m. and a dance was held in the evening, with racing and wrestling in between. The crowd of thousands camped in parks and fields.

The rodeo is remembered by many as the biggest event of the year in Vernal. Bobbie Mott remembers when all the ranchers in the area "closed down and came to Vernal for three days to come to the rodeo."

Guy T. Rife was honored by the Basin residents and rodeo people for his generous contribution of stock; his charge for the service was only the feed of the stock and pay for his men who herded the wild horses from Wyoming.

In the same big-hearted way every committee member gave his talent, money and time for the success of the affair. It was the support of the people in Uintah Basin who made it a success.

The tradition continued to grow through the years. In July of 1953, "The three-day rodeo awarded nearly \$5,000 in cash prizes," reports the Vernal Express. "Reigning majestically over the three parades, shows and dances were Queen Mary Ann King, Pat Sutton and Laura Mae Wilmer."

The top attraction that year was Tex Ritter, the singing cowboy of radio and movie fame.

The rodeo committee, elected in a town meeting, was chaired by Warren Mott, who recalls, "Swanny Kerby was the stock contractor; it was his second or third year. He participated in the parades along with Tex Ritter and riding clubs from Salt Lake City. In-

dians and many floats from the wards and businesses joined in to make the three day parade the biggest ever held in the Basin."

No totals on the number in attendance are reported. However, the Vernal Express reports, "A large crowd of 1,085 the last night danced and listened to the music of Tex Ritter and his orchestra at the Imperial Hall."

Volumes could be written on past rodeos; just to list the people who have given so generously of their time, talent and money would fill a book; not to mention the men who challenged the wild beasts and won or lost to the thrill of roaring crowds.

Rodeo is more than a sport. It's a part of our western heritage; it is a way of life. Rodeo is the only sport that has evolved and developed from the skills required in a work situation.

The 1984 Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo, will be held July 12, 13 and 14 at the Uintah County Fairgrounds.

B.A. "Swanny" Kerby will again

supply stock for the rodeo.

The Coors Company and their local distributor, C & H Distributing, will add an additional \$500 prize money for each event in the rodeo this year. Also, the 1984 rodeo will be a Coors Shoot-out. The cowboys and cowgirls are given points at each Coors Shoot-out they participate in over the course of the year. The points accumulate and the cowboy and cowgirl gaining the most points will receive additional bonus money at the end of the season.

Silver belt buckles will be awarded to the top point winners in each event of cowboys who belong to the Wilderness division (the division of the Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo). These buckles are sponsored by local businesses and individuals and are on display at First Security Bank.

The size of the purse and the belt buckles awarded to the winners of each event should attract the top competitors.

The amount of the purse for all events in the rodeo is the same.

Some of the top ladies barrel racers

are from the Uintah Basin and will be hometown favorites.

"A rodeo isn't a rodeo without a queen," says Bobbie Mott, rodeo queen contest chairperson. "We are taking applications now. The contestants will meet Sandra Meyers, the 1983 Miss Rodeo America from Wyoming and our own 1983 rodeo queen, Kathy Chivers, at a luncheon to be held June 28."

The contest is open to all girls between the ages of 18 and 24 who have never been married. They will be judged on riding ability, appearance and personality.

Bobbie Mott, who is a past rodeo queen, said that she was not judged in a contest, but elected by popular vote. "The voting took place at the Queen Dance. People wrote the name of the candidate they wanted to vote for on the back of their ticket to the dance. Votes were counted mid-dance and the queen was installed," she said. "No horsemanship contest was held. Of course, I was born and raised on a ranch so I knew how to ride."

Mrs. Mott described the dance, which was held at the old Imperial Hall with a floating dance floor, and the excitement for the rodeo that ran high in the town. "We need this kind of excitement stirred up in our community this year to help get our rodeo off the ground and up in the running as a competitive event on the rodeo circuit," she said. "After all, the Dinosaur Rodeo is of the community, for the community and by the community."

This year the rodeo dance will be held at the fairgrounds after the rodeo and the concession stands will remain open.

The parade will be held July 14 at 5 p.m. The route will begin at 900 West Main and come east on Main Street to Third East, then turn south to the fairgrounds.

Nelda Cook, chairperson for the parade, indicated that entries are still being accepted for the parade. Any organization, business or individual who would like to enter is invited to do so, and may register at the Chamber of Commerce Office.

The officers of the 1984 Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo Association consist of Roger Ford, president; Jim Allen, vice president; Ray Kier, secretary/treasurer; and Nettie Hale, Chamber of Commerce board member. Hugh Colton is serving as past president. Additional board members serving as chairpersons of committees include Ray Kier, finance; Jim Allen, stock; Dixie Allen, Women's Professional Rodeo Association; Donna Halverson, publicity; Stan Anderson, ticket sales; Mike McComas, concessions; Nelda Cook, parade; Jack Allred, arena and seating; Gene Hall, parking, security and traffic control; Ray Kier, local contestant entries; John Schwisow, merchant promotion; Linda



ROGER FORD is the 1984 Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo Association president.

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Rodeo Presidents

first Queen 1935

Ernie Johnson

1936 A. V. Lewis ^{grub} Ponda Splend. Queen

1936 H. W. Douglas
1937 J. R. (Jack) Douglas

~~Robert Carroll Vice~~
Alvin Weeks Vice

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1938 J. R. Douglas reelected - (CCC build grand stand)
Ralph Watson

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1939 Grant Calder

1939 *Don.*
1940 Alvin Weeks - Nellie Hill Queen
De Vere Carroll vice chairman

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1941 Guy Samuel

1942 no rodeos held

1943 no rodeo held

1944 Leland Bennett

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1945 Howard Caldwell - Betty Karen Queen

1945 Howard Calton - Barbara Hatch queen
1946 Hugh Calton & Nymph

1946 Hugh L. Slauch
1947 Henry L. Slauch

1946 Hugh C. Slough
1947 Henry L. Slough
1948 under lights for first time - Lawrence Siddoway - Nora Caldwell Queen
Melba Ellen Chew - Queen

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1949 Woody B-

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1950 Jay Searle - ~~Dorothy Luck & Mary Shavenaugh tied for Queen~~
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1951 Woody B. Searles - Darlington
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1952 Wiley Baucam - Mary Ann (King) Queen

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1953 Warren Matt (Mary Ann (Bing) Green
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1953 Warren Miller
1954 Wiley Baucom - Joyce Robbins Queen

1955 Ralph Preece -

1953 Ralph / Mac -
1956 Frank Hackler - Eula Chew

→ 1957 Jack Boren - Judy & Lee Green

1958 Jack Hackler - Sharce Strangham green

1959 Ken Stringham - Ro Nae Martensen given

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- 1926 Wild west rodeo conclude Sesquicentennial Celebration
- aug 1927 Tex Pritchard (George) Walt Shring, W. L. Fletcher
Parley Goodrich - (these only listed as subjects)
- July 1928 E. S. Lury, W. H. Matt, Harold Fendell, Haller Willrich
George Cahorn, Billie Lyons, Charlie Lewis, ~~Elmer Snow~~
~~Newell Snow, Parley Goodrich, Harold Fendell~~
1928 Big time rodeo in conjunction
with fair
- 1929 ?
- 1930 B. H. Stringham
- 1931 Alta Richardson
- 1932 Blue Mtn boys put on rodeo in Vernal
Elmer Snow, Joe Haslam, Struter Rhenehart
John Haslam, Clyde Haslam
- ✓ 1933 B. H. ~~Stringham~~ ~~Ed. Lewis~~ Uintah Basin Rodeo
- 1934 B. H. Stringham
Indians admitted free Uintah Basin Rodeo -
- ✓ 1935 ~~Alta Richardson~~ A. V. Lewis
Vernal Rodeo C. C. C. Guy Rife Haslam -
Enid Johnson first Queen

Rodeo Queen To be Chosen At Grand Ball

At a pre-season Rodeo dance at the Imperial Hall, Friday night, September 6, a queen for the Vernal Rodeo will be selected.

This is the first time in the history of rodeos in Vernal a Rodeo Queen will hold court during the days of entertainment.

The queen will be selected by votes, each dance ticket credited.

A cash prize will be given the organization from which the queen is elected, and to the organization with the next highest votes.

\$25 Fine Assessed for Killing Sage Hens Here

On Sunday Floyd Noel, deputy game warden, arrested Maurice Caldwell of Dry Fork with sage chickens in his possession. There is no open season for sage chickens this year.

On Monday, when arraigned before Justice Charles S. Carter, Mr. Caldwell pleaded guilty and was fined \$25. He posted bond to guarantee payment.

Naples—J. N. Lybbert, principal, 7 and 8; Marguerite Goodrich, 6; Ruth Goodrich, 5; Viola Pope, and 4; Meda Walker, 1 and 2.

Rainbow—Elinor Stuart, principal, 1-8.

Tridell — Arthur Manwaring principal, 6, 7 and 8; Zella Perry 1 and 2; Mrs. Herb Haub, 3, 4, 5.

Willow Creek—Alice M. Larsen principal, 1-8.

Schools of the county will commence Monday, September 9th.

MARJORIE TWITCHELL IS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

LOGAN—Miss Marjorie Twitchell of Vernal and a graduate of the Uintah high school this year has been announced as the winner of the 1935-36 scholarship awarded by the Utah State Agricultural College to outstanding students of each high school in the state. Miss Twitchell has an excellent record in scholastic work and has participated in a number of activities during her four years of high school. The scholarship will be honored at the institution at the opening of school on September 23.

Miss Veda Bingham and Henry Millecam, both graduates of the school last spring, were named alternates.

V. Fred Washburn of Salt Lake City is spending part of his vacation visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Showalter and family.

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DRIVE-IN STAND

The drive-in refreshment station operated by Lynn Pack, located between the Ashton Service Station and the Red Front Garage, was recently opened for business. The building is attractively built and is really artistic in design. Mrs. Pack has charge.

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Enid Johnson Elected Vernal Rodeo Queen

In a spirited contest at the pre-rodeo dance Friday night at the Imperial hall, Enid Johnson, daughter of County Commissioner and Mrs. Willis L. Johnson, was chosen as queen of the Vernal Rodeo. Miriam Young, daughter of District Attorney and Mrs. Dallas H. Young, was a very close second.

Miss Johnson represented Maeser ward; Miss Young, Vernal First; Miss Vonda Speirs, Vernal Second ward and Miss Gladys Abegglin, Naples ward. Imperial hall was well filled with boosters for their respective candidates.

Miss Johnson, representing the true Western cowgirl, will reign as queen of the Vernal Rodeo Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She will head the street parade each day with her retinue maids in waiting and cowboys to do their bidding.

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John Greene has been transferred to Ashley Valley High School as head teacher. He was previously assigned to West Middle School as principal.

Vernal City Fire Department were some of the firefighters to respond.

Earl Massey, who was staying at his cabin when the fire flared up, said he fought off four or five small fires to keep the larger fire from crossing Dry Creek to his cabin.

"When I returned from my cabin to fight the fire, I saw a ponderosa pine explode into flames because of the dry conditions," Massey said.

Vernal 1st Rodeo queen returns

Few remember Vernal's Rodeo in 1935, but Mrs. Enid Johnson Brown remembers, she was the first Vernal Rodeo Queen that year.

Then the contest was mostly a popularity contest with each LDS Ward in the valley nominating someone for the queen.

"I didn't have a hat to wear so I found a man wearing a nice black hat and asked him if I could use it," said Mrs. Brown. "He gave the hat to me."

The hat was a little big, but it did not matter as she won the crown.

The rodeo back then is nothing like it is today, she said. But it still was a major event in the community.

Mrs. Brown now lives in George Town, Calif. She comes back to Vernal frequently.

This weekend she will meet with classmates for the 60th UHS class reunion. There were about 25 graduates back then.

She remembers riding her horse Buck from Maeser to school everyday.

She also remembers her father talking to Earl Douglass, who was showing him a hip bone of a dinosaur.

"I remember my father saying that 'That man has been in the sun too long.'"



ENID JOHNSON Brown, Vernal's first rodeo queen.

Rodeos hint of days gone by

Part of an article written by
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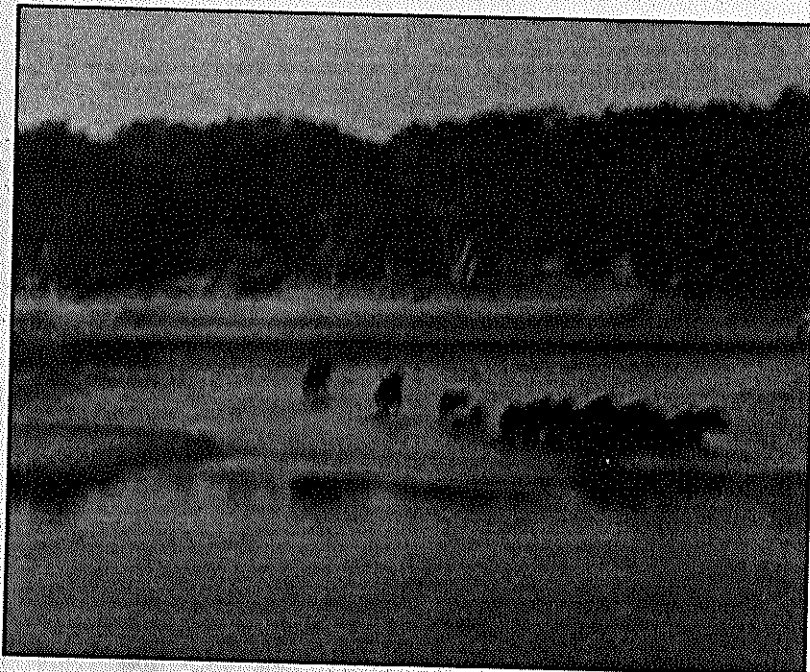
"F. J. Thornton, a rider from Montana, now staying at Duchesne, roped a chunky little bay horse which looked to be all muscle and meanness. Thornton slipped into the saddle with ease and made a pretty ride, whipping and spurring all the while until the pony had enough.

Jim McKee's turn came next and he selected the sorrel horse that threw the soldier, partly because the crowd asked for it and partly because he had thrown the soldier and was generally considered to be a bad horse. It stood quietly as before while being saddled and until the rider's foot was in the stirrup, and then went at it. He had

pitched at least 50 yards and stopped before Jim got his right foot in the stirrup, and then did some running and side pitching but Jim stayed with him and spurred him up. This ended the riding and the judges gave the first prize, a \$50 saddle, to Jim McKee and the second, \$15 to Thornton. There was considerable kicking at the judges for giving Jim McKee the first prize, it being claimed that he held to the horn of the saddle for several jumps and that Thornton made the prettiest ride. McKee said he did hold to the horn for three or four jumps until he got into the saddle but let loose long before he got his right foot in the stirrup.

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The first fair grounds in Uintah County were built in about 1916. It was on the block where the hospital

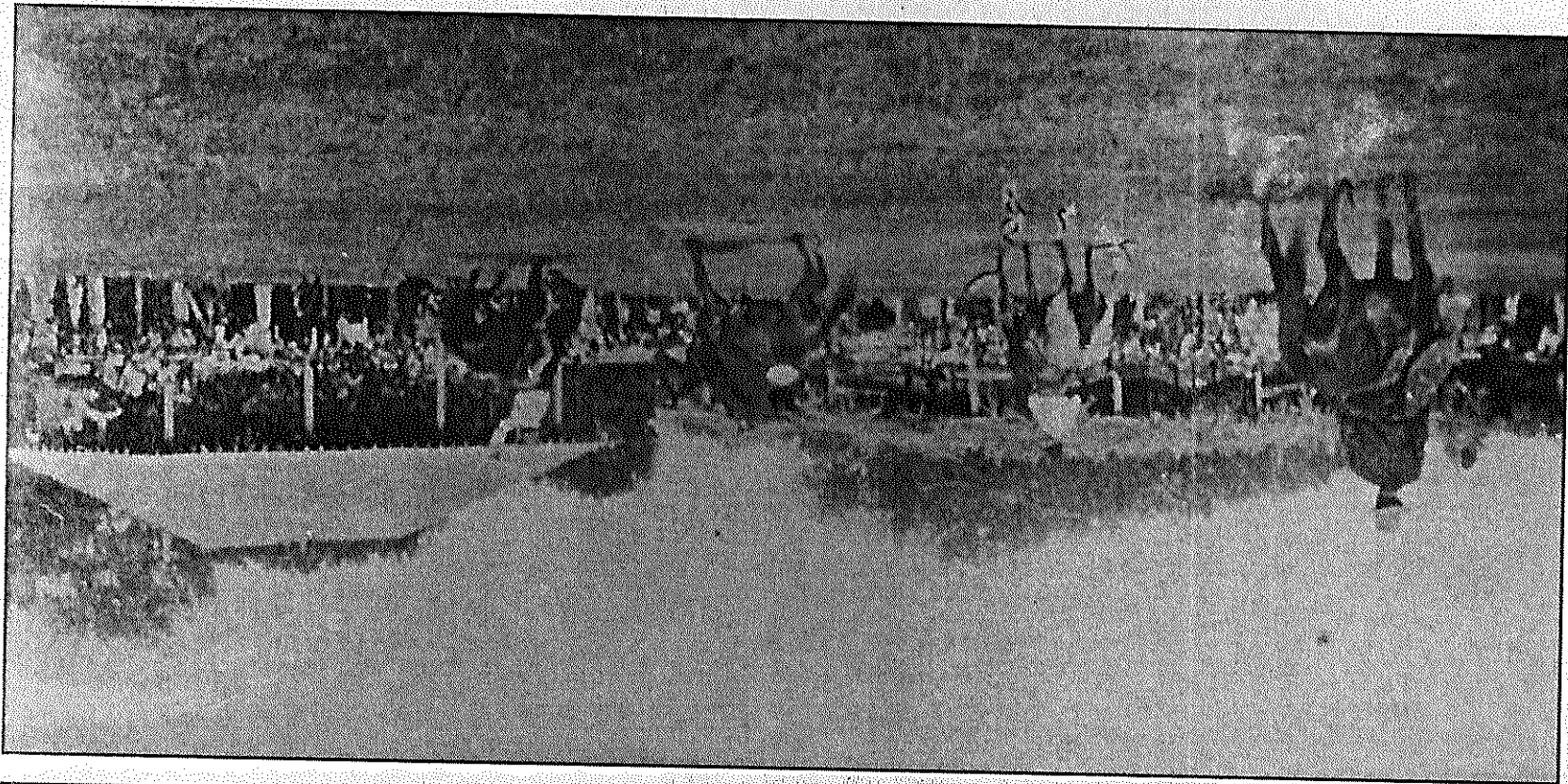


Wild horses are herded across the Green River for the Blue Mt. rodeo, July 24, 1935.

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Early rodeo, 1916-1918 was at the first Uintah County Fairgrounds where the Ashley Valley Medical Center now stands.
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Early Manila Rodeo was an annual occurrence every July 24.
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now stands. There was no arena or chutes. They corralled the horses and when one was picked, they snubbed it up close to another horse and let it out. The rider had to saddle his own horse. Sometimes they blindfolded them or tied one leg up until the rider got on. They built a grandstand of sorts and brought in willow to make bowties for shade. In 1918 the fairgrounds were moved down east of town where it is presently located. They moved the grandstand there and later tore it down and built the present one which was eventually replaced with the steel structure and Western Park.

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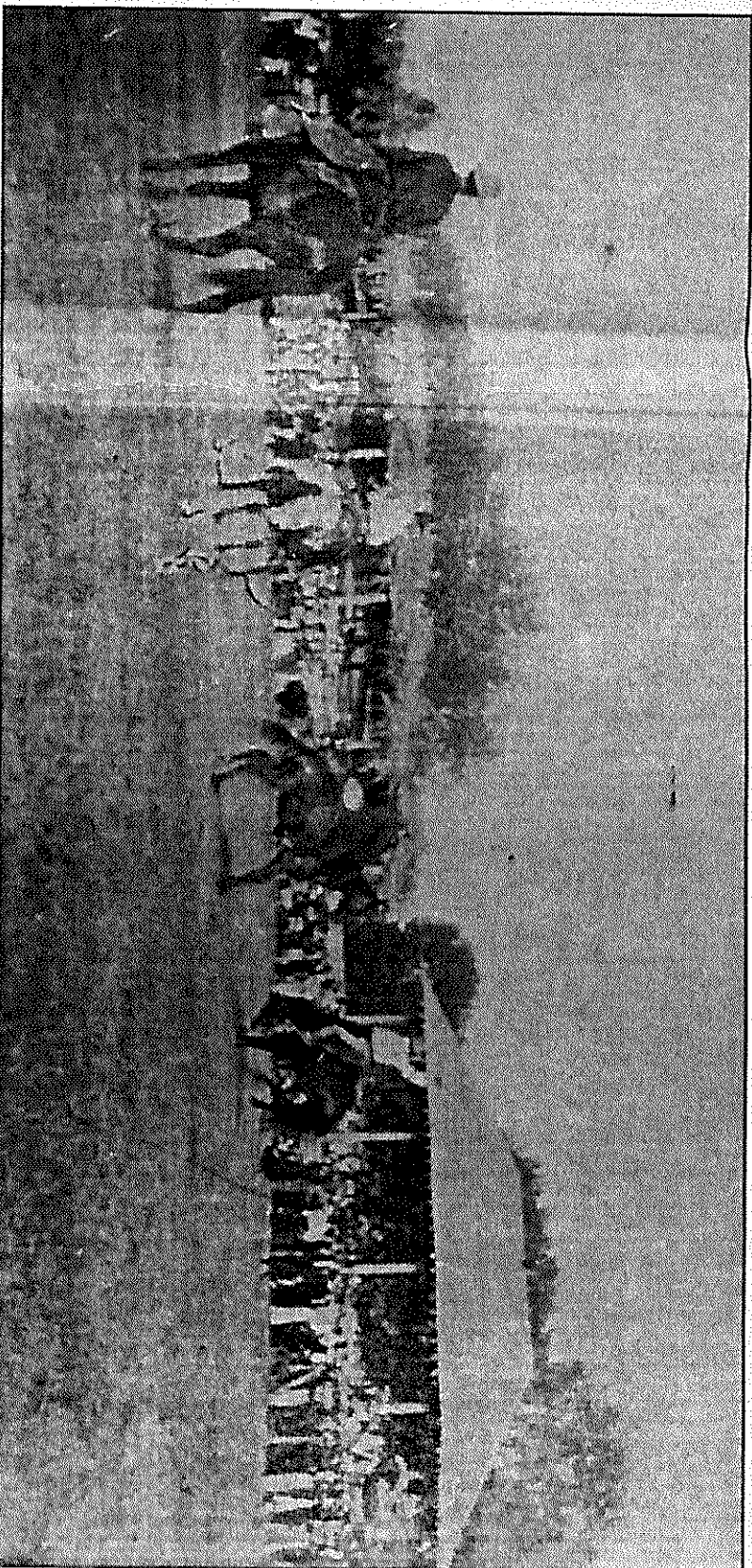
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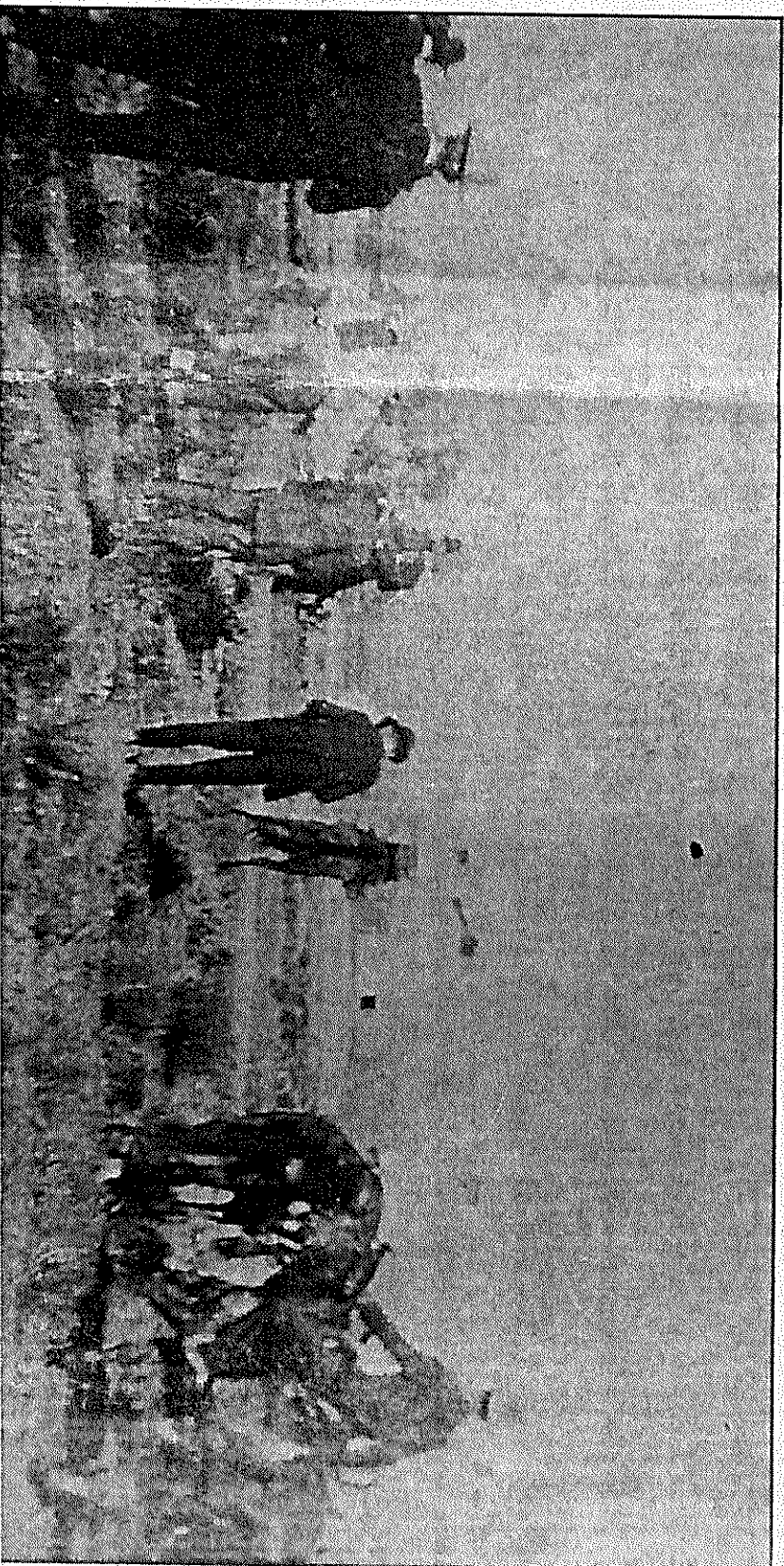
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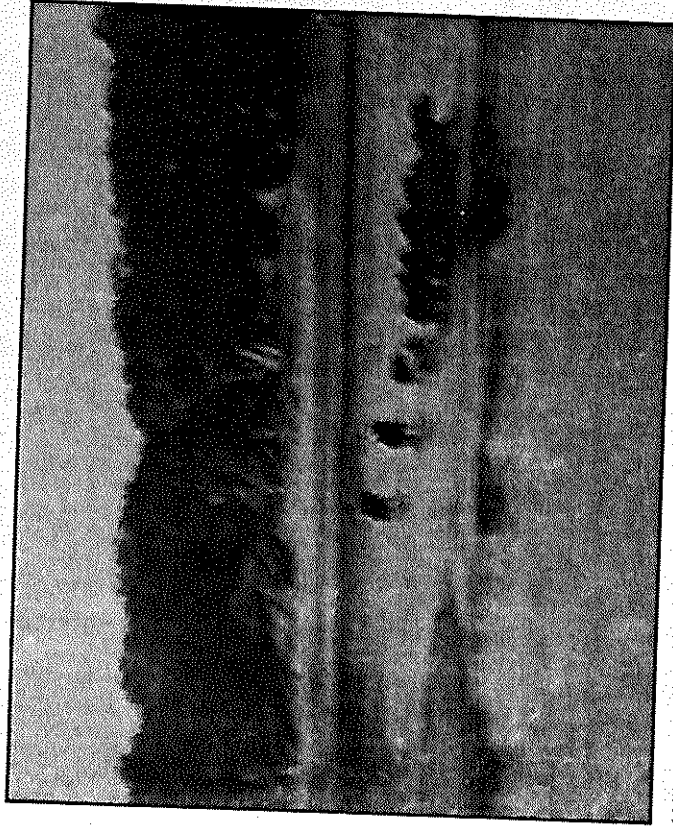
all straddled out in front of the horse.

"F. J. Thornton, a rider from Montana, now staying at Duchesne, roped a chunky little bay horse which looked to be all muscle and meanness. Thornton slipped into the saddle with ease and made a pretty ride, whipping and spurring all the while until the pony had enough."

Jim McKee's turn came next and he selected the sorrel horse that threw the soldier, partly because the crowd asked for it and partly because he had thrown the soldier and was generally considered to be a bad horse. It stood quietly as before while being saddled and until the rider's foot was in the stirrup, and then went at it. He had

the saddle horn. Kick Oakley failed to rope his steer in two throws. Jim McKee did rope his steer on the first throw, but it was such a logy fellow and he had hard work to throw it, time being called before he finally threw it. Wood Alexander got a wild steer, made a pretty catch and threw him five times in a quarter of a mile chase. He got off his horse once but the steer got up, and the horse was jerked over with him. He finally tied the steer and got second prize of \$15 cash. The last roper, F. J. Thornton, missed the first throw and the second time the steer jumped through the loop and he caught him by the hind foot and time was called."

The first fair grounds in Uintah County were built in about 1916. It was on the block where the hospital



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Early Manila Rodeo was an annual occurrence every July 24.

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now stands. There was no arena or chutes. They corralled the horses and when one was picked, they snubbed it up close to another horse and let it out. The rider had to saddle his own horse. Sometimes they blindfolded them or tied one leg up until the rider got on. They built a grandstand of sorts and brought in willow to make boweries for shade.

In 1918 the fairgrounds were moved down east of town where it is presently located. They moved the grandstand there and later tore it down and built the present one which was eventually replaced with the steel structure and Western Park.

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Roosevelt resident crowned Miss Rodeo America

Chenae Shiner, of Roosevelt, received the crown and title of Miss Rodeo America for 2013 at the Wrangler's National Finals Rodeo, held in Las Vegas, Nev. on Dec. 12.

The 22-year-old served as Miss Rodeo Utah for 2012 and is a former National High School Rodeo Queen.

A lifelong Uintah Basin resident, Shiner embodies the finest of Professional Rodeo Royalty and excited to travel across country as Miss Rodeo America, according to rodeo officials.

"To represent this rodeo family as an ambassador would be my greatest honor," said Shiner.

Shiner expressed heartfelt praise for the support and help she received from friends, family, and neighbors in the basin.

"There are so many people to thank from the hometown," said Shiner, whose whirlwind tour is just beginning.

During the next year, she will travel more than 100,000 miles representing Miss Rodeo America Inc. and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, attending 100 rodeos.

Shiner is the daughter of Shaune and Michelle Shiner of Roosevelt, and a graduate of Union High School.

She has been active in rodeo from an early age, telling the *Salt Lake Tribune*, "rodeo is a family sport. It is the only competition where your competitor is your brother and best friend. I want to take the message of the rodeo lifestyle and all that it rep-



PHOTO BY KC CREATIONS PHOTOGRAPHY

Basin resident Chenae Shiner wears the crown after being named as Miss Rodeo America at the Wrangler's National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas on Dec. 12.

resents across the country and especially back to my home state of Utah."

Shiner won out over 30 other women in judged classes of horsemanship, personality, and appearance, public speaking, personal interviews, modeling, photogenic and rodeo/equine knowledge.

"It was definitely a week I'll never forget. They kept us running, it was a blast," she said.

She will receive \$22,500 educational scholarship,

which she will put to good use in pursuing her bachelor's degree in Radiologic Sciences at Weber State University, with special emphasis in magnetic resonance imaging and computed tomography.

Shiner was also awarded a wardrobe of Wrangler jeans and shirts, Justin boots, Bailey hats, Silver Mounted Court's Saddle and an official Miss Rodeo America trophy buckle from Montana Silver-Smiths.

Roping Contest and Broncho Riding

On September 22nd, 23rd and 24th there will be a Roping and Riding contest, and horse races, together with other amusements, at Burton's Lake.

Purses will be given as follows. Roping contest—1st prize, \$50 cash, second prize \$15, entrance \$2 open to all. Riding—1st prize, one of R Jensen's best cowboy saddles 2nd—\$15 cash; entrance \$2 open to all

Liberal prizes for winners in races—300 yard, once fourth and one half mile. Other attractions may be added to the three days entertainment. Grand ball at Burton's resort every evening.

It has also been suggested that a county fair be held in connection which would be a very good thing for the county. Utah county could get together a very good display and make it very interesting and beneficial. Many of our own people do not know or realize what there is in the valley in fine stock, fowl, fruit, etc

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Roundup Rodeo struts it's stuff

This years Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo was the most successful ever in terms of attendance, entertainment and payoffs with expectations of even better things to come in the future according to Roundup President Marie Yoder.

"Considering nobody was really sure what to expect with the new facility and all the new events, we were extremely satisfied with the way everything went," Yoder stated. And well they should be.

Consider: All the Hotels in both Vernal and Roosevelt were filled to full occupancy. Over 22,000 attended the three day Rodeo. With 338 contestants competing, over \$24,750 in entry fees were collected. Over \$50,000 in prize money was awarded. The Rodeo attracted a top five World class competitor in each event. All of these facts add up to the Dinosaur Rodeo being the second largest Rodeo in North America last week behind Calgary.

Yoder, who is also the Uintah County Economic Development Director, also noted that the Rodeo had several new "firsts" this year including the crowd pleasing Chuckwagon races, the Exceptional Rodeo, the Bullfighting and two rounds of Bull riding.

"The Exceptional Rodeo people were very happy with the event here telling us that the crowds in Vernal were larger and more receptive to their kids than anywhere else they had been this year," Yoder stated.

The Rodeo committee also brought in the finest bucking and fighting stock available as they furnished the cowboys and crowd with the world famous Borba Bulls from the California stock of Laurence Bulba.

"With the bull fighting and riding being the most popular events, we wanted to give the crowd their fill," Yoder stated. And fill them up they did as the Rodeo began and ended each night with the bulls.

As expected the bull riding and fighting provided plenty of thrills and spills. The events featured Skoal's Pacific Bell, a bull who was named National Bull of the year three times and had only been ridden once in 318 tries coming in, made it once in 319 as he shed his rider in less than three seconds. Scooby Halterman won the event with an 81 total and took home the \$1,296 first place money as well. Halterman was followed by Greg Oules, Jeff McGarry and Cody Lambert all tied with an 80 for \$849 each.

In the Bullfighting event, Andy Hopkins provided everyone with a moment of suspense Saturday night as his bull caught and tossed him around pretty good, but other than a few bumps and bruises was in good enough condition to take second overall with a 199 total and garner the \$1,200 prize money. World Champion Robb Smets won the event with a 239 total after some very creative escapes from his 1700 pound opponent. Smets effort was worth a cool \$2,250, not bad for four minutes work! Scott Dechow

took third with a 191 and earned \$1,050.

In the Barrel racing competition, seven time World Champion Charmayne James Rodman tied Lonny Sodderberg for first with a 17:30 with both young ladies taking home \$1,023. Christine Christy took third with a 17:47 and earned \$761.

In the Steer Wrestling competition, Utah cowboy Rusty Good won with a quick 5:8, good for \$1,113. Good was followed by Bruce Coburn with a 5:9 and Bill Allen with a 6:0. Coburn earned \$921 and

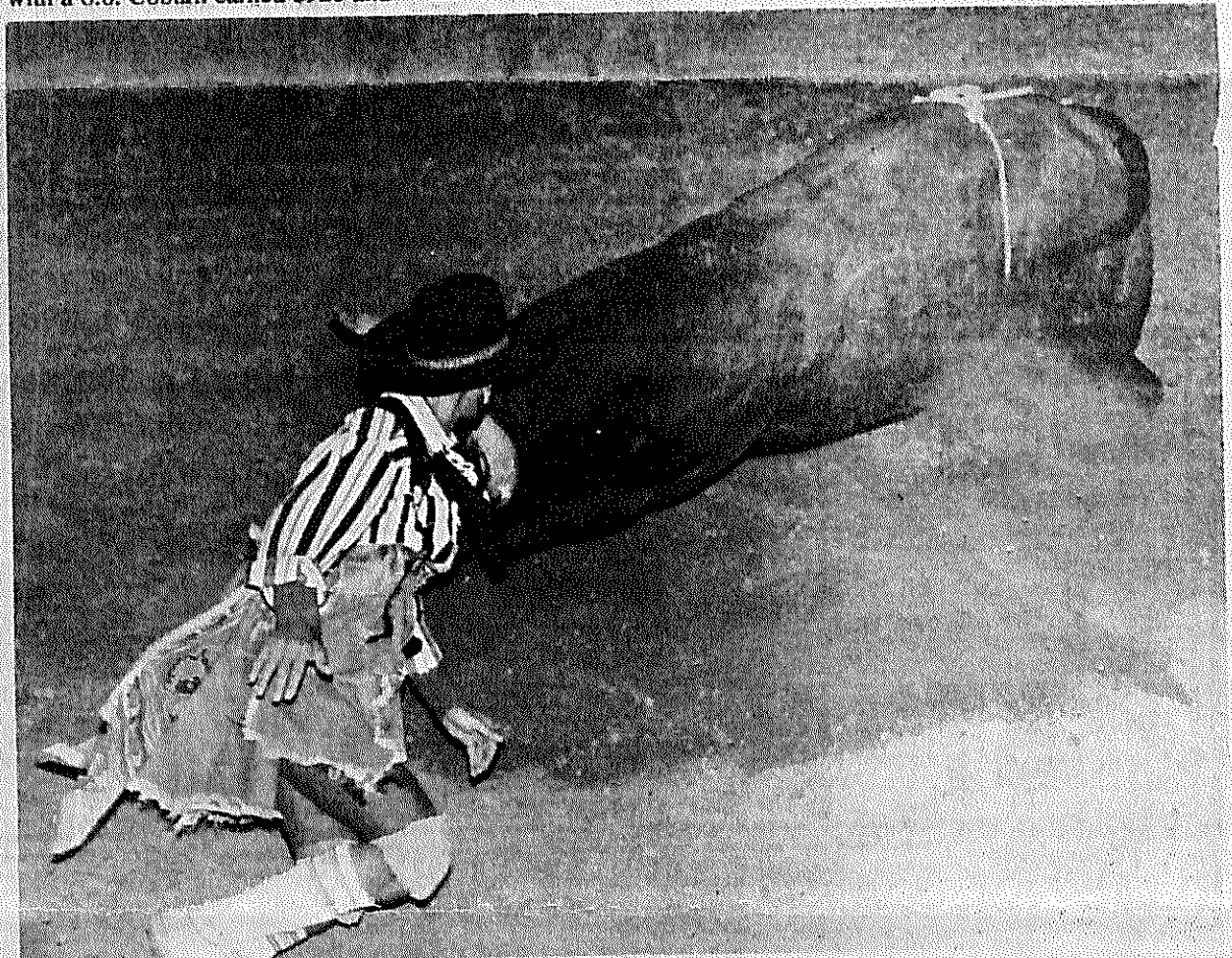
Allen earned 6:0.

In the Calf Roping, Roy Brown registered a 10:3 which was good for first place and the \$1,282 which went with it. Jerry Jettan hit a 10:6 and won \$1,061 while Kyle Kosoff took third with a 10:7 and won \$839.

In the Bareback competition, Marvin Garret, the defending World Champion showed why as he won the event with a 79 and \$1,000. C.R. Kemple and Bob Logue tied for second and third with 76's and each earned \$828.

In one of the most competitive events of the Rodeo, two ex-World Champions and the defending World Champion battled it out in the Saddle Bronc event with current champion Bob Etbauer winning the \$1,071 first place money with a 79 score. He was followed by Louie Field, who has a sister in Vernal, with a 78 score and Dave Appleton with a score of 74. Field earned \$886 and Appleton won \$701.

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BULL FIGHTER Scott Dechow shows off his fancy footwork during Roundup Rodeo.

Dechow was slick enough to dance his way into third place.



HERE HE is, arguably the meanest four legged animal around. Skoal's Pacific Bell after he has just thrown his latest cowboy.



HERE IS Andy Hopkins just before the bull takes him for an evening ride. Hopkins recovered and finished second.

look second with a 6:8 followed by Steve Northcott and Charles Pogue with a 7:2. Second place was worth \$1,060 each and third place earned \$837 each.

The Rodeo committee, with new president Del Brady at the helm has already begun work on next years Rodeo which promises to be the best yet!

Roundup

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Finally, in the event with the most entries (94), the team of Matt Tyler and Mike Beers won the Team Roping with a sizzling 6:6. Their victory was worth \$1,281 each. Steve Purcella and Wade Masters

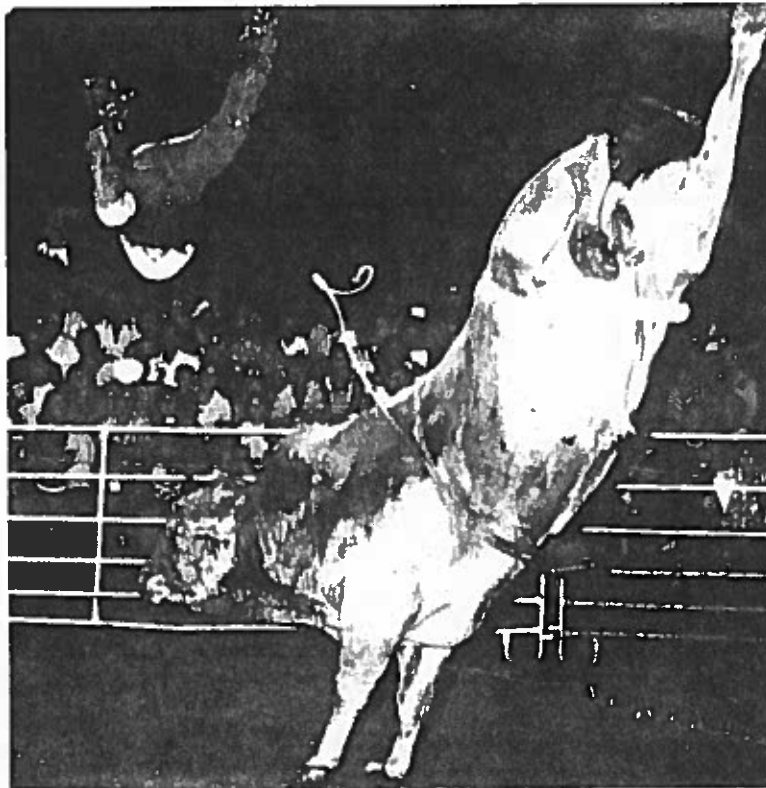


RODEO CLOWNS do their thing as cowboy goes down hard during the Bull Riding competition at the Roundup Rodeo.

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EXCITING HEAD over heels, (or bulls) action will be seen at the CRC Rodeo, Oct. 15 and 16 at the Western Park indoor arena in Vernal.

Semi-Professional rodeo comes to Vernal

The Cowboys Rodeo Commission, CRC, will be at the Western Park indoor arena on Oct. 15 and 16 to present semi-professional rodeo excitement in the local area. Shows will begin 8 p.m. nightly.

Officials estimate that 200 cowboys and cowgirls from the Intermountain region, some are contenders from the Uintah Basin, will be competing. The rodeo will include rough and roping stock events, barrels, breakway roping, and for the children in the audience, mutton bustin'.

The stock contractor will be Slash C Rodeo of Francis and L Bar L from Colorado. Stock will include the bareback horse of the year, "Wolf Gang," saddle bronc of the year, "Cricket," and three-time bull of the year, "38 Special."

Cowboys and cowgirls will compete for purses and accumulative points towards the CRC Finals in Ogden the first weekend of December. This will be the last event of the season before the finals and organizers expect the competition to be tough among contenders. The top 15 in each event will qualify for the finals.

The CRC is a semi-professional rodeo association in Utah. Organizers explained that most sports have a major and minor

league organization and system of working into the pro-ranks. They say rodeo reflects the individualism of its early founders. Contestants, both cowboys and cowgirls are not drafted by pro-teams nor are they paid a salary or traveling expenses. They cover all their own costs, and do not have coaches or trainers to

help them in their careers. The sport of rodeo today remains very independent to the individual contestant.

The CRC is an association consisting of officers and directors that establish and enforce the rules of humane treatment of animals and give direction to the rodeo contest. These standard rules of rodeo are designed to give all contestants and livestock an equal opportunity to perform.

They sanction and produce most of the larger county fairs and rodeos in Utah, and currently approve rodeos throughout the Intermountain area including Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming.

Tickets will be on sale at the Bull Ring, Davis IGA Food Center, Western Factory and Western Express. They are \$7 for reserved; \$6 for general admission; and \$3.50 for children. A \$15 family night pass will be available for Friday's performance.

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September 12-14 Dates of Uintah Basin Rodeo

Movies Taken of Stewart Lakes by State Game Man

After giving three lectures and movies of Utah Wild Life at the UBIC last week, Lee Kay of the educational department of the state fish and game commission, made a trip to the Stewart lakes on Saturday.

Mr. Kay, accompanied by Floyd Noel, deputy game warden, County Attorney Hugh W. Colton, Sheriff J. Emery Johnson and J. LeRoy Kay of the Carnegie Museum, went to Jensen to see the Stewart lakes, which are to be developed as a nesting and hunting grounds for migratory fowl. The proposed enclosure will cover nearly 600 acres.

For the purpose of a permanent record before development, Mr. Kay took several hundred feet of films. Pictures of the location of the double control box on Ashley creek and the control box at the spillway into Green river were taken. A general view of the entire project was also taken.

Mr. Kay was highly elated over the prospects for the development of this particular game project, on which work will start in the near future.

Short Term of District Court Held Last Week By Judge Abe Turner

At the special term of the district court last week Judge Abe W. Turner presided with F. M. Alder, court reporter.

The petition in the Sarah C. McCoy estate was continued. Also Ida Oaks vs. E. L. Oaks, and Neille McKee vs. Pardon Dodds, Jr.

A decree of divorce was granted Amelia Ainge Miles vs. Charles U. Miles with the restoration of the plaintiff's former name.

Adjustment of alimony claim for a minor son, Jay, was granted in the case of Wallace Wall vs. Lella Wall. The plaintiff was relieved of payment of \$7.50 to a minor daughter.

Letters of administration were issued to Julia Arrowsmith in the estate of Joseph Arrowsmith; to William B. Goodrich in the estate

Rodeo to Be held at Vernal September 12, 13 and 14 Promises to be Biggest Stampede Ever Staged in Intermountain West. Guy Rife to Bring Famous String of Wyoming Bucking Horses.

September 12, 13 and 14 will be big days in Vernal this fall when the annual Uintah Basin Rodeo will be held. The annual stampede promises to be one of the best shows ever held in this region. The amount of prizes offered has been more than doubled that of other years and a number of new features will be added.

Guy Rife of Rock Springs, Wyo., will again handle the rodeo. He will bring more than a hundred wild bucking horses from the Wyoming ranges. Cowboys have been busy for several weeks rounding up the animals. Wild bucking steers will also provide plenty of thrills. Some of the best race horses are expected to be entered each afternoon of the show.

Riders from a dozen western states are planning to take part in the bucking contests, with handsome prizes offered in these events.

The rodeo will be associated with the Rodeo Association of America and a representative is expected to be present to record the winning events.

A big street parade will be held each day to start the show off. This event will be an exhibition of cowboys, Indians, race horses, and the band.

Improvements are being made at the Fair Grounds, to fences, corrals, grandstand and chutes.

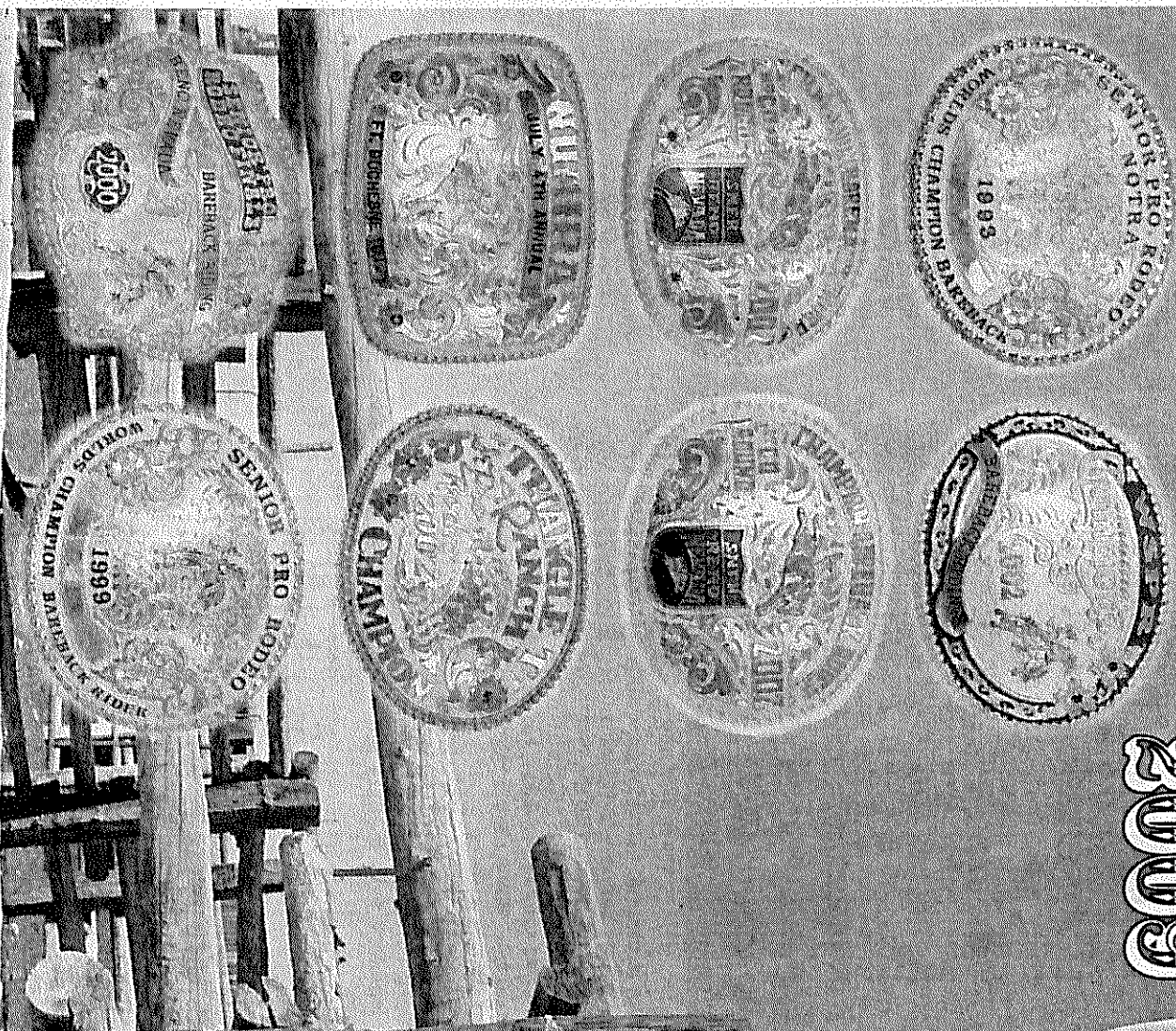
The program will include professional bronc riding with \$450 in prizes; bareback bronc riding contest with \$100 in prizes; bull-dogging, \$150; calf roping, \$150; Roman race, \$100; half-mile fast race, \$150; chariot race, \$150; one-half-mile relay race, \$150; boys saddle pony race, \$39; steer riding contest, \$100; wild cow milking contest, \$10; pair roping, \$50; and a number of miscellaneous events.

The officers of the Uintah Basin Rodeo are Al V. Lewis, president; B. H. Stringham, vice president; and Wilson Murray, secretary.

SHERWOOD CUCH

LEGENDARY COWBOY

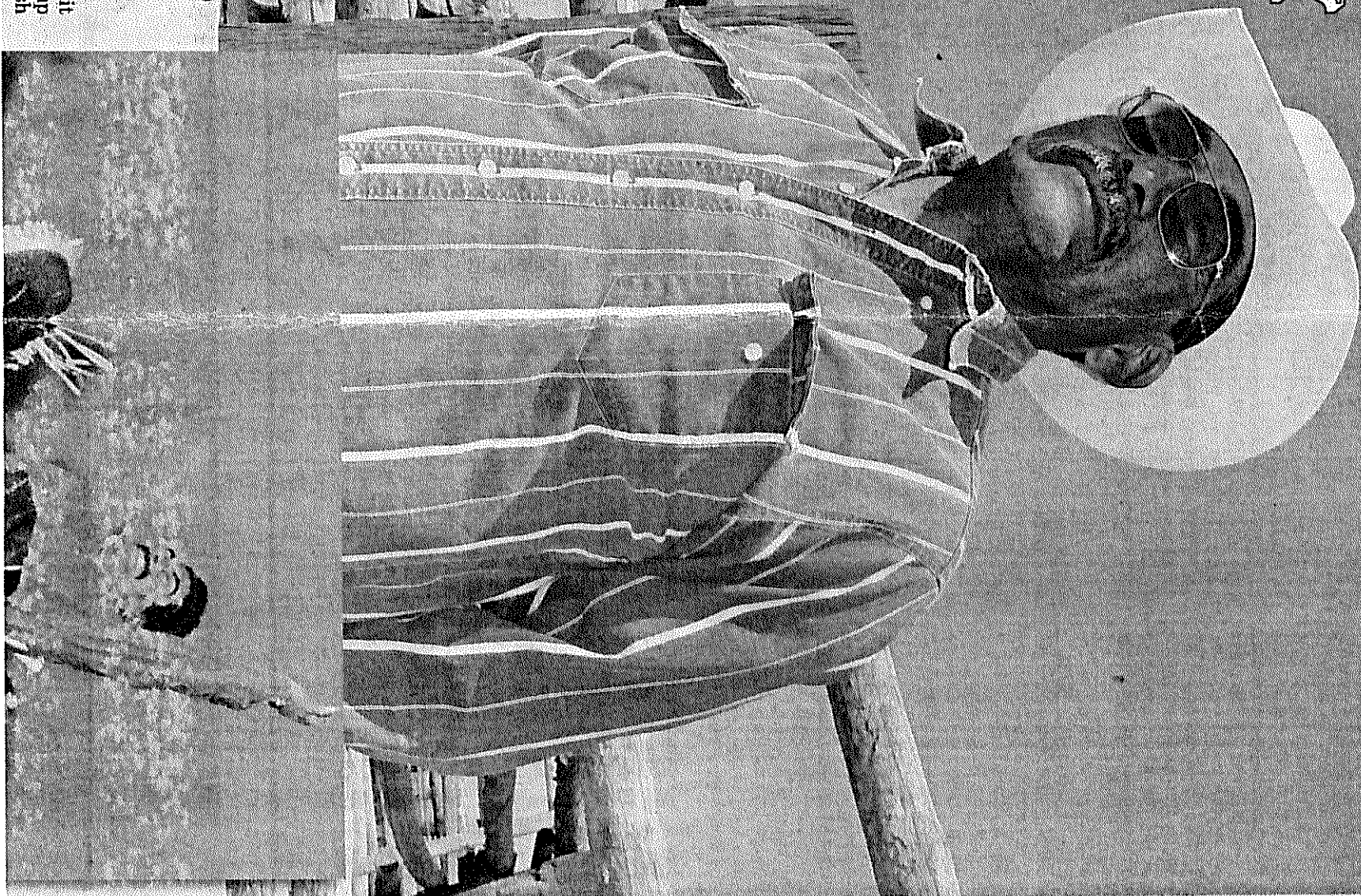
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Geoff Liesik, Uintah Basin Standard

Fort Duchesne's Sherwood Cuch was heralded during last week's Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo as the event's 2009 Legendary Cowboy. Cuch, a professional rodeo cowboy for nearly 40 years and cattle manager for the Ute Indian Tribe, called the recognition an unexpected but great honor.

By Geoff Liesik
Cuch, the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo's 2009 Legendary Cowboy, describes the ideal ride as one where the cowboy and the horse are in perfect harmony.



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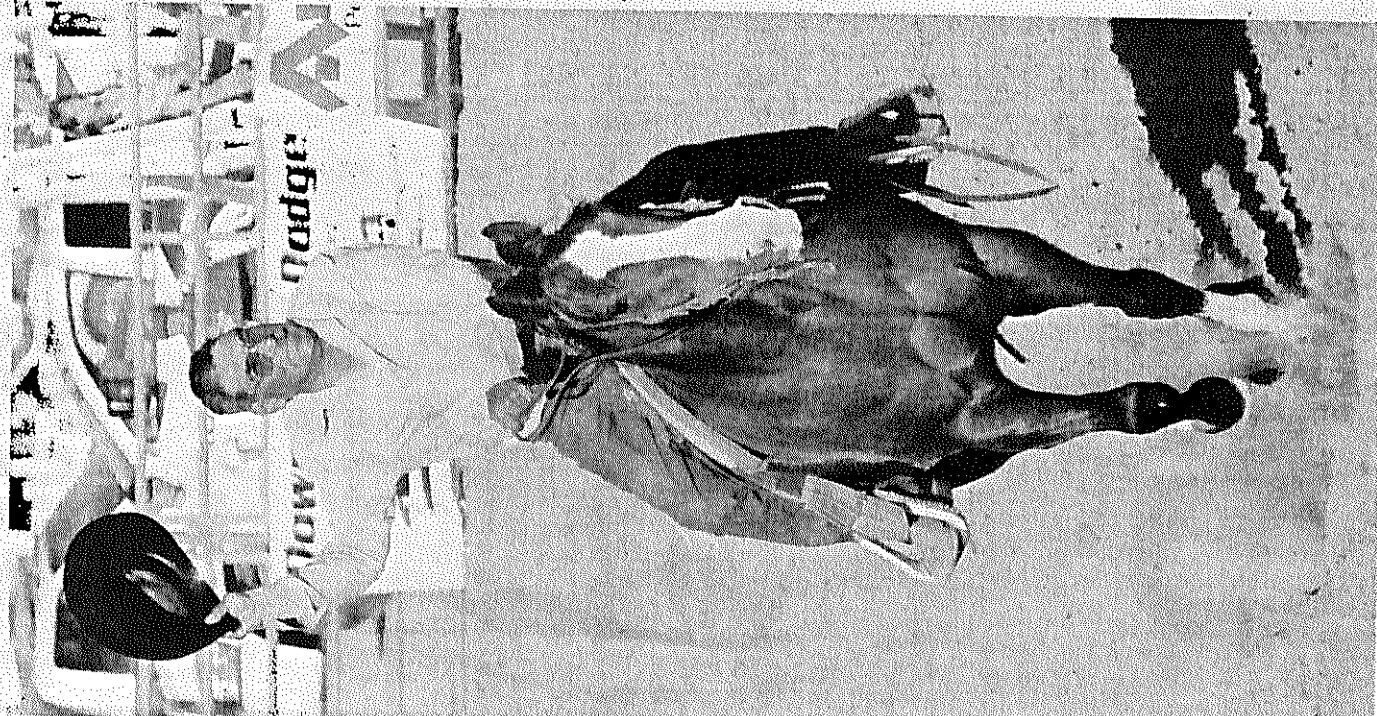
Sitting in the coolness of a small building that abuts the Ute Indian Tribe corrals in Mt. Emmons, Sherwood Cuch pushes his cowboy hat back slightly and smiles broadly from beneath his salt-and-pepper mustache as he recalls the years he's spent chasing "the perfect ride."

"Perfect, in bareback riding, is the ultimate dream and that's what you shoot for every time you call the chutes," he says. "It's a dream to get on a good bucking horse. They're out there."

up Rodeo's 2009 Legendary Cowboy, describes the ideal ride as one where the cowboy and the horse bring their best into the arena, each one matching the other's every move with flawless timing, raw determination, and a flair of drama.

"Everything is clicking. Your energy level is high and (the horse's) energy level is high," Cuch says. "It just blends together ... once you get off, you're never tired after a perfect ride."

Cuch's most perfect ride came in the early '70s when he came back to Vernal and fulfilled his Professional Rodeo



BYRAN MARSHALL, VERNAL EXPRESS

Sherwood Cuch rides into the arena during Thursday's nights performance of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. Cuch is the events Legendary Cowboy for 2009.

Cowboy Association petitioned during the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo with a second place finish in the bareback event.

"That was the greatest honor I've ever had," he says. Born nearly 61 years ago in Lapoint, Cuch has been around livestock his entire life.

"I was born in the fall time and they took me on the first cattle drive when I was just a little guy," he says. "What my mom tells me is I was put on the floorboard of a pickup truck in a cardboard box with papers on top to keep me warm. That was the very first time and I've been doing it ever since."

Growing up in a ranching family Cuch learned to enjoy riding a good horse, seeing things grow as the seasons progressed, and watching a cattle herd come together under the guidance of a skilled hand and a careful eye.

"It's satisfying," he says. "Sooner or later everything blends together and you see a finished product in the fall."

To earn extra money he took the skills he learned breaking horses and rounding up stray cattle to the rodeo grounds. The sport - his passion - was a lot of "hurry up and wait," Cuch says, and involved countless hours in a cramped pickup truck cab with other cowboys driving through the night to the next event. They ate a lot of hamburgers, hot dogs, and bologna sandwiches.

"When you're not winning, that's how it is," Cuch says.

Then there were the innumerable injuries that came with challenging wild livestock to battles of will in eight second increments. During his 40 years in the arena Cuch has broken both collarbones, his ankles, ribs, wrist, and hand. Family members say he also has a hoof print embossed on his chest from the time he attempted to ride a Clydesdale bareback and got stepped on.

Cuch rarely let the injuries keep him out of the chutes though, especially if he was on a winning streak.

"If you're hotter than a pistol, it's what you do," he said. "You don't slow down."

Monica Nebeker of My-ton nominated Cuch for the Legendary Cowboy Award. Nebeker serves on the rodeo's sponsorship committee and believed Cuch's experience on the range and in the arena made him an excellent candidate.

"He's a true cowboy," she



Sherwood Cuch hangs on during a bareback event at a rodeo in 1996. Cuch has won dozens of buckles over the years, competing in bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding, and team roping.

says. "He's not just a rancher, he's an actual cowboy who rodeoed."

Cuch competed not only in bareback riding, but has ridden bulls and saddle broncs as well, and team roped. He's toured all over the western U.S. and Canada as a member of the PRCA, the National Old Timers Rodeo Association, and the Rocky Mountain Indian Rodeo Association. He has been the director, regional director and state representative for the RMIRA, as well as the association's champion several times.

Mechelle Miller, president of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee, says each year there are between three and five individuals nominated for the Legendary Cowboy Award. After the initial nominations

are presented by members of the board a more in-depth presentation is made for each candidate, detailing their qualifications.

"These are special people in the community," Miller says of those nominated. "They're ranchers, they're cowboys, they're making that Western spirit live on."

Miller says Cuch was chosen for the honor with a unanimous vote.

"It was a good nomination," she says. "Sherwood is very deserving. He's a good pick for this year."

Cuch says when he was approached about being nominated he "kind of hummed around about it."

"I didn't feel like I deserved it. I thought, 'Nobody's going to vote for me.'"

When he learned he'd been chosen from among the other nominees, Cuch was shocked.

"It's a great honor, what they've given me," he says. "To be in that arena and smell the dirt, smell the life that I have truly loved is indescribable. ... You live, eat, and breathe rodeo. That's the best way to describe it, I think."

Asked if he's done competing, Cuch says his family says he is, but he's not hanging up his spurs just yet.

"I might be 10 or 5 pounds overweight, but physically and mentally I'm still strong," he says. "That's what it takes. If you can control your mind and your spirit, and God's says 'yes,' you can go back. He'll let you."

Shiner rides into Miss Rodeo Utah crown

By STEVE POND
 Uintah Basin Standard

Chenae Shiner began her rodeo pageanting at the age of 8. Last Tuesday she fulfilled one of her dreams by becoming Miss Rodeo Utah 2012. Shiner is the 22-year-old daughter of Shaune and Michelle Shiner of Neola.

Shiner won her title while competing at the Pioneer Days Rodeo in Ogden at the Ogden Pioneer Stadium. She competed in a field of 11 young women from across the state.

Her life shifted into high gear immediately in a new set of wheels.

"I was crowned on the evening of the 24th. Wednesday morning I signed my contract with the pageant and picked up my new Dodge truck," Shiner said. "It was an amazing experience."

The truck from Larry H. Miller Dodge is just one of the rewards that come with the title.

"From there it was straight to the Frontier Days Rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyo.," she said.

Pageanting in the rodeo circuit requires preparation across many areas.

"The process includes interviews, public speaking, photogenic competition, and of course horsemanship," Shiner said. "There is also a written test on husbandry and Pro Rodeo."

Shiner is a Union High School graduate. During her high school years she represented Utah as the Miss National High School Rodeo Association Finals Queen in 2007.

The next major event for Shiner is the Miss Rodeo America competition in Las Vegas during December.

"I will be really focused in preparation for the competition," she said. "You can only win the Utah title once and you have just one chance at the national crown."

If that were not enough to keep her busy, Shiner is also



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Chenae Shiner fulfilled one of her dreams as she became Miss Rodeo Utah 2012 in Ogden on July 24. She will go on to compete for the national title in Las Vegas during December.

as a professional barrel racer. She has been in events from Texas to Arizona, California, Utah, and Idaho.

Shiner turned "pro" in barrel racing during 2011 and the trip to Cheyenne kept her busy representing Utah as Miss Rodeo Utah and at the same time competing in the barrel racing events.

"Presently I am ranked in the top 10 for rookie of the year," she said. "Going pro has me traveling to events two or three times a week."

Between riding, practicing, and traveling, Shiner is also looking forward to completing her degree in radiology from Weber State.

Shiner acknowledges that rodeo pageanting has shaped who she is.

"All my life I have grown up emulating and admiring the women who have worn the Miss Rodeo Utah crown. For me, Miss Rodeo Utah is a woman who embraces the western lifestyle, holds strong to her values, is a role model for younger generations, and

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(Top)AUTUMN PERSON and cowboy partner, Paul Yoder rope a calf together.

(Right)CLAY O'BRIEN helps Trisha Taylor rope her steer during the PRCA Exceptional Rodeo.

(Bottom)EDDIE JOHNSON shyed from riding the bull during the rodeo. His partner, John Beaslin gave him additional encouragement.



Special kids treated to exceptional day

The youngsters at the Uintah Learning Center were treated on Friday, July 12 to a real thrill.

Friday morning, the Westernaires, a riding precision drill team, performed at the Uintah Learning Center for teachers, students and parents. Gene Keller, director of the group, explained to viewers what each equestrian riding event was and the difficulty in performing with horses.

The Westernaires are comprised of all teenage riders both male and female. They are from Golden, Colo. and train at an indoor facility rightfully named, Fort Westernaire and have a total of 250 riders. However, only a portion of the group perform in Vernal. This is the sixth year performing in Vernal during the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. In the first few years of coming to Vernal, the riders entertained residents at the Uintah Care Center. Keller said that this was the third year of performing at the Learning Center.

He said that the young riders look forward to the special performance at the center. In fact, some of their riders do volunteer work at a facility in Jefferson County, Colo. similar to that of the Learning Center. He also said that it is real hard to choose which riders will be performing at the Center because so many of them look forward to that particular performance.

Keller said, of the Western Park Complex, "This can be considered as one of the finest facilities in the West and Vernal has a lot to be proud of."

For the past two years, the Westernaires have presented a pre-show performance to the crowds. It was decided that because the crowds were coming earlier and earlier to get good seats for the rodeo, the Westernaires would present a performance. "We would like to think that the crowds come early to see us. But we are just glad that they do come and we can perform," Keller said.

They have also, in the past, presented a free special performance on Saturday morning. They plan to continue that tradition as long as they come to Vernal.

The Westernaires perform each summer all over the state of Colorado and also in parts of Nebraska and Wyoming. They will take their parade group to march in the "Welcome Home" parade in Hastings, Colo. They also perform each year at the National Western Stockshow in Denver.

"There are times when we feel that we are better known in Vernal and other smaller places than in our own hometown. We can relate closer to a community the size of Vernal than we do to a city of one or two million people," Keller continued.

would like to have the event back again because of the response we have received from those who saw it. But we haven't talked to them yet about coming back."

Each child expressed in their own way their joy, their happiness and their encouragement. Each contestant was congratulated by their partner, patted on the back or given a special big hug.

Clown bull-fighter, Rob Smith, also known as "Kamikaze" gave a special gift to his partner, Jenny Massey. He dedicated his bull fight at the last of the rodeo events to her. To top off his gift, he won the fight that night.

One fan was noted as saying, "It may have been hard for the spectators to understand what was going on in all of the events, but it was good for the kids that were participating, and that is all that counts."

The day was highlighted for the special kids with the first Exceptional Rodeo conducted during the pre-show at the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. This rodeo matched up cowboys with kids and featured special rodeo events designed with the "special needs child" in mind.

Events included a goat relay, steer roping using dummy steers, bull riding on a hand-rocked bull, bareback riding on a hand-rocked bronc, steering wrestling and a flag race on the back of a live horse.

Rodeo announcer, Phil Gardenhire, emceed the entire rodeo and gave each contestant a trophy, individually after all of the events had been completed by the contestants. The entire performance lasted

45 minutes. The kids also received a felt cowboy hat, a PRCA bandanna, and an Exceptional Rodeo tee-shirt. During the goat relay, the kids grabbed ribbons from the tails of the goats. Each child went home with a blue ribbon.

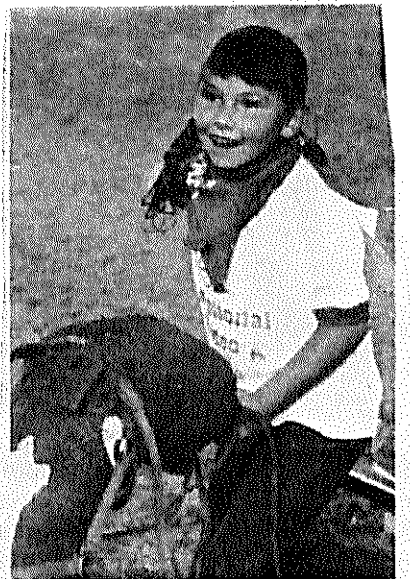
As a special treat, Smokey Bear visited the arena. He brought with him a U.S. Forest Service bandanna, pins, balloons and other keep-sakes for the kids.

Each child also received an autograph picture of his or her partner.

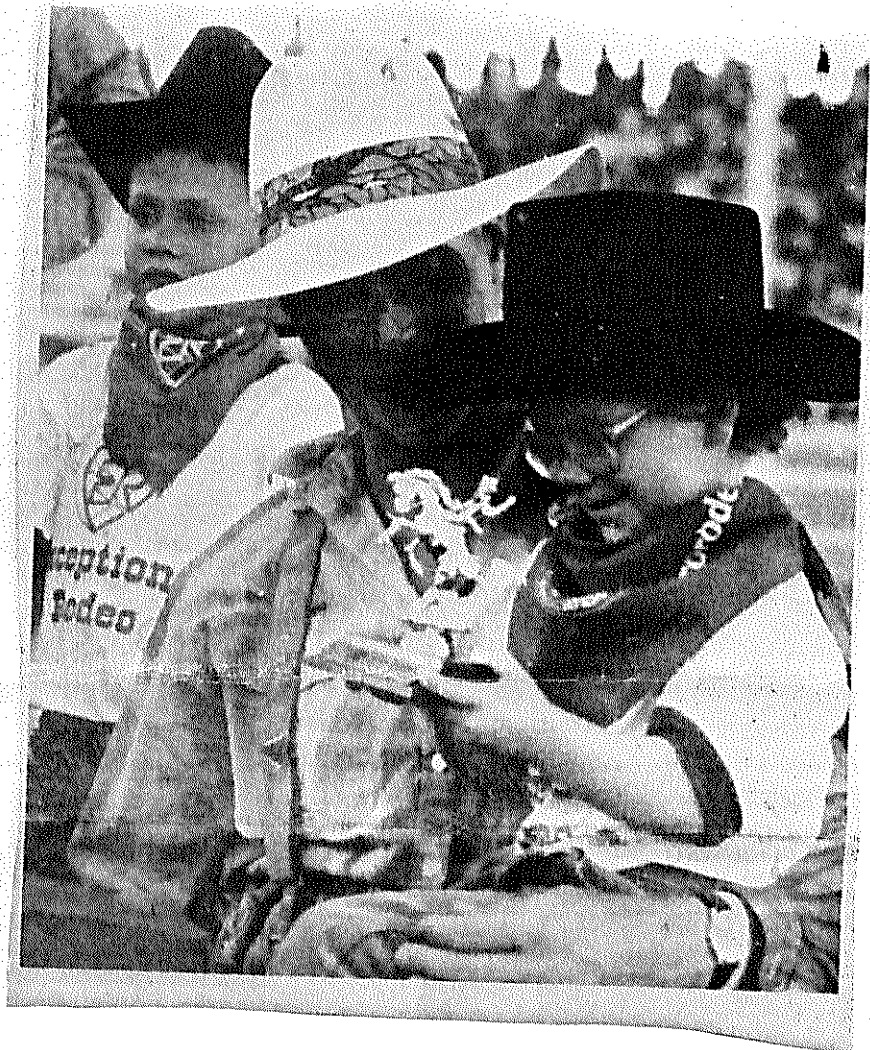
The Exceptional Rodeo is sanctioned by the PRCA. It is only performed 20 times each year in the United States and Canada. Marie Yoder, president of the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee said, "We were surprised that they (the Exceptional Rodeo people) agreed to perform here in Vernal the first year we approached them. We

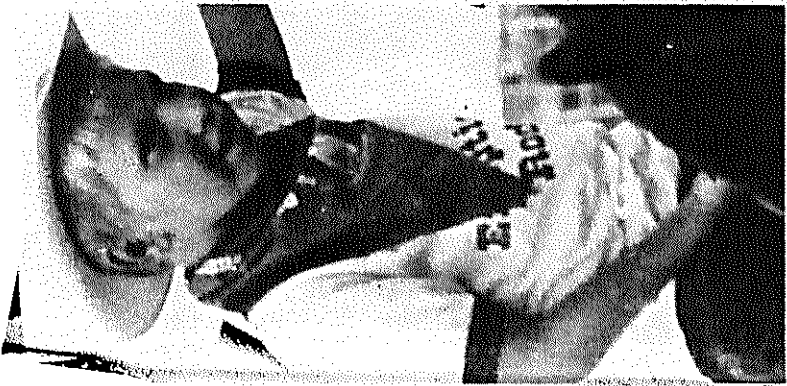
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JENNY MASSEY rode her horse in the barrel races. She was treated to a special night with her partner, Rob Smith, one of the bull-fighting clowns.





(Top left) JOSHUA TAIT rode the hand-rocked bull with the enthusiasm of a real cowboy. (Top right) JENNY MASSEY (center) was given a special gift the evening of the Exceptional Rodeo. Her partner, Rob Smith, clown-bull fighter, dedicated his winning bull fight to her on



Friday night. The U.S. Forest Service was represented by Smokey Bear. (Below) QUEEN SONJA Witbeck showed Amanda Cooper the way to ride the bronc. "Ride 'em Cowgirl."



(Top) CLOWN, ANDY HOPKINS joins LaReta Mitchell in her glory after Announcer, Phil Gardenhire presented her with her own trophy. (Center) LARETA MITCHELL scurries to grab the ribbon from the tail of a milk goat. Her partner, Andy Hopkins, held onto her tight while she giggled. (Bottom) EDDIE JOHNSON became close friends with one of the horses that the Westernaires rode during their performance at the Unliah Learning Center. This is the third year that the kids have been presented their own "private showing."

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E. H. Adair, while superintending the tearing down of the grandstand at the old ball park Labor day was struck on the head with a falling timber, rendering him unconscious. He was taken to Dr. Christy's office where he received medical aid.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Poppen and Miss Deaver of Steamboat Springs, were Vernal visitors this week. Mr. Poppen is vice-president of the First National bank at that place. Mr. Poppen says this is his first trip into the basin and is very much taken up with the country.

Mark Cook of Naples Ward met with a very painful accident Labor day while doing his bit at the fair grounds. Mr. Cook was exerting every effort in trying to extract a post from mother earth, when all of a sudden the post gave way throwing him backward striking his head on some scattered timbers, inflicting a severe gash and rendering him unconscious for some time. W. S. Henderson was on the scene and rushed him to Dr. Christy's office, where the wound was dressed.

The Misses Mildred and Merle Pope, Mary Winder and Lena Bennion delightfully entertained about fifty young people at the Bennion home Friday evening. The affair was given in honor of Miss Kathryn Calder, who is called to labor in the California Mission. The games which were the feature of the evening were conducted by Zolph Calder. Several musical selections were rendered and Messrs Leo Calder

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Steer wrestler Bedell captures NFR money

Jensen resident Chad Bedell, 28, has claimed the second place ranking steer wrestling at the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) held last week in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bedell spent the past year competing in steer wrestling events across the country. Able to pursue his profession accident free this year he made it into the record books as one of the top 16 money earners in his sport, and into the national finals.

When all the scores were tallied, Bedell came in second to Canada's Blaine Pederson. After ten runs Bedell was only three total seconds behind Pederson.

Second place in the averages at Las Vegas brought him \$22,806.

His time average for all ten steers was 58.40 seconds. In the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world rankings the money Bedell earned this year placed him in eighth place with \$68,876.

Now that the national finals are over, the only cowboy from Utah to represent the state in Las Vegas is coming home for the holidays. He won't be off for long though. At the first of the year Bedell will be chasing steers again. Aiming for another chance for the ten go round showcase of the national finals.

Half-Mile Street Parade To Open Annual Rodeo Thursday, September 10

County Schools to Monday With a er of New Teachers

In Uintah county will doors for the commencing school Monday morning enrollment is expected two high schools and schools of the district. Among is the tentative teachers in the Uintah district: H. M. Lundell, principal; Hopkins, agriculture; Gibson, English; Charles English; Barney White, principal; Helen Calder, domestic; Ethelene Larsen, principal; A. M. Goodrich, principal; farm mechanics; Jorgensen, mathematics; Ralph Biddoway, business; Marie Single, education and short; Lambert, auto mechanic; Lewis, art; C. L. Glebra and junior science; Scott, English, seventh grade; Elwood A. Scott, eighth and history; H. B. Scott, social science; H. B. Scott, history and social science; Vest, seminary; Don L. Winn, business and social; Lloyd Winn, music; light, physical education.

Changes have been made in the list of the county. Avalon—Mervin Jorgensen will teach in the UHS, assisted by LaMoine Christy—Thorvald Larsen, Eleanor Stewart, Mae Wilson and another. Dragon—Norma Duchesne—Allan J. Jorgensen, principal; Amelia Manker, LaVerne Humphrey, Hilda Baugh; Jensen—Kinnon, principal; one to be selected; Lapointe—Lutinger, principal; Leitch, LaMar Steinkaker, principal; Lucille Johnson—Wanda Oberhans—Angela Zager to take the Leone Bunot; Rainbow to be selected. The rest of the teaching force is

Parade, Rodeo, Racing, Carnival, Dancing Will Give Thousands of Visitors Taste of Real Wild West. World Famous Clown to Perform. Something Doing Every Minute—No Waits.

The spirit of the Wild West will prevail in Vernal for three days next week during the annual Vernal Rodeo, which opens Thursday afternoon with a big half-mile street parade. Exhibitions of skill by cowboys, not excelled anywhere in the world, will be witnessed by the thousands who will come here for the annual show. Many features have been added to the rodeo program. The grounds and parking space have been improved and enlarged to care for the large crowds expected to attend.

Big Street Parade
Commencing at 1 p. m., Thursday afternoon at the tabernacle grounds, a half-mile street parade will fall into line, with floats representing every business house in the valley. The parade will be led by the Queen of the Rodeo, Miss Vernal and the Rodeo committee, followed by the Uintah High Military Band, directed by Prof. Lloyd Winn.

100 Wild Bucking Horses
More than a hundred wild bucking horses have been rounded up from their range in Wyoming and will reach Vernal the end of the week, according to John Jorgensen, chairman of the bucking contests. Many of the animals have never been saddled before. Guy Little of Rock Springs, who has won the admiration of thousands of local rodeo fans, will keep things humming at the chute and see that plenty of outlaws are sent out.

the same as previously published. A course in chemistry will be introduced this year in the Uintah high school. Every student will be required to take a course in health.

Through the efforts of H. E. Seeley, chairman of the roping committee, more than forty head of cattle are being gathered up to be used for calf roping, pair roping and wild cow milking contests. The cattle are loaned by local stockmen to the rodeo committee without any charge. This is one of the biggest contributions to the show.

Wild Texas Steers
A herd of wild Texas long horn steers, purchased by the committee at Cheyenne from the Frontier Days association, are the choice of almost a hundred head, according to Lee Bennion, in charge. The steers are vicious looking beasts and will put up a good fight when they enter the bulldogging contests.

Six of the best local riders have been engaged on the hazing committee by Austin White, chairman. The hazers will relieve bronc riders from their mounts and keep things moving in the arena.

Hugh W. Colton, chairman of the racing committee just returned from the Payson Onion celebration with assurance that all the race horses and rodeo men at that show were planning to attend the Vernal Rodeo. The purses offered by the local rodeo were declared to be the most attractive in the region.

Rodeo Grounds Improved
The Fair Grounds have been greatly improved by a crew of CCC workers, under the direction of Otto Weeks, chairman of the grounds committee. The arena has been fenced and the whole show will now go on in front of the audience. Double parking space has been provided, in full view of the arena.

The McCloud carnival has engaged an entire block to erect their ferris wheel, merry-go-round and slide shows, according to R. M. Tiffany, in charge of concessions.

Extensively Advertised
The rodeo has been widely advertised throughout the Intermountain region, according to J. R. Douglass, chairman. Posters have been taken as far east as Kansas, into Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho. Mr. Douglass estimates that from eight to ten thousand will attend the show this year.

The business houses and other individuals of the county have been very liberal in their contributions to the rodeo, according to Devere Carroll, finance chairman, and the committee is very appreciative of this support.

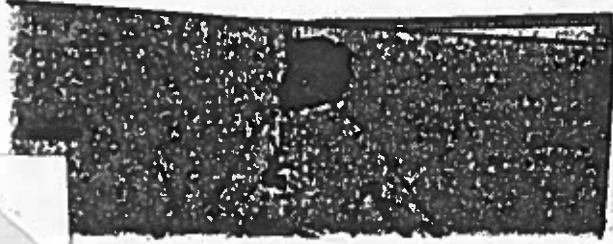
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stimulated the sale of season tick-
ets, according to Olen Miller, the
chairman. Five hundred votes are
to be given on the Rodeo Queen
for each season ticket.

Rodeo Queen to be Chosen

Five dances are being sponsored
by the amusement committee of
the rodeo, with Carl Roberts in
charge. The first dance will be
held on Friday night of this week,
at which time the Queen of the
Rodeo will be chosen. The other
four dances will be held Wednes-
day, Thursday, Friday and Satur-
day of next week. All the dances
will be held at the Imperial hall.

The Pari-Mutual will be operat-
ed by a local committee this year
with P. L. Cowan in charge.

Drinking to be Banned

Under the direction of Clyde
Nelson, a group of men will police
the grounds and preserve order.
Drinking will not be tolerated. In-
toxicants slow up the show and
endanger the lives of those tak-
ing part as well as the spectators.

B. H. Stringham, vice chair-
man, who is in charge of the show
in the absence of President A. V.
Lewis, says the committees are
composed of the best group of
men ever assembled. The men are
hard working and have sacrific-
ed their own businesses for the
success of the rodeo, according to
Mr. Stringham. "There has been a
better cooperative spirit shown
this year by business houses and
individuals. No person receives
compensation for his work and
the entire proceeds will go to the
show for another year," stated the
president.

Hoimer Holcum, world famous
clown, and his mule, "Mac West"
will be the hit of the show. They
are full of laughs and their comi-
cal antics will keep the crowd in
a merry mood.

Talent counts in Dinosaur Roundup Queen pick

by Becca Donaldson
Assignment writer

Saturday night Nikki Wilkins was crowned the new 1990 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Queen.

The Rodeo Royalty was announced at Diamond Hills with entertainment by the Saddle Sages.

Nikki Wilkins, daughter of Scoot and Vicki Wilkins from Jensen, was crowned the Rodeo Queen.

"I was excited and really nervous waiting for them to announce and when they announced 'the new 1990 Dinosaur Roundup Queen is Nikki Wilkins' I was really surprised. I thought I would only get an attendant or something this being my first year," said Wilkins.

Miss Vernal is Brandy Wilkins, daughter of Rex and Debbie Wilkins from Jensen; Miss Uintah is Teresa Stacy, daughter of Don and Cherry Stacy from Talmage and Miss Congeniality is Melissa Plumb, daughter of David and Laura Plumb from Vernal.

"I really had a good time and I'm really excited to be able to represent Vernal. It will be fun to go to the parade and hopefully it will encourage others to try for queen. The scholarship is really worth it," said Brandy Wilkins.

The queen received a handmade

saddle by Brad McClellan, \$300 in scholarship money and a belt buckle. Each attendant received a breast collar, \$125 scholarship and a belt buckle. Miss Congeniality received a silver candle plate for the back of her saddle.

"Everyone received a gift packet with numerous gifts from local merchants," said chairwoman Sherry Gines.

Each participant competes in four areas. These areas include being photogenic, speaking at the chamber luncheon, horsemanship included a set pattern as well as creative horsemanship of their own choice and a personal interview dealing with rodeo, horses, and current events.

"The girls really have to excel in all areas because the judging is tight," Gines said.

As queen and attendants the girls will represent the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo on July 12 and be sent to various rodeos in Utah and Colorado. They are available to help local merchants in promotions and help out at rodeos.

"We get to go to the Days of '47 horse parade in Salt Lake and do a presentation ride. We get to ride around and wave at everyone too," said Stacy.

"The competition was really tough but all the girls did well, we're real-

ly excited for this upcoming year," Gines said.



DINOSAUR ROUNDUP royalty are (l-r) Teresa Stacy, Miss Uintah, Nikki Wilkins, Miss Dinosaur and Brandy Wilkins, Miss Vernal.

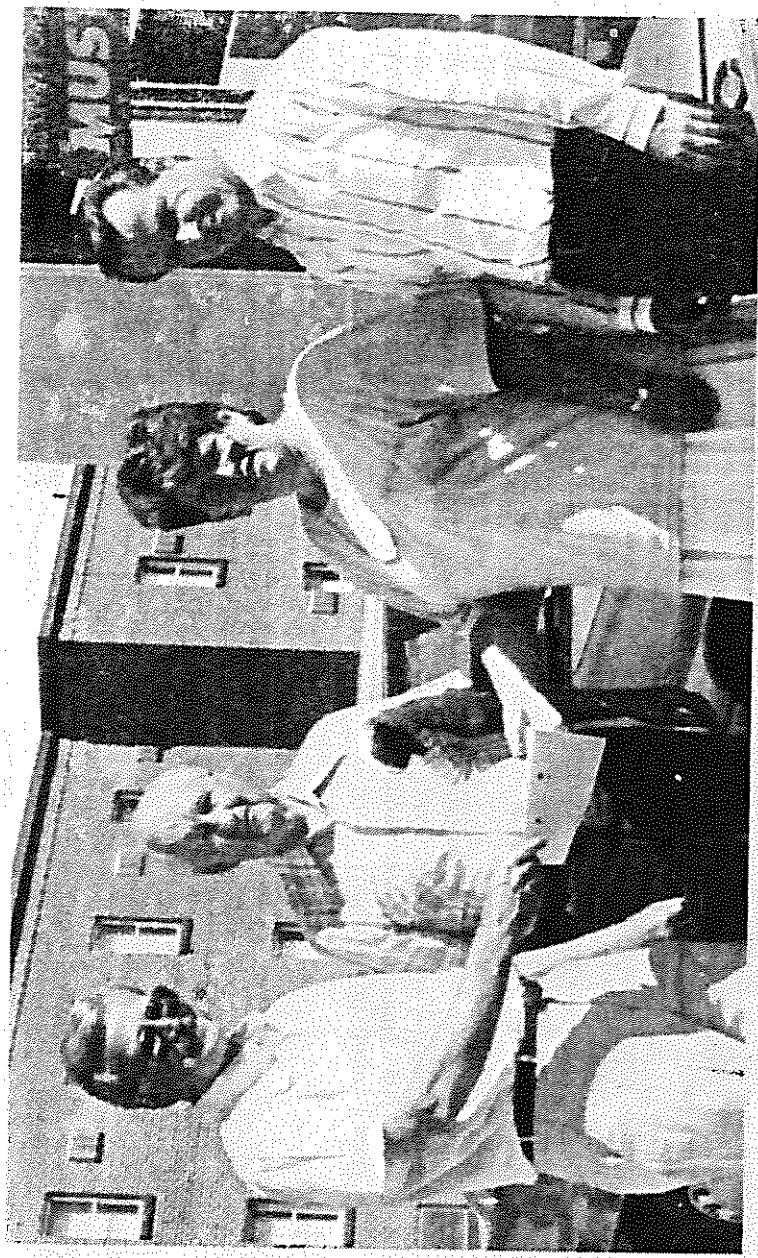
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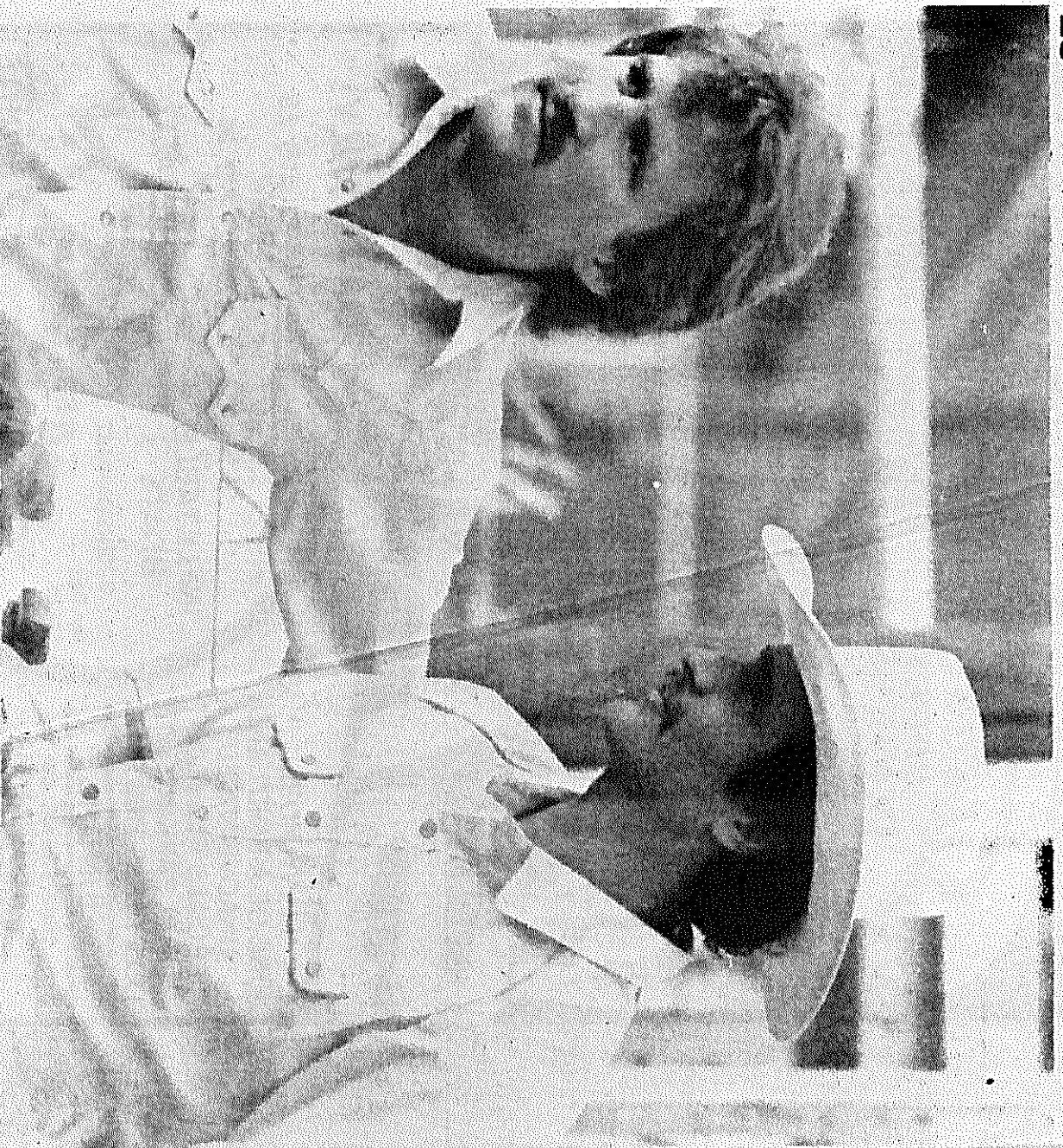


THE 1991 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Committee, back row, left to right, Mark Deardorff, Stan Anderson, Cathy Bigelow, Ray Kier, Carol Dudley, Lynn Runolfson, Marie Yoder, Howard Carroll, George York, Phil Timothy, Tex Gines, Sherry Gines, John Beaslin and Jack Slagg; front row, left to right, Del Brady, John Anderson,

Dusty Deardorff, Rolene Allen, Dick Winters, Don Johnson, Lane Thomas, Camie Anderson and Russ Perry. Not pictured is Joe Evans, Gene Bigelow, Jim Davis, Brad Horrocks, Dr. Jim Allen, Art Ylinchela, Jack Allred, Kelly Leather, Warren Mott, Steve Hatzidakis and Lance Gardner.



MARIE YODER and Del Brady accept a donation from Gary and Don Showalter for the Exceptional Rodeo. The Exceptional Rodeo will be on Friday night beginning at 7 p.m.



LINDERMAN AWARD winner, Lewis Feild, left, of Peoa, Utah chats with Dixon Hamilton of Wellsville, Utah. Feild received the Linderman Award due to winning the most money in three

or more events. Feild placed second in the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo's bareback bronc event.

Top ranked Utah cowboys compete in Vernal rodeo

Top ranked Utah bareback bronc rider, Lewis Feild of Peoa and Mickey Young of Wellington competed in the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. Feilds finished in seventh place in the 1981 bareback standings and Young netted fifth place. Feild also won the Linderman Award in 1981, which is presented to the contestant who earns the most money in three or more mixed riding and timed events. Feild, who competes in bareback, saddle bronc and team roping, beat out his closest competitor by more than \$27,000.

"I've been having a real good year. I won the bareback bronc event at Houston. I've had a lot of real good rodeos. I won the all-around at Clovis, N.M., and won a couple of saddles. I was the all-around at Union, Ore. I won at Farmington, N.M., and that was a good one. My bareback bronc bucked real good and I got an 86. I do better at bareback than saddle bronc. I try to psych myself up a little bit before a rodeo, but not too much," said Feild.

Feild added, "I won second in the National Finals Rodeo in the bareback bronc. I had an 82 and was second in ten goes. It felt good to make the National Finals Rodeo in my second year." Feild earned \$55,186 in his second year. He netted \$13,957 in saddle bronc, \$40,178 in bareback bronc and \$1,052 in team roping.

Utah's Feild netted a 72 in the bareback bronc event at the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, but he finished in second place to Nevada's Danny Brady at 73.

"I felt like I should have done a whole lot better. Bear Hug was a kind of nasty horse. He ducked two or three times. He was strong and gave me a good ride. He bucked good and he had me up in the air one time. I was spurring him pretty good and that's when he was bucking," said Feild.

Feild grew up on a ranch and took an instant liking to riding calves. With quiet confidence and determination, he grew up as a rodeo winner, qualifying for high school and college nationals finals three times each.

Young had a shot at the bareback riding world championship in 1980, after leading the standings most of the year, but finished second to Bruce Ford by less than \$3,000. Young placed fifth in 1981 with \$41,857 and his biggest single win was \$3,585 at Reno.

"I always think about finishing as high as I can. I placed in 77 rodeos in 1980. I had some 80s and netted an 89 in Ogden on Sundown. He went a ways then turned tight to the left and bucked pretty good."

Young competed in many Dinosaur Roundup Rodeos and this year he netted third place in the bareback bronc event with a score of 70 on Devil's Due.

"I felt like I rode real good. He started a little slow and then got better as he went along and gave me a shot at making a nice ride at the end. The Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo has a pretty good committee. If they get a crowd

they kick some back to the cowboys. Not even Cheyenne does that," stated Young.

The strenuous event of bareback riding fascinated Young the year his father took him to the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Mickey was 11 then, one of four children. LaVern and Ruth Young were raising on a relatively isolated area near Wellington, Utah.

They returned home and built an arena. LaVern purchased several bucking horses for his son to practice on and Mickey went to work, riding and falling, riding again in junior and later high school rodeos. He purchased a PRCA permit in 1971 and earned full membership two years after that.

Some other outstanding Utah cowboys who competed in the rodeo were saddle bronc riders, D.J. Terry, Vernal and Dixon Hamilton, Wellsville, Utah.

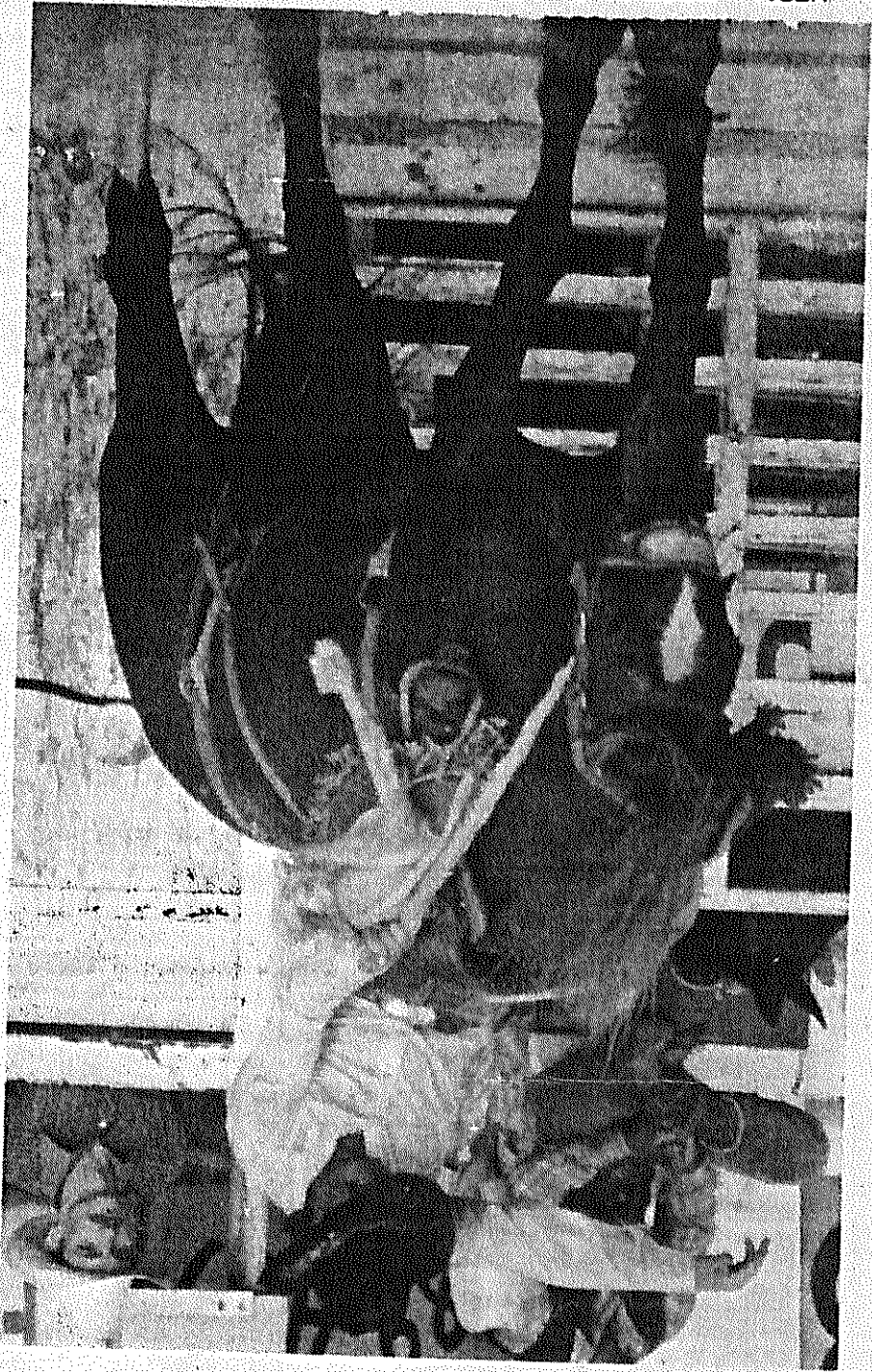
"Saddle bronc has always been my best event. I rode the bucking horse of the year, Frontier Airlines, to win Albuquerque with an 80. He bucked real good and was strong and fast," said Terry.

Hamilton placed first in the 1981 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo's saddle bronc event with a score of 88. "It was a really nice horse to ride. I made a good ride and he bucked really good," said Hamilton. "I've done a little bit once in a while. I had a 74 at Las Vegas and placed tenth. I keep coming back to the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo because I don't live very far from Vernal."

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VERNAL COWBOY, D. J. Terry, jets out of the starting gate during Friday's saddle bronc event in the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.



UTAH COWBOY, Mickey Young gets his gear ready for his bareback bronc ride in the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.



Two recognized during Roundup Rodeo kick-off

Two contributors to the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo were recognized last Friday at the kick-off banquet for the annual event.

Past president and long-time member of the Rodeo Committee, Jack Allred, was recognized as the Grand Marshall for this year's event. Allred has been involved with the rodeo both before and after it came under the wing of the Vernal Chamber of Commerce.

Honored as Legionary Cowboy was Doug Chew. Pete Christiansen, in honoring Mr. Chew said "He has been an outstanding example of service to others."

Mr. Chew was born July 9, 1902 in a dugout at the foot of Douglas Mountain in Brown's Park, Colo. He was the eleventh child in a family of 14 children.

"Times were hard but the Chew kids didn't know it," Christiansen said. "Life was an adventure. They had a loving Mother and learned responsibility and survival and to be self-reliant at a young age."

Christiansen obtained most of her information about Mr. Chew from his daughter-in-law Laura Chew.

Chew bought the famous Daniels Ranch in December 1941, and it has been in the Chew family longer than any other. He and his wife Eleanor made a good working team and they raised three children, a son, Dean and two daughters, Melba Ellen and Glee. Until a couple of years ago when a leg injury interfered, Mr. Chew was still riding horses. "He never learned to play like his brother, Ralph, nor does he have any hobbies. He still milks the cows, night and morning, raises a garden and raspberries. He tends and watches many broods of little chickens and their mothers every spring. He lives alone and takes care of himself with the help of Home Health Nurses and a caring family and many grandchildren.

"When he checks in up at the Pearly Gates, he will be with a well-worn used, but not rusty, body," she said.

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JACK ALLRED, Grand Marshall of 1992 Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo with his wife, Virginia at rodeo kick-off banquet.

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DOUG CHEW, Legionary Cowboy for 1992 rodeo.

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Uintah Basin cowboys pocket honors at rodeo

By Aldon Rachele

Several Uintah Basin cowboys pocketed honors in the 1993 Utah State Fair Rodeo, which was held recently in Salt Lake City. Jeff Crozier, Neola, captured second places in both the calf roping and team roping events. Crozier teamed

up Cricket Allen Jr, Vernal, for his team roping honor. The event was won by Tim Fryar, Houston, Texas; and Dennis Gatz, Ceres, California. Todd Sloane, Canyon Lake, Texas, placed first in the calf roping contest.

Don Bastian, Neola, garnered fourth place in the steer wrestling

event. Chad Bedell of Jensen placed third in the same event, which was won by Bill Allen, Pocatello, Idaho.

Other Utah cowboys taking honors were: Bart Poll, Clinton, Utah, second, steer wrestling; Brock Andrus, St. George, third; Lance Robinson, Farmington, fourth, calf roping; Richie Hamilton, Wellsville, third, bareback bronc riding; Justin Hodson, Ogden; Brad Hodson, Hooper, fourth, team roping; Jill Parker, Murray, first; Lynette Clyde, Draper, fourth; Teri Wood, Murray, sixth; Wendy Tingey, Layton, seventh; Norma Wood, eighth, Murray, barrel racing; Tom Norris, Erda, second; Casey Allred, fourth, bull riding.

Jensen's Bedell is currently ranked No. 13 in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association standings in steer wrestling with \$30,424 as of September 13. The leader is Lee Laskosky of Canada at \$58,083. Other Utah competitors in the standings are: Barbara Merrill, Santaquin, 4th, barrel racing and Kyle Kosoff, Ogden, 18th, calf roping. Ty Murray of Texas is the leader in the all-around standings.

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George S. Bowers Editor Of Uintah Basin Record Dies in Salt Lake City

George S. Bowers last week went to the Holy Cross Hospital, a very sick man, because of a malady he had had for about three years. His case was incurable and he succumbed on August 9th.

He was born at Timber Ridge, Green county, Tennessee in 1865, the son of Christian and Mary A. Bowers. Educated at Tusculum College in East Tennessee and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Taught school several years in Texas and then moved to Canyon City, Colo., and later to Denver where he remained until he came to Utah. He married Miss Jennie Fox in Tenn., June 24, 1904 and in 1905 they moved to Duchesne where Mr. Bowers took up a homestead on the Blue Bench, which was under the Knight project, and where they developed a profitable and beautiful ranch. In 1905 they moved to the town of Duchesne, and made a beautiful and comfortable home, and it is now one of the beauty spots in the city. Mr. Bowers has been active in all public and civic matters, locally, in the state and nationally. In 1923 he embarked into the newspaper business with C. B. Cook of Myton, who later died, and then Mr. Bowers became the owner of the paper, which was then called the Duchesne Courier and successor to the Duchesne Record. In August 1931, and for about ten months the paper came under the management of J. P. May and the Uintah Basin Publishing Co., and the name of the paper was changed to the Uintah Basin Record. But about April or May 1932, Mr. Bowers resumed control and management and has had control ever since as editor and manager. These have been strenuous times in editing and being responsible for the life of a country paper, but Mr. Bowers has been handling it in a way that has been a credit to his business ability and editorial sagacity of the paper. He has been in personal charge and made a success of the paper when he has been in the poorest health.

Uintah Basin Rodeo at Vernal Sept., 14, 15, 16

Program for Quarterly Conference on Saturday And Sunday Announced

A group convention will be held in connection with the regular quarterly conference of Uintah Stake next Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20th.

On Saturday at 2 p. m. the Relief Society will hold a meeting of executive officers in the Seminary building. At 2:30 a meeting of the Relief Society stake and ward officers. A general board member will be present. At 8 p. m. another meeting will be held in the same building.

At the Stake office at 2 p. m. stake executive officers of the M. I. A. will hold a meeting. At 2:30 a meeting of the joint stake boards will be held and at 3:30 a meeting of the separate M. I. A. stake boards will be in session.

At 8 p. m. at the Stake Tabernacle a joint meeting of stake and ward officers with high counselors assigned to M. I. A. while bishops and counselors of all wards will be expected to be present.

The Relief Society on Sunday will hold two meetings, 8:30 in the Seminary. Stake officers, ward presidents and bishops. From 10:00 to 12:00 in tabernacle, public meeting of the Relief Society.

At 9:00 a. m. in the Uintah high school the M. I. A. joint meeting will be held of stake and ward officers. From 10:40 to 12:00 separate stake and ward M. I. A. officers meetings.

The general stake conference will be in session at 2:00 p. m. at the tabernacle. At 8 p. m. the M. I. A. public meeting will be held in the tabernacle to which all are cordially invited.

\$28,000 Will be Distributed to Farmers of Basin For 1933 Wheat Payment

There are 190 farmers in Uintah county, producing wheat, resulting in a combined acreage of 3936 acres, according to E. Peterson, emergency county agent. The average yield in Uintah county is 25.6 bushels per acre. The average annual production for the past five years is 100,904 bushels.

Three Big Days of Wild West to Bring Thousands To Vernal. Promises to be Most Attractive Rodeo Ever Staged in Inter- mountain Region.

People who visit the Uintah Basin Rodeo at Vernal on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 14, 15 and 16, will have a taste of real frontier days and the west as it used to be. There will be assembled for the big event some of the hardest bucking and wildest horses, and the best riders in the states of Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

Not only will there be bucking horses, steers and calves, bulldogging and roping, but there will be some fine harness races each day. More than a thousand dollars will be given as prizes for the events.

Arrangements are being made by the committee in charge to take care of one of the largest crowds ever entertained before in the history of Vernal.

Guy Rife of Rock Springs has been engaged to bring a string of 80 wild horses to the rodeo. He had a crew of cowmen gathering the broncs and will start them for Vernal the first part of the coming month. Mr. Rife has brought horses to Vernal rodeos at various times in the past and has the reputation of being one of the best rodeo men in the west.

B. H. Stringham is general chairman of the rodeo and is very enthusiastic over the prospects for a big event. John Jorgensen, chairman of the grounds committee, has been busy arranging for repairs to the sheds, chute and other buildings at the fair grounds, where the event will be held. Mr. Jorgensen reports the race track in splendid condition.

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Gusher Service Station Owner Fires Into Car Of Gasoline Thieves

Just before midnight Sunday evening, James Eskelson at Gusher heard thieves busy at the pump of his service station stealing gas. Arming himself with an automa-

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to work on Indian canals and improvements. The State could use some of their efforts in improving the fish hatchery at White Rocks. There is no community in the Basin that could not make use in some way of the labor of a detachment from the camp and that with great profit to the betterment of the community.

The men are here and are well organized for constructive work. They, no doubt, will be retained for another six months or more in the C. C. C. camp rather than dumped among the unemployed before a better recovery has been made. Hence, the best thing to do would be to locate them where their labor or could be employed to help build for the greatest good at the least cost to the Federal Government.

Uintah Basin Rodeo at Vernal September 11-13

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Races are in charge of Al Weeks, who has been making a survey of possible entrees for harness races. He reports that there will be a fine line-up of good racing horses for each day of the celebration. He is making plans for such races as the three-eighths mile, half-mile, five-eighths mile, quarter mile, half mile and mile during the three days.

Wallace Siddoway, in charge of bucking-horse, roping, bulldogging and roping events, said that there will be a good showing of riders, from the number of inquiries he has received.

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Uintah Basin Rodeo Draws Big Crowds to Vernal

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Three-Day Celebration Was
Big Success. Guy Rife
Puts on Splendid Show.
Expert Ropers and Riders
Participate. Races Finest
in Many Years. Proceeds
Turned Over to Ashley
and Davis for Chapels

The annual Uintah Basin Rodeo held at Vernal last Thursday Friday and Saturday lent a festive spirit to Ashley Valley as crowds gathered from all parts of the Basin to witness one of the finest shows presented in many years. The well organized celebration went off with a snap with something doing every minute. The races were all good the bucking horses were unusually game, the hardest bucking aggregation of horse flesh ever to appear at the Fair Grounds. The roping was well done, the bareback riding of unusual interest and the various other features which made the show a good one were all well carried out.

Too much credit cannot be given to Guy Rife, his cowboys and his string of wild bucking horses. For the third time he has brought his outfit from Wyoming to Vernal and put on a show to help finance the construction of local chapels, only asking in return the bare expenses to cover the cost of the trip. He has put on just as fine a show each time as if he were being handsomely compensated for his efforts. He is a great lover of the Rodeo and the success of the Vernal Rodeo is one of the hobbies of his life. He has a great admiration for the people of Vernal and the men who have worked with him in the management of the rodeo year after year.

George Conway was acclaimed the best rider of the show and was awarded first place in the finals of bucking. Joe Hickey of Lone Tree received second place and Bob Norman of Jensen was third.

Thursday's Program

On Thursday, the opening day, 'Hart Sand,' ridden by H. Fenn won first place in the three-eighths mile 3-year colt race with 'Red Roamer,' ridden by G. Rhodes second.

'Goldie' ridden by G. Rhodes won first in the three-eighths mile free-for-all with 'Oliver' ridden by Boyd Oliver, second. In the half-mile free-for-all 'Dad's Hope' ridden by D. Thompson, was second and 'Piny Pirate' ridden by H. Fenn second.

'Jaborandi' ridden by H. Fenn won first in a spectacular five-eighths mile free-for-all race with 'Sox' ridden by Eldredge, second.

In the bucking Alf Rickey was awarded first. George E. Conway second and Howard Dudley, third. Gerald Caldwell won first in bareback riding. R. Stewart second and George E. Conway third.

Lew Perkins won first in calf roping. Ralph Bennett second and

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LINTAH BASIN RODEO DRAWS BIG CROWDS

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Melvin Crocker, third Stanley Eaton won first in the half-mile relay and Lawrence Allen, second Lyle Cottrell won first in the milking contest, Ivan Powell, second and Joel Eaton, third

Friday's Program

On Friday the crowd was much larger than the opening day and cars were parked the entire distance along one side of the grounds. The half mile free-for-all race was won by 'Goldie' ridden by G Rhodes and second place by 'Pal O Mine,' ridden by B Oliver. 'Blue Cone,' owned by C Wash won first in the three-eighths mile Indian race with 'Whiterocks' owned by Fred Mart, second and 'Daylight,' owned by Veldon Johnson third.

In the three-eighths mile race 'Jaborandi,' owned by Dr. L D Stewart, was first and Tom Ploomfield, owned by Joe Hickey was second. 'Scott Kyne,' owned by F Roberts was first and 'Pigeon,' owned by R Lewis was second in the half mile non-winners race. 'Hart Sand' won first in the three-eighths mile race, the first race of the afternoon and 'Red Roamer' second.

Clyde Hall won first in bareback riding, Howard Dudley second and Farley Peacock, third. Ralph Bennet won first in calf roping. Lew Perkins second and Melvin Cropper third. Joe Hickey won first in riding bucking horses. Mickey Hicks second and Bob Normon, third. In the milking contest Ralph Bennet won first. Ivan Powell second and Lee Wokrian third. In the wild horse race Jack Condon was first and Bob Normon second. Ott's Weeks was first in the novelty race and Earl Caldwell second. Jack Brown made a good ride on 'Roman' in the bucking contest but the horse got away, went thru a barb wire fence and fell on the rider, although not inflicting serious injuries. While Jay Block was roping a calf his horse became tangled in the rope and ran away with the calf. Another cowboy roped Block's horse and his horse almost got away, creating for a few minutes considerable excitement.

Saturday's Program

A record crowd attended the Rodeo on Saturday afternoon the closing day. 'Hart Sand' won first place for the third consecutive day in the three-eighths mile race. 'Red Roamer' won second place. 'Daylight' won first in the three-eighths mile Indian race with 'Whiterocks' second and 'Walfo' third. 'Scott Kyne' won first in the half-mile race. 'Scott Kyne' and

'Goldie' tied for second

In the half-mile non-winners race 'Jack Snapper' owned by Dee Leavitt won first 'Orphan Annie' second and 'Fighting Red' third. In the one-mile race Jabo and was first and Dad's Hope second.

Gerald Caldwell won first in bareback riding Clyde Hall second and Harley Peacock third. Ralph Bennett won first in calf roping. Max Williams second and Lyle Lee third. In team bucking horses Fay Block was first Yakima Kid second and Len Wadsworth third. 'Blossom' ridden by Wright Noel won first in the three-eighths mile saddle horse race. 'Whitefoot' ridden by Otis Weeks second and 'Bess' ridden by L. Cotterell, was third.

In the musical chair race Duard Campbell was first and Tom Miller second. Bob Normon won first in the wild horse race Jack Condon second and Micky Hicks third. In the milking contest Lyle Cotterell won first Lyn D. ley second and Lee Workma third.

B. H. Stringham as assistant manager did much to make the show a big success. The members of the various committees did a fine work and spent many hours of their time unselfishly to make the show go over big. A neat sum was realized approximately \$1000 for the two wards and it is expected that with this help Ashley will be able to complete their chapel and Davis ward complete the roof and several other parts of their chapel.

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this project within the
days, Dr. Nelson said.

Uintah Basin Rodeo to Be on Sept. 10, 11, 12

September 10, 11 and 12 are the
dates for the annual Vernal Rodeo.
Various committees are busy at
work on details connected with the
big show. A parade will be a big
feature of the Rodeo to be held
this year.

B. H. Stringham, vice chairman,
is in charge of the Rodeo during
the absence of Chairman A. V.
Lewis, who is in California.

A fine program of horse racing
is being prepared under the super-
vision of Hugh W. Colton, chair-
man. The bucking and roping are
expected to be even better than in
past shows, according to John Jor-
gensen and H. E. Seeley, chairmen.
A complete list of committees will
be published next week.

Guy Rife of Rock Springs and
his famous string of bucking horses
and cowhands, will be on hand to
assist in the show.

A new car will be given away
during the Rodeo. There will be
various forms of entertainment to
amuse the large crowds expected to
attend during the three days.

A number of improvements are
under way at the Fair Grounds,
under the supervision of a com-
mittee headed by Citis Weeks as
chairman.

One of the most popular clowns
in the western region is being
booked by the committee for all
three days. Many outside race
horses, riders and ropers have al-
ready made arrangements to at-
tend the big show at Vernal.

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Vernal 1st Rodeo queen returns

Few remember Vernal's Rodeo in 1935, but Mrs. Enid Johnson Brown remembers, she was the first Vernal Rodeo Queen that year.

Then the contest was mostly a popularity contest with each LDS Ward in the valley nominating someone for the queen.

"I didn't have a hat to wear so I found a man wearing a nice black hat and asked him if I could use it," said Mrs. Brown. "He gave the hat to me."

The hat was a little big, but it did not matter as she won the crown.

The rodeo back then is nothing like it is today, she said. But it still was a major event in the community.

Mrs. Brown now lives in George Town, Calif. She comes back to Vernal frequently.

This weekend she will meet with classmates for the 60th UHS class reunion. There were about 25 graduates back then.

She remembers riding her horse Buck from Maeser to school every day.

She also remembers her father talking to Earl Douglass, who was showing him a hip bone of a dinosaur.

"I remember my father saying that 'That man has been in the sun too long,'"



ENID JOHNSON BROWN, Vernal's first rodeo queen.

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Vernal cowboy honored

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One of Vernal's most famous rodeo cowboys, the late Earl W. Bascom, was recently made an honoree of the Cowboy Memorial located near the town of Caliente, Calif., in the ranching country of the Tehachapi Mountains.

Museum director Paul de Fonville paid tribute to Earl Bascom as "One of the great pioneers of rodeo--a cowboy through and through."

Bascom, who was born in Vernal in 1906 to Uintah County Deputy Sheriff John W. Bascom and wife Rachel Lybbert, cowboied and rodeoed for many years.

As a cowboy, Bascom worked on some of the biggest ranches in the West, like the Scrup Ranch in southern Utah of over one million acres, the Two Bar and the White Bear ranches of Colorado and the Knight Ranches of Alberta, Canada that ran some 18,000 head of cattle.

Bascom gained rodeo fame for inventing rodeo's first one-hand bareback rigging back in 1924. Bascom's rigging is now standard equipment for bareback bronc riding at rodeos world-wide.

The Cowboy Memorial was established to help preserve the heritage of the American Cowboy with its displays of cowboy memorabilia and artifacts, including an extensive antique saddle collection.

The museum which is also home to the largest collection of branding irons in the world, hosts an annual 'Cowboy Chuck Wagon Dinner,' where cowboys and guests feast on Dutch oven cooking.

At the Cowboy Memorial, Bascom's name will be placed along with other cowboy greats such as Casey Tibbs and Yakima Canutt.

Bascom passed away in 1995 at his ranch in Victorville, Calif., at the age of 89.

1923 Commercial Club 4th. ed. ^{Barbieri} rodeos fireworks parade ^{Bands}
 1924 ^{Golden} C. inaugurates Golden West Days ^{an annual}
 1926 Wild West Rodeo will conclude ^{several} ^{Rodeo event}
 1927 Rodeo to be held with 200 ^{celebration}
 hand made saddle as prize

1928 Rodeo, races, parade, & ball games attract
 1929 County fair & rodeo is ^{pioneer day} ^{unprecedented} success

1930 ad. Guy Rife - rodeo - fair

1931 M. C. Campbell plans for huge rodeo at Victory Park

1932 Arthur Piterman - injured at rodeo - died

X 1932 Jensen Rodeo draws ^{men} ^{crowd} at
 Haslem grove - pioneer day

1932 Blue Mtn Cowboys to put on 3 day rodeo in Vml
 August

1932 Sept - thousands expected to attend 3 day
 Blue Mtn Rodeo at fair grounds.

1933 Blue Mtn rodeo to be held on July 24 (Jensen)
 races, baseball - bands

1933 Wild west rodeo by Blue Mtn. cowboys to be held on 24

1933 Rodeo date set for 1st at Jensen 1,000 people attend

1933. Uintah Basin rodeo to be held here Sept 4-16
 (biggest one - Guy Rife attracts attention John Jorgensen)

"Rodeo puts new life in Uintah Basin People"

"Rodeo turns 815 to first Ward Chapel"

1934 - Blue Mtn rodeo Indians admitted free (Jensen)
 1,800 people attend July

1934 - 80 of Rife Wild horses to take part in Vml Rodeo
 (Uintah Basin Rodeo) Sept

"40 horses competed in races"

"String of outlaw horses arrive here from Wyo." ^{Guy Rife horses}

1925 Myton rodeo

1934 Ashley - Davis - held to raise money for 2 ward chapels

1935 Blue Mtn rodeo held at Jensen July

1935 Vernal rodeo - Sept - Guy Rife - CCC. Uintah Basin
 mentions Rodeo Ass. of Am - 3700 in rodeo prizes
 airplane stunts at rodeo

1935 First Queen Enid Johnson -

1935 Vernal Rodeo - Editorial

1936 A V Lewis re elected pres for 1936

1936 Utah Basin Rodeo - Guy Rife - 4,000 prizes -
car to be given away free at rodeo.
Used famous clown to entertain
Half mile street parade
A Saunders sound system to be used
most successful event in years.

1937 J. R. Douglas pres.

Earl & Wildon Bascom - trick riders signed -
Guy Rife horses

2 carloads of Texas steers arrive for rodeo.

Parker with best in nation

1938 \$5000 prizes to be given -

look up

Aug 11 - 1-7

20 long ^{Texas long} horned steers purchased for Vernal Rodeo

Grandstand to seat 1400 at Utah County fairgrounds -

Dances to elect Queen

Thelma Woolley chosen queen

5000 attended final day

1938
June 16 - 1-6

New grandstand. to be completed by WPA -

1939 — Brahma Bulls & Rife horses come to Vernal
Wild West Stampede

~~Illuminated~~ Illuminated at cost of 300
cocoons & carnival

Nellie Hall Queen

1940 — Deon Hatch named Queen

Horses ?

Alvin Week pres -

1941 - Guy Samuels pres -

Hillside Rodeo Corporation to supply stock
\$6000 in prizes

Oct 3

Devere Carroll named head of Rodeo

Paula Hazelbush Queen

Proclamation Rodeo attire

Olis Weeks

big improvements made on corrals, scales, chutes -

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Kid Vaughn

1902 Rough riding Contest
Joa Burton

Sept 6 3-4
notes from Vol Ex.

1914 thousands enjoy 4th cel.
July 10. 1-3 rodeos
Commercial Club

1915 - Uintah Basin celebrated
greatest 4 - rodeos

1921 4th 2 day fair program
July 8, 1-1 rodeos - band and parade

RIEFS Clean-up Drive To be Sponsored By Jr. Chamber

Snow from nine to 15 inches covered the valley. At Elk George, a heavy snowfall was reported at La-terlocks. My-ty were not in measure. Snow in measures to Raymond were oper-Blair Basin. The four and by mountain.

man Payroll unity in Uin- number of supporting d industries. popular pro- Garage at ve gone into bread and product baked when a local a fine prod- doors away. as complain- side products can be pro- price and sugar fac- plants," said "when we institutions our use Loy- are funda- success of said.

Vernal Rodeo Adopts Articles at Annual Meet Held Monday at Bank

At the annual meeting of the Vernal Rodeo held at the Utah State Bank directors' room Monday evening the articles of incorporation of the association were approved with minor corrections.

The articles provide for a board of sixteen members, eight to be elected for a period of two years and eight for one year. Hereafter eight directors will be elected annually for a period of two years. A president and vice president will be chosen from among the directors. The chairman of the board of county commissioners and the mayor of Vernal are ex-officio vice president of the association. The annual meeting of the organization will be held the second day of December each year.

The Vernal Rodeo has initiated a project for the construction of a new grandstand at the Fair Grounds, and according to P. L. Cowan, chairman of the committee, it will be a substantial structure capable of accommodating 1500 persons when completed. The stand is to be 150 feet long and 40 feet wide. Over 100 thousand feet of lumber will be used in its construction.

A splendid annual report was made at the meeting by Secretary Ralph Watson and President J. R. Douglass.

Truckers Must Have In- spection Certificate to Haul Cattle From County

County Attorney Clyde S. Johnson has given notice to all truck drivers and others handling livestock for shipment outside of Uin-tah county, that an inspection slip of condemnments must be procured

S. F. Fair Sets '39 Fashions



The 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, to be held on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, already is setting the styles for next year. Here Beth Cleve displays a "Treasure Island" bracelet designed by Marie Ayrault and hung with pirate charms. Note the dress print worn by Miss Cleve, showing some of the World's Fair towers and palaces.

Weed Control Research Started by State and U.S.

Utah Chapter American Red Cross Praised for Drive and First Aid Work

At a special meeting of the Uin-tah county chapter American Red Cross, held at the Utah State Bank directors' room Thursday evening of last week, Neils Christensen, state representative, praised the chapter for its many achievements during the past year. Mr. Christensen commended the splendid work of Mrs. Lloyd Shlimmin in conducting the successful membership drive. He said the local organization ranked foremost in the state in first aid education and emergency stations. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Margaret Witbeck, chapter chairman.

He urged the chapter to send a delegate to the life saving school to be held at Como Springs in July and to the national convention. The Red Cross is receiving contributions to aid Chinese sufferers but is not conducting a campaign or allotting quotas, said the visitor.

Lions Club to Initiate Movement to Publicize Utah's Scenic Spots

A movement was started at a

State and federal agencies are cooperating on an intensive weed control research project, aimed at solution of one of the state's most serious agricultural problems. S. C. McCrory of Washington, D. C., chief of the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, reported at Salt Lake Tuesday.

Mr. McCrory is making a routine "inspection visit" to offices in his bureau in the western states.

The weed control research project, one of the newest to be undertaken by the bureau, is being carried forward at Logan in connection with the Utah State Agricultural College. Mr. McCrory said. "There has not been much research into weed control and consequently weeds have become widely scattered throughout the agricultural sections," he said. The project which has just started, is aimed at discovering more effective mechanical measures to be used on the war on weeds.

The Bureau of Agricultural Engineering is also handling the engineering work for numerous migratory fowl refuges being developed throughout the state and nation, the official reported.

In Utah, the bureau also has an irrigation program and is assisting in the cooperative snow survey.

Mr. McCrory conferred with L. M. Winsor, district engineer of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering.

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Roosevelt Wednesday on account of
the sickness of her granddaughter,
Norma Haslem.

Leon Glenn received word that
his brother Earl was very sick with
pneumonia at Park City.

The Bazaar given by the Relief
Society was well attended.

Speakers at Sacrament meeting
Sunday night were Thomas E. Kidd
and Wilber Oaks.

The men of the ward started
Wednesday to tear down the school
house.

Mrs. Elva Bennet and baby of
manila is visiting her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Thomas E. Kidd.

Vernal Rodeo Grows into Utah's Major Attraction

The most colorful event each
year at Vernal is the Vernal rodeo,
now famous through the inter-
mountain west. In conjunction
each season is a race meet attract-
ing race men even from distant
points.

But it is the true western rodeo
with its bucking, roping, bulldog-
ging, thrills in every feature that
attracts the large crowd attending
each of the three days' events.

For the past sixteen years the
Vernal rodeo has been an attrac-
tion. First held in conjunction
with the Uintah county fair. It
was then just a rodeo with local
ropers and riders vieing for hon-
ors. At the time of the discontinu-
ance of the fair the rodeo fea-
ture had become a main attrac-
tion.

Without any reward, only the
honor of having done service to
the community, a rodeo committee
decided to try what a rodeo alone
would attract. Larger crowds
than ever attended. Better and
more thrilling stunts were intro-
duced.

The growth in attendance and
betterment of program has proven
the value of the first committee's

venture. Riders of note attend each
year, who declare the Vernal ro-
deo is second to none, which they
visit.

True to the first committee's
action, officers and committeemen
served without remuneration, giv-
ing service worth hundreds of dol-
lars. Not only the committee but
others such as the Uintah high
school band and its leader Karl J.
Engar, give their services.

The rodeo queen chosen this year
was Deon Hatch with her attend-
ants Althera Caldwell Laura Man-
waring and Kathern Markey.

Officers and committeemen were
Alvin Weeks, president; DeVere
Carroll, vice president; Ted John-
son, secretary-treasurer committee-
men, Donald Burr, Lee Bennlon,
Guv Samuels, George Roth, Otis
Deeks, J. C. Anderson, June Gra-
ham, Francis Felch, Howard L.
Caldwell, Hugh W. Colton, Martin
W. Curtis, Kenneth Stringham and
H. E. Seeley.

At a meeting in the near future
will occur the annual election of
officers. At this meeting will also
be determined the dates for the
1941 Vernal rodeo.

MINISCENCE

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Griffin is clerking in
central school building
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VERNAL RODEO COMMITTEE—At bottom, left to right: DeVere Carroll, finance; Ralph Watson, secretary-treas.; Otis Weeks, advertising; Howard Caldwell, concessions; J. R. Douglass, president; Grant H. Calder, advertising. Top—Kenneth Stringham, entertainment; Alvin Weeks, first vice pres. and bucking; Guy Samuels, racing; Lee Bennion, roping; J. C. Anderson, concessions; Hugh W. Colton, grounds.

For the thousands who still thrill at the words "let 'er buck," and at the age-old feud between the smiling cowboy and the outlaw horse, Vernal Rodeo offers each year one of the finest shows in the West. Not even Wyoming's historic Cheyenne Days, Oregon's famous Pendleton Round-up, nor Idaho's heralded Henry Stampede can boast a better show than Vernal produces each year for its thousands of patrons who gather from all ends of the Intermountain country. As a matter of fact it is practically the same group of cowboy ath-

able and the quality of the rodeo will letes who perform for the big prizes at other shows, which come to Vernal.

Stretching over a decade, Vernal's Rodeo history has shown growth and improvement. Bucking horses and steers, hardriding, fancy-roping, and bulldogging cowboys, along with fleet racehorses, were a part of Vernal Fourth and Twenty-fourth celebrations long before organized rodeos made their bid for popularity. However, it was in 1928—when the rodeo was held in connection with the Uintah county fair under the direction

of L. H. Allan—that big-time rodeo first came to Vernal.

It was also then that Guy Rife, veteran stock raiser and sportsman of Rock Springs, Wyoming, first brought his string of wild horses to the local show. Since then Rife's name has become an institution in Vernal Rodeo history, and it is with some deep regrets that the current committee, working hard on the 1938 edition of the meet which is scheduled for September 8, 9, 10, announces the retirement of Rife. However, a portion of Rife's string of horses is to be avail-

not be impaired.

Important names in connection with Vernal Rodeo history are those of B. H. Stringham, who was chairman in 1930, Wallace Siddoway, A. V. Lewis, John Jorgenson, Wilson Murray, and Alvin Weeks, along with J. R. Douglass, who has held the reins of chairmanship during the last two years and is again heading the committee for the '38 show.

The horse races held in connection with the Vernal Rodeo are of such quality as to bid with the bucking and bulldogging for top spot in interest.



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1111, construction of mess hall, administration building and barracks, which will be worth approximately \$25,000 when completed. The contracts for the construction were made this, Thursday morning.

By addition of this land to the county fair grounds the grandstand and race track will not be disturbed and will be available for fairs and rodeo entertainments at all times.

Vernal Rodeo Planned For September 12-14 At Fair Grounds

Guy Rife, Wyoming rodeo manager, if present plans are carried out, will again entertain vast crowds at the Uintah county fair grounds September 12, 13 and 14, at a rodeo not yet equaled in this section.

The purchase of the land north of the fair grounds and on which the CCC camp will be located will leave the original fair grounds for the entertainment.

J. R. Douglass and B. H. Stringham of the committee in charge of arrangements expect full details will be made at a meeting tonight for the best rodeo ever held in this section.

Mr. Rife has entertained in Vernal for the past two years and has won the admiration of a host of friends by his high class entertainments.

Willow Creek Boy Loses Hand

Jerry Hatch, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hatch of Willow creek, this (Thursday) afternoon, received an injury, which necessitated the removal of part of his right hand.

Mr. Hatch roped a mule, but his saddle horse failed to respond as he should and the rope caught his hand, entirely severing the bones, leaving only skin and tendons to hold his fingers on. The thumb was uninjured.

Mrs. George Thorne gave first aid. He was brought to Vernal and is resting nicely in a local hospital.

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Vernal's Big Three-Day Rodeo Opens at Fair Grounds Today

Vernal CCC Win Labor Day Tilt At Roosevelt

Playing without the services of Manager Frank W. Wright, Vernal's baseball club dropped a 11-10 encounter with Vernal CCC in Monday's Roosevelt rodeo game, making a no-win record for the three post-season Basin tourneys.

Behind the pitching of Mason, CCC righthander, and a sprinkling of errors by the Vernalites, the Conservation boys scored runs in almost every inning, and were threatened only in the last frame when the locals went into a batting spree, scored five runs and loaded the bases. At this point the CCC portsider, Cable, replaced Mason on the mound and retired the side without further damage.

Jimmie Abplanalp, Vernal's perennial mound fixture, kept the hits of CCC batters fairly well scattered but errors at critical points ran the camp boys' score up. Vernal batters had a good day with the hickory, each collecting at least one hit. Reed Wiscombe turned in the hardest hit of the day, a round-tripper with one on.

Scheduled for Thursday evening is a meeting of the Basin League committee. Plans for the play-off games to determine both first and second half league champions are to be made. With Vernal, Vernal CCC, Myton and Roosevelt, all eligible to compete in the play-off, a round-robin tournament is expected to be scheduled.

Former Uintah Basin Girl Awarded Contract For Movie Appearance

Miss Loraine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence I. Johnson, formerly of Roosevelt and now residing in Long Beach, California, has been given a motion picture contract by Paramount, according to news releases this week. Miss Johnson is a niece of Snellen and A. N. Johnson of Vernal.

Miss Johnson has been an outstanding performer in numerous Players' Guild productions, and after studio tests was given the contract. Officials of Paramount are reported to have been delighted by the results of the tests as to photographic values, voice and dramatic ability, and to be planning to give the youthful star roles in two pictures in the near future.

The Johnson family moved to Long Beach several years ago and Loraine has been attending Polytechnic high school. She would have been graduated in another year, but will now study at the Paramount Studio school. Her agent, Marty Martyn of Hollywood, stated in response to inquiries, that he believed and hoped that the studio would not give Miss Johnson another name for the screen.

Miss Johnson has been a student of Elias Day, Players' Guild director, and has appeared in several Guild and high school plays. Her important role in "East Horizon" presented by the Long Beach Players' Guild in 1936 claimed the attention of Hollywood movie scouts.

Stage Set for Finest Rodeo Yet Presented in History of Basin. Riders, Race Horses and Wild Horses Ready for the Show.

Cowboys—lean, bronzed ones—who have ridden in several rodeos already this summer, were lolling in shady corners of Vernal Wednesday relating stories of famous bucking horses and determined steers. Guy Rife and his horse wranglers arrived Tuesday evening after trailing 91 wild horses from the Rife ranch in Wyoming. Workmen completed Tuesday two new sets of bleachers at the fair grounds. Rodeo committeemen were busy Wednesday morning installing banners and decorations on Vernal streets. A dozen or more trucks and trailers pulled into town Tuesday to set up a big time circus. Townspeople are wearing large capacity hats and bright shirts and handkerchiefs. The stage is set for Utah's premier wild west show, the Vernal Rodeo, which will get under way at 1 p. m. today when Miss Billie Haslem, Rodeo queen, and Miss Virginia Dodds, "Miss Vernal," head the street parade which precedes the rodeo events.

Vernal's popular cowgirls, Miss Haslem and Miss Dodds, who were elected at the Monday pre-rodeo dance, were visitors at the office of Governor Henry H. Blood Tuesday, when they extended to Utah's chief executive an invitation to attend Vernal's celebration. In their cowboy regalia the girls were the object of much camera clicking during their visit at Salt Lake City. Veteran of three Vernal rodeos

Wilkerson to head Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo as "legendary cowboy"

A.C. Wilkerson, cowboy, rancher and author has been selected as this year's legendary cowboy for the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

Arbun (A.C.) Wilkerson was born Oct. 22, 1915 in Neola, Utah. His first love affair with horses started when his grandfather, Than Workman, put him up on his black work horse "Fox" at three years of age to ride home from the plow field.

A.C.'s first start in the cow business came after he had worked for a rancher in Lone Tree, Wyo. at age 16. When the rancher couldn't come up with his summer's wages, he paid him off with some of his worn out work horses which he traded for heifer calves when he got home.

A.C. married Mildred Wyman when he was 18 years old and she was 15 years old. She died when she was 25 years old with rheumatic fever. They had three children, Virginia, Jean who was dragged to death by a horse and Alan who died with rheumatic fever.

A.C. then married Bertha Hamilton, and they had eight children, Neil, Rex, Marie, Shirley, Barbara, Chad, Louise and Bruce.

When he was 30, A.C., his father and uncle Eugene Workman purchased the Marimon Ranch in Whiterocks Canyon. Later A.C. bought out Eugene.

The winter of 1950 and 1951 A.C. sold his cows and bought a camp trailer and 2-ton truck, loaded up his thoroughbred horses and family and went to Tuscon, Ariz. to race horses. The winter meets are tough so he didn't do very well there but that was the year of the hard winter and the bottom fell out of the cow business so he missed out on that. During the race meet A.C. saw his first quarter horses and fell in love with them. He saw, "Moneta," "Bard BS," "Rukin String" champions after he came back he traded Pete Hunt his thoroughbreds for land he used for winter range in Montwell. When the price of cattle started up A.C. bought the forest permit that had been sold off the Marimon ranch and it made a real nice 100 cow outfit with the turn out at the north of the ranch into Whiterocks Canyon which is a box canyon with very little riding needed. Clive

Sprouse liked the outfit and offered A.C. a 200 cow permit on Dry Fork Mountain with winter range on Green River, so A.C. traded with him thinking he could make twice as much money with no farming to do but it turned out he couldn't make as much.

After three years A.C. sold the outfit back to Clive and ran his cows on 160 acres of land he purchased at the mouth of Dry Fork Canyon and some Indian leases he had south of Neola. He used the land he traded for from Pete Hunt to purchase 80 acres with a house on it on the Neola road.

After A.C. came back from racing at Tuscon he decided he wanted to be a roper so after watching the horses being used A.C. decided Mark Oberhansly was riding the best one, a little bay mare raised in New Mexico, so he bought her for \$225.00, a big price at the time.

The mare was in foal when Mark bought her, the colt was a horse colt and later Mark bred the mare back to him and the next spring she foaled a filly, A.C. called her "Skippy Clegg." When A.C. started to break this mare at two years old he could see what Mark had told him about disposition was right as the mare learned fast and he started roping on her the same year and at three years old she was a finished rope horse.

Doc Jenkins and A.C. were roping together in 1958 when someone organized a Uintah Basin Championship. Points were accumulated by money won in the Uintah Basin and Western Colorado. Doc and A.C. won it but it cost A.C. three fingers.

The finals were in the Vernal Arena. Woody Searle and Leland McNeil were second in points so it took a win to beat them. Doc never missed a loop in all the rodeos and A.C. only had to take one second loop.

Doc made a fast catch on the head and A.C. made a fast catch on the heels. The only trouble was that this was in the old tie fast days and one of the coils in the rope hadn't opened when A.C. grabbed the slack out of the air. He took a run to jerk the steer down, it cut three fingers off, Doc was hollering for A.C. to jerk the steer down so he

could tie it.

A.C. looked down at his hand and decided his fingers couldn't get much worse so he pulled the steer down with fingers in it and won the championship.

A.C. didn't even get to receive his trophy as they hauled him off to the hospital and his son Rex received the trophy for him.

It is a small plaque with an inscription on it, but it is one of A.C.'s most prized possessions, maybe because it cost him so much.

A.C. was president of the Uinta Cutter Association in 1982. During which time the grandstand was built at Petroleum Downs and a new row of stalls installed.

Other positions held by A.C. were president of the Uintah Cattlemen's Association for two years. Board of Directors Utah Cattlemen's Association two years, president of the Roosevelt Roping Club and president of the Uintah Quarter Horse Association.

He spends the winters in California and Arizona where he writes books. Three have been published, "Hard Times," "Guide to the Lost Gold Mine" and "Butch Cassidy, the Utes and the Gold Pages." He has just finished, "Taming the Colorado River." He has also sold many short stories.



A LEGEND--A.C. Wilkerson and a few of the trophies he's earned over the years in horse shoes.

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Wilkins crowned rodeo queen

Seventeen year old Brandy Wilkins, the daughter of Rex and Debbie Wilkins received the title of Miss Tri-State-Rodeo Queen in Rangely, Colo., on May 5. She competed against girls from Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado.

She received a 2-horse trailer, a trip to National Finals Rodeo and \$100 cash to use as she likes. She also received a banner, buckle sponsored by the Elks Lodge in Rangely, and a gold and rhinestone tiara.

Wilkins will be representing many rodeos in Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado. She is involved with the Uintah High School Rodeo team where she has qualified for state in the barrels, breakaway roping, and in the queen contest in June.

Wilkins was Miss Vernal last year for the Dinosaur Round-up Rodeo. She would like to be able to go on to the Miss Rodeo Utah and Miss Rodeo America competitions when she turns 18. Brandy would also like to go to college when she completes school and be a child care clinic specialist and work with handicapped children.

Wilkins' first attendant is Shelly



Brandy Wilkins

Pinnt of Fruita Colorado. She is 17 years old and involved in the Little Britches Rodeo in the barrels, breakaway roping and the goat tying. Wilkins' second attendant is Tammi Koense of Vernal. She is the daughter of Susan Trout and Pete Koense of Vernal. Koense is 18 years old and is a member of the Uintah Basin Barrel Racing Association where she loves to run the barrels.

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Witbeck, Sursa claim team roping title for big payday

Bruce Tippetts
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Vernal's Slade Witbeck and Heavy Sursa from Bluebell hit the jackpot after winning the YET! #10.5 Ariat World Series Team Roping finale Dec. 13-14 in Las Vegas taking home \$342,000.

The partners were clocked with an average time of 34.60 seconds on four turns beating out roughly 600 other teams.

"When we won, the emotions that came over, the last thing that came to my mind wasn't the money part," Witbeck said on Thursday with an interview with UBMedia. "The biggest thing is we accomplished something that we try to do every single year. We put so much blood, sweat, money and everything into it. Our families and friends are our biggest partners."

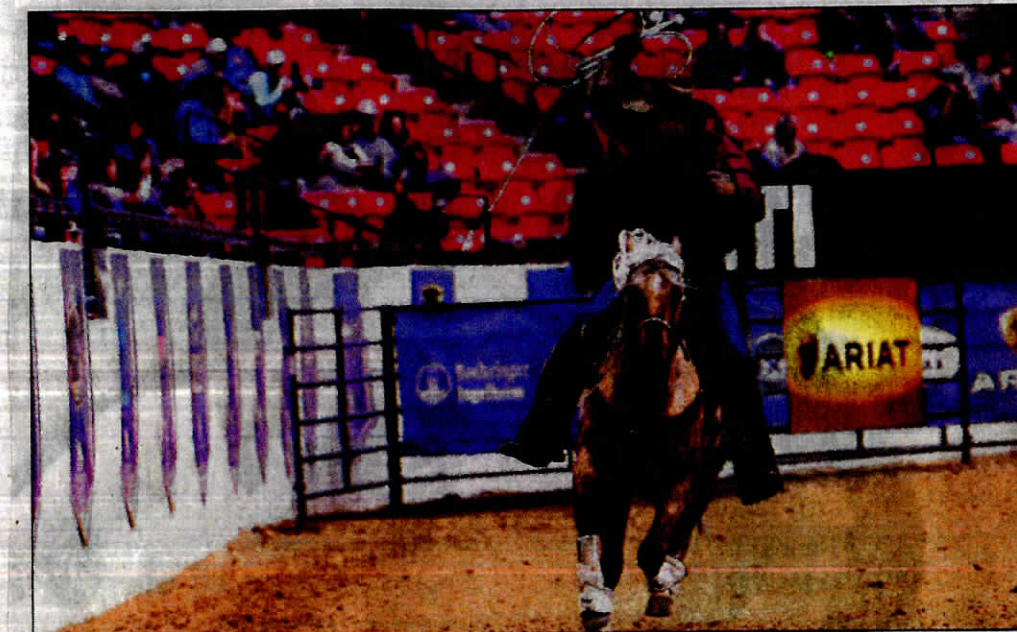
The two have made the finals before but this is the first time they were together.

"Heavy has been trying for a big win like this for awhile," Witbeck stated. "I was more excited



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Slade Witbeck, left and Heavy Sursa completes a team roping run recently during the YET! 10.5 Ariat World Series Team Roping Finale in Las Vegas.



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Slade Witbeck celebrates during the YET! 10.5 Ariat World Series Team Roping Finale in Vegas.

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that I won it with him. He is such a great guy."

Nora Hunt-Lee and Justin Johnson from Fallon, Nevada, were second with a combine time of 34.80 to win \$257,000.

"There was a team that went into the No. 1 spot right before we did," Witbeck said. "It was a tight race with the top 50 teams making the final."

Jayme Marcrum from Springtown, Texas, and Zack Cobb from Rio Vista, Texas, were third at 35.51 seconds to bring home \$185,000.

"I don't focus on the competition a whole lot," Witbeck said. "The biggest thing is you have to beat the steer. You have to be able to rope whatever steer you get. The steer we draw is my biggest competitor."

Witbeck said the steer the team drew in the short go was a good one.

"We just went and did the best that we could with that steer," Witbeck added. "Heavy did a good job of chasing the steer down to get him turned. I came around to make sure I got the two feet."

Witbeck said this is the 14th year the team roping competition has been held

in Las Vegas.

"Team roping has blown up," Witbeck explained. "You have to be mounted on great horses, be able to compete and win. It has grown so much. It keeps growing because of the money you can win."

The Utah team qualified for the team roping nationals back in March during the Triple T Production Perfect 10 Super qualifier.

"We have had such a good year together," Witbeck added. "The reason why Heavy and I mesh well is that we are trying to help each other out and make good clean runs to win."

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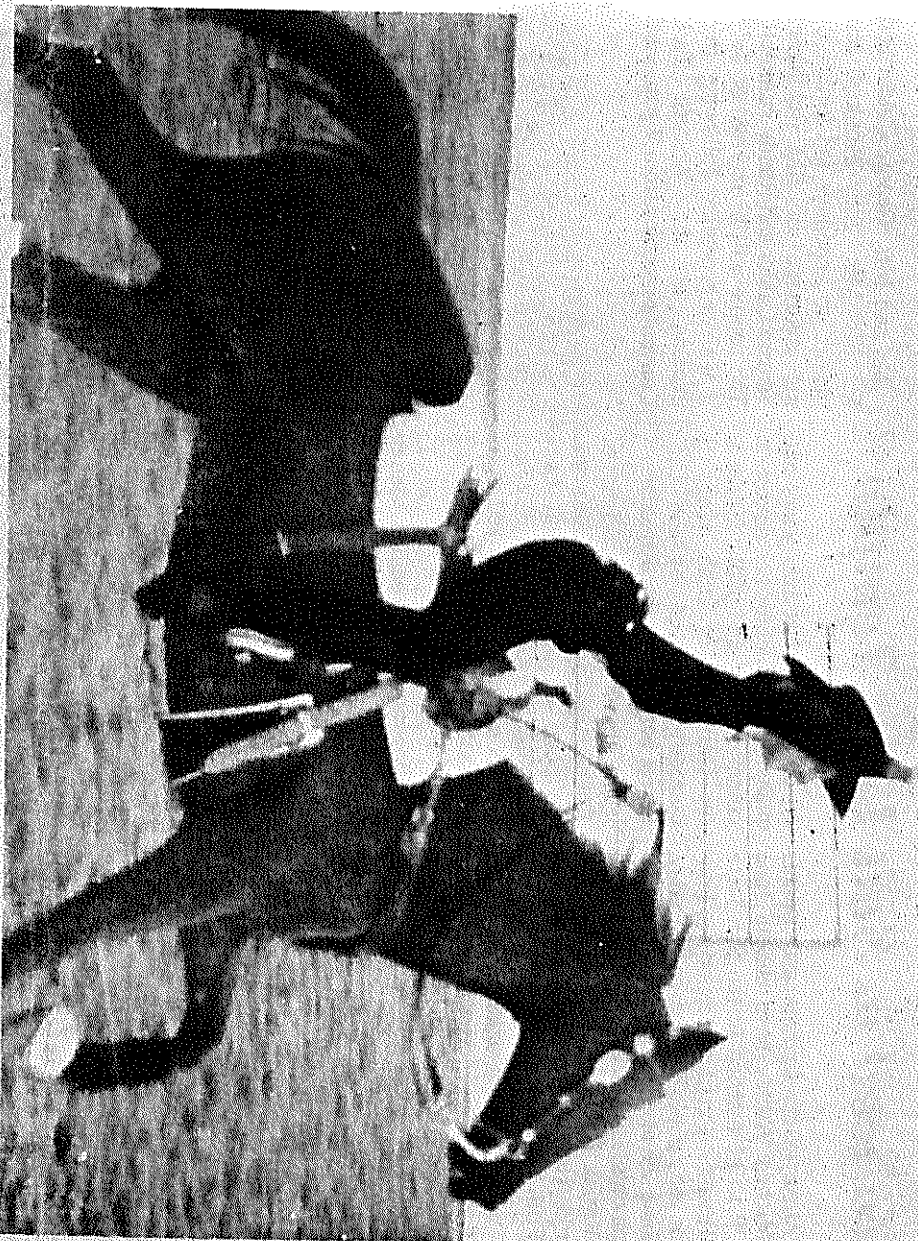
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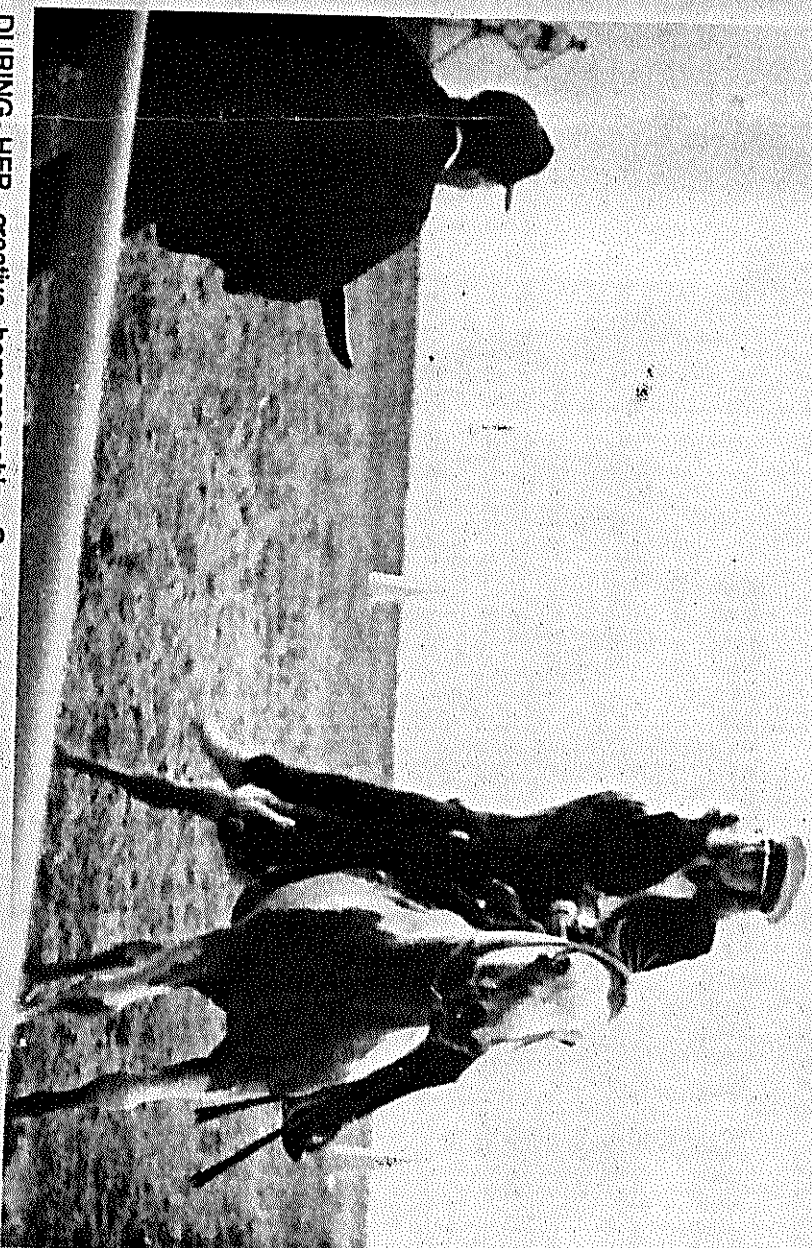


HEATHER HOBBS, Miss Uintah; Sonia Witbeck, rodeo in Salt Lake City. The young girls will reign Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo Queen; and Nichol Aldredge, Miss Vernal will represent the Uintah Basin during events such as the Days of 47 and 13.



NICHOL ALDREDGE takes a last pass around the Western Park indoor arena after talking to the judges. She was named Miss Vernal during a

dinner at the Diamond Hills Cate last Saturday night.



DURING HER creative horsemanship, Queen Witbeck maneuvered Jackets Dandy through narrow bridges, coming to a complete stop and

even wrestled a bull played by her father, Greg Witbeck, (foreground).

Witbeck named Dinosaur rodeo queen

Sonja Witbeck, 18, daughter of Greg and Shana Witbeck of Vernal, was crowned Queen for the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

Witbeck will be riding in the parade on July 11 and attending the rodeo on July 11-13. She and her attendants will also be participating in the Days of '47 parade in Salt Lake City on July 24.

Witbeck was also named as Miss Congeniality and Miss Photogenic. She rode Jackets Dandy.

Nichol Alldredge, 16, daughter of Ned and Sharon Alldredge of Roosevelt, was named Miss Vernal. She rode Miss Jagaban Bailey.

Heather Hobbs, 16, daughter of Joe and Jacque Hobbs of Vernal, was named Miss Uintah. She rode Pazazz.

"I'm excited and looking forward to working with Nichol and Heather," said Witbeck.

The girls competed in four different areas: an interview which was held on June 18, at the chamber meeting, a horsemanship contest that consisted of pattern riding and creative show held in Western Park Arena and a personal interview with the judges who were from Heber, Utah. The queen and her attendants were named at a dinner at Diamond Hills Cafe.

Brandy Wilkins, Miss Tri-State Rodeo Queen and Miss Vernal from

her horse.

The judges look for horsemanship, their own ability to control and work with their horse, difficulty, creativity and originality.

The girls put a lot of time and money into preparing for this event. It is estimated that 2-3 months of training with their horse every day for a few hours, not including the countless hours beforehand preparing the horse. Money is spent on clothing, upkeep of the horses and tack.

The girls will travel all over to represent the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo. They will be going to Neola, Colorado, the Days of '47 Parade, and the local rodeos and parades in Vernal. They are available to local businesses for promotions and will be helping at the Western Park Arena. The girls also spend time with Miss Rodeo America and Miss Rodeo Utah during the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo and at the autograph session with the rodeo clowns. They continue through August representing Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo.

Each girl received a promotional packet with coupons, gift certificates and membership cards to various businesses in town. Transportation to different functions will be given to each through approval from the committee.

The queen was given a handmade saddle by Brad McClellan, a \$300

scholarship to be used to further her education, a belt buckle, tiara and placard.

Each of the attendants received \$200 in scholarship money, belt buckles and breast collars made by

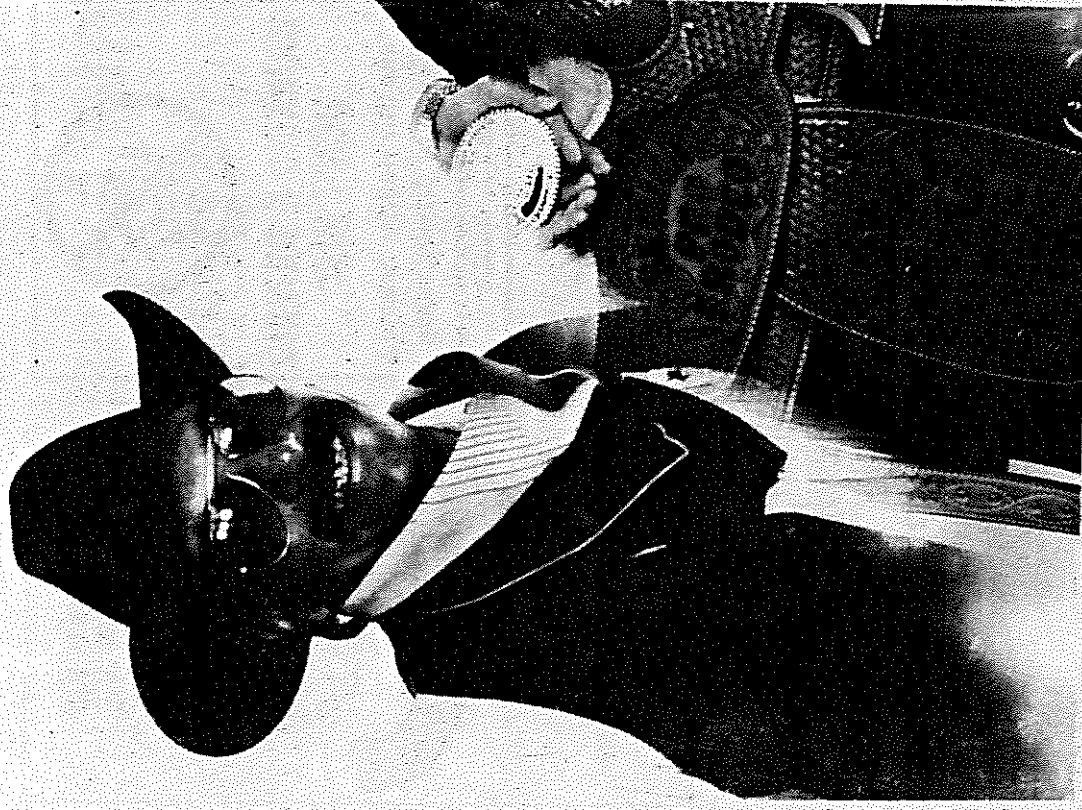
Lee Mecham of Neola.

Witbeck also received a candle plate and silver brooch for being Miss Congeniality and Miss Photogenic.

"The whole committee thought all

the girls were exceptional and the speeches the girls gave were excellent. Everyone was well prepared," said Gines. "It was the toughest competition I've seen in six or seven years."

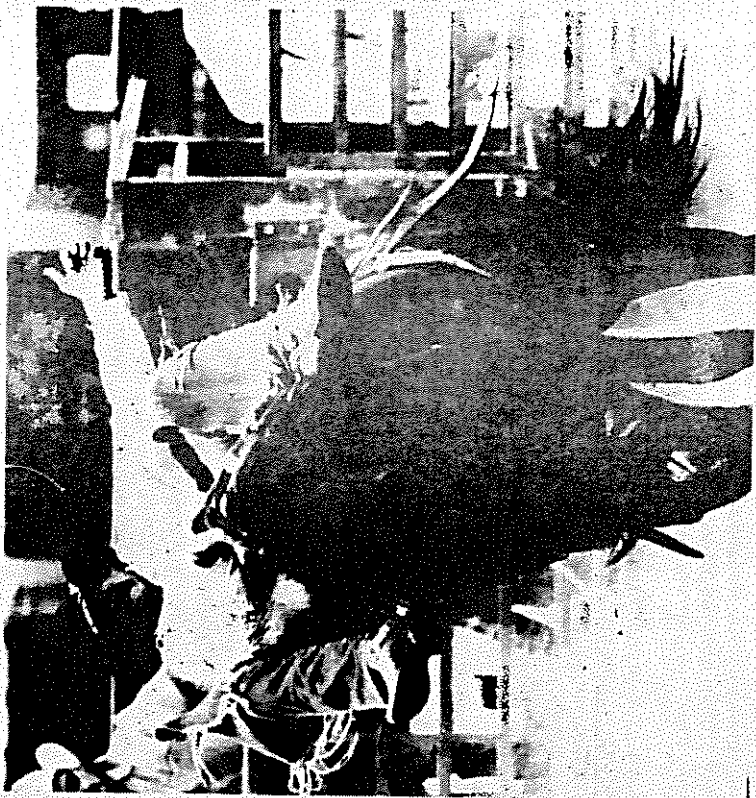
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WORLD CHAMP--Sherwood Cuch stands next to a trophy saddle that he won recently as National Seniors Rodeo Bareback Bronc riding champion. He competed at the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals.

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HEADED FOR THE FINALS--Sherwood Cuch, Ft. Duchesne, has qualified for the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals to be held in Reno, Nevada, November 7-13 at the Reno Livestock Center. Cuch is a bareback rider.

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Local cowboy star to clash at rodeo finals

By Aldon Rachele

Fort Duchesne cowboy, Sherwood Cuch has locked up the 1993 World Championship Bareback title prior to the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals, which begins in Reno, Nevada, Thursday, November 11 and continues through Sunday, November 14.

Cuch's lead is too large for any cowboy to surpass at the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals. Cuch also won the bareback championship in 1992. Cuch and 400 plus cowboys will compete for top honors at the Finals.

Legendary cowboy, Benny Reynolds, who was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame last month, will be one of the many top competitors to take part in the Senior Pro Rodeo Finals. Reynolds was the 1961 Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association World Champion All-Around Cowboy. He will compete in every event at the Senior Pro Rodeo Finals except Ladies Barrel Racing.

Reynolds, a rugged, slim cowboy with natural athletic ability, is originally from Montana. Reynolds, who has competed in the sport of rodeo for over 30 years, hasn't lost any of his vigor or endurance.

Other world champions over the age of 40 will also take part in the Senior Pro Rodeo Finals.

Contestants competed at Senior Pro Rodeos in the United States and Canada to qualify for the Finals. Featured events will be: bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, team roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, calf roping and ribbon roping.

In addition to the rodeo performances, there will be rodeo cowboy and clown reunions, dances, a fashion show, and many other events. The Rodeo Cowboy Reunion is set for Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12. Rodeo performances on Saturday are set for 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Finalists will compete for championships Sunday starting at 1 p.m. Jackpot roping was scheduled to begin Monday, November 8. For more information call 1-800-FOR-RENO. The rodeo will be held at the Reno Livestocks Events Center.

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