

ALASKA HIGHWAY NEWS

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ONLY WEATHER HINDERED SUCCESS OF LEGION ANNUAL STAMPEDE HERE

The Stampede opened under fair skies Monday, enjoyed a \$3500 gate, and got off to a wonderful start, only to be rained out Tuesday. The cowboys Protective Association which puts on the show, provided plenty action and excitement for the fans, and satisfaction was expressed on all sides with their performance.

Gayland Shows which operated the midway provided the largest show and ride package ever seen this far north. This was fine for Gayland but not so good for the church and club booths which depend on the Stampede for revenue for their various works and projects. Gayland even brought along its own french fry, hamburger and hot dog outfit. Such a variety of rides and attractions left less money for food than in former years and business at the local stands was considered less than brisk even on Monday.

The Show Goes On
With 6000 people in the grandstand, the stampede show carried on in spite of pouring rain Tuesday afternoon and evening. A good crowd slogged through the mud to play games and ride the attractions Tuesday night until a fracas broke out on the midway about 9:45 p.m. and closed the attractions down for the night.

One of the dance officials Monday night took a beating from a couple of customers, triggered off by an argument. One of the CPA riders fell from a chuck wagon, and broke a leg. Generally, however, the three day show was uneventful, the crowd fairly orderly, and no accidents were recorded among the spectators.

No Pay-off on Insurance
Lloyds of London had insured the Fort St John Stampede against rain—a comforting thought to North Peace residents as the skies opened up Tuesday morning. But Lloyds was free of any disbursements. Reason: the Canadian Legion had insured the hours between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. but it was set forth that in this period of time one tenth of an inch of rain must fall. One evening actually did fall, so the insurance was cancelled. Again, Tuesday night, the insured period was between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. No rain fell until ten minutes after eight o'clock. Therefore, no money was paid.

Legion officials will be happy if they break even. They can however rejoice the fact that they made a good effort, and great credit is due, as always, to the courage of the members of this post to undertake a show of this size. It has shown improvement each succeeding year, and only weather could have hindered its terrific success in 1957.

(Late Report)

The three-day Stampede, the fourth annual of the Canadian Legion, Post 102, came to a tri-

umphant end on Wednesday evening and considering the weather record for the summer, the Legion won in the gamble they took. Every place else cancelled; with the Dawson Creek Agricultural Show later. The same skid road attractions are hired as for here.

The Legion hopes to break even on the forty-sixty percentage they entered into with the visiting performers and entertainers. The usual co-operation was forth coming

from Cecil Lake and Montney Posts. The second day saw the program run off but the mud and condition of the ring was cruel. The Queen contest was won by Beverley Hoar, sponsored by Vern's Men's Wear store, who had no trouble in walking away with the decision.

Mr. W. Swanson of Ryerfort, Alta. won the \$100 bill provided by the JayCees. He visited the North Peace a while ago, felt cheated

Hard surfacing of the area in front of the McMahon Garage at Charlie Lake has been laid out and wide, smooth driveways into the property have been completed. The work was done by Columbia Bitulithic Company. W. G. McMahon said that the hard surfacing was part of a permanent improvement policy being worked out at all outlets along the Highway for the "66" brand gasoline and automotive products.

At the bulk sales and retail area at what was formerly the X-L Refineries, now taken over by the Pacific Petroleum-Phillips Petroleum groups, further hard surfacing has been done. Here also the asphaltting was done by Columbia Bitulithic Company.

Mr. McMahon said the "66" brand product is increasing on every

"This is no doubt to the extent to which the fact that much a home industry course all gasoline under "66" sign purely local", Mr.

Mr. McMahon returned from Calgary where with associates.

"There is a the in Peace River de said, "and when t at Taylor gets b everyone looks for business and ind ment in northern bia."

Black Top For McMahon

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Meet the Stampede Queen Candidates



The winner was Miss Beverley Hoar, second from left, top row. The girls in the picture are, left to right, back row: Myrno Bacon, sponsored by Paddy's Service; Beverley Hoar, Vern's & Dursling, Cuthill's Meats, Sherry, Sandhorn, Glacier Drugs. Front row: Jeannette, Pacific Petroleum; Vern's Meats; Carla Pomeroy, Rudy's Photo Shop; Mary Ann Stuby, Spicer's Baker Y; Noreen Andrews, Condill Hotel.

Machines and Men Roll the Map Back

THE Unimog, four wheel diesel work-horse, is here shown as it plied back and forth from camp to Upper Halfway River the day the big explosion and fire took place at the Sinclair Canadian Company, gas well.

One man died from burns and two were seriously injured that day. The Unimog took the worst road that ever led to a drilling site in its stride and could be depended upon to convey aid to the stricken boys at the flaming well. This unit is used as a passenger

vehicle as well as a freight carrier. The four wheel drive, high-from-the-ground axles, amazing power and perfect balance makes the Unimog the oil workers' dream come true for negotiating mud, chuck-holes, corduroy roads and



NORTH PEACE CREDIT UNION OPEN NEW BUILDING

Official opening of the new Credit Union Building in Fort St. John was set for the afternoon of Aug. 28. Details of the programme have not yet been announced.

A film depicting Credit Union success in community building will precede the official opening and will be shown at the Carlsson Theatre.

Fort St. John Credit Union occupies a fine ground floor office in the new building. The Union has grown rapidly, having doubled its assets in the past two or three years. It now has at least \$600,000 in assets. Its loaning methods have proved of benefit to members and a genuine force for encouraging

Novelty Show

Following the week with the town will have offered the ticket Dr. Kifer, with the sponsorship August 29, 30 a School Auditorium a lot of fun for He offers a good of entertainmen demonstrates h hypnotized and the audience t the rest of the

POLICE COURT

Clashed in Midway Fracas