

IT'S EXHIBITION AND RODEO TIME AGAIN

Sizzling Flapjacks And Bacon

-To Be Served

All the hectic activity of the Lethbridge and District Exhibition that gets under way Thursday will not necessarily be at exhibition grounds.

Businessmen in downtown Lethbridge have lined up a program for Friday and Saturday designed to keep visitors busy during the mornings.

Activity in the downtown section Thursday morning will take the form of a mammoth parade that will start to roll at 10 a.m.

WESTERN ATMOSPHERE

Four chuckwagons will serve sizzling flapjacks and bacon from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Friday and Saturday. They will be stationed at various points in the business section within easy reach of hungry fair-goers.

Western music will add atmosphere to the area and two clown acts will be run off each morning.

"Sanchez" and "Slim Pickens" will put on two clown acts each between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. both Friday and Saturday.

Most stores in the business area have taken on a western air in their display windows and staffs have donned western attire.

No Last-Minute Rush



—Staff Photo: Herald Engraving.

There won't be a last-minute rush this year in getting the midway set up in time for the three-day Lethbridge and District Exhibition and Rodeo. Royal Canadian Shows pulled in early and are already set up for opening day. Two members of the midway crew are shown above working on one of the kiddie rides.

Big Parade Kicks Off Colorful Three-Day Event

Headed by a colorful three-mile long parade at 10 a.m., the 1956 Lethbridge and District Exhibition and Rodeo gets underway Thursday for three big action-packed days.

In a two-way celebration the big event will also mark the 50th anniversary of Lethbridge as a city.

Everything is in readiness for the colorful occasion according to hard-working C. E. Parry, secretary-manager of the Lethbridge and District Exhibition and Fair Board.

The midway which played at Medicine Hat last week, has been on the grounds here since Monday afternoon. It will open Wednesday night for exhibition eve on-lookers who usually converge on the grounds.

The parade, rodeo, chuckwagon races, midway and grandstand performances will be the climax to the jubilee and rodeo spirit which has been creeping into Lethbridge for several weeks as residents donned 10-gallon hats and western outfits to get into the swing of things.

Mayor T. Russell Haig will officially open the rodeo at 2:10 p.m. and Hon. L. C. Halmrast, Alberta's minister of agriculture, will officially proclaim the opening of the fair and of the evening grandstand performance at 7:55 p.m. Thursday.

PARADE ROUTE

The parade will get under way promptly at 10 a.m. It will marshal on the corner of 4th Ave. and 14th St. S. From there it will proceed west to 13th St., north to 3rd Ave., west along 3rd Ave. to 5th St. S., south along 5th St. to 4th Ave., east along 4th Ave. to 11th St., where it will disband.

At 1:30 p.m. livestock judging will take place at the fairgrounds. Horses, Aberdeen Angus cattle and sheep will be judged.

Eighty-six horses and 96 head of sheep have been entered in the various classes. Showing the Aberdeen Angus cattle will be such well known breeders as W. L. McGillivray, Jim Manier and Jacobson and Anderson, all of Coaldale and Orrin Hart of Claresholm.

Judges will be Grant McEwan, Calgary, horses; Donald Matthews, Calgary, Aberdeen Angus, and Philip Rock, Drumheller, sheep.

FEATURES

At 2:15 p.m. the big rodeo gets under way with top name cowboys from throughout western Canada and the United States vying for honors in the wild cow milking, bareback riding, calf roping, Brahma bull riding, steer decorating and other contests. Clowns will fill in the brief gap between riders.

At 7:15 p.m. the chuckwagon races, which helped to make the Calgary Stampede world famous, will be seen for the first time in Lethbridge. Twelve top outfits, some of which saw action in the Calgary and Edmonton stampedes, will be out to do their best in an effort to pick up marks for the Cowboys' Protective Association all-Canadian awards.

At 8 p.m. the grandstand performance will be spotlighted for the evening audience. This will be followed by the fireworks.

FRIDAY

At 10 a.m. the judging of the Hereford cattle and swine will get things rolling for the day. Thirty swine and Hereford entries from the herds of Noble Bros., Okotoks; William Weber, Claresholm; Isaac Zoeteman, Pearce; Glen Powlesland, Del Bonita; Hunter Bros., Fort Macleod and Donald Sandaman, Okotoks, will be vying for the awards.

Also at 10 a.m. in front of the grandstand, the horsemanship division of the Miss Rodeo Canada queen contest will be held. Judges for this event will be George Ross, Jr., of Acan and A. L. Gerr of Lethbridge. At 2 p.m. the dairy cattle will be judged.

The rodeo gets under way again at 2:15 p.m. to be followed by the chuckwagon races at 7:15 p.m. At 7:45 p.m. in front of the grandstand trophies to the winners in the various exhibition classes will be awarded.

At 8 p.m. the Miss Rodeo Canada queen will be crowned in front of the grandstand.

The evening performance of the grandstand show will start at 8:15 p.m. At 9:45 the draw will be made for a "radio bicycle" and also for the Shriners' Pontiac star special car. Then at 10 p.m. there will again be the fireworks.

SATURDAY

On Saturday, the final day of the exhibition and Stampede, activities get under way with the rodeo at 2:15 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. the chuckwagon races finals will be run which will be followed by the awarding of the rodeo trophies. At 8 p.m. the grandstand show again hits the spotlight. At 9:45 p.m. the Kinsmen's car draw will be made which will be followed by the fireworks to mark the end of the exhibition and rodeo.

Continuous daily for the three days from 1:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. will be the big midway of the Royal Canadian Shows, with action, fun and thrills for young and old alike. The midway headlines everything from monkeys to roller coasters.

RODEO QUEENS

The contestants for the Miss Rodeo Canada contest, Marlene Morton, Warner; Mary Ellen Jones, Ponoka; Mary Turcato, Taber; Joanne Sharples, Claresholm; Beverly Hoeh, High River and Mary Ann Massey of Medicine Hat, arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon and were met and shown to their accommodation by members of the Soroptimists' Club.

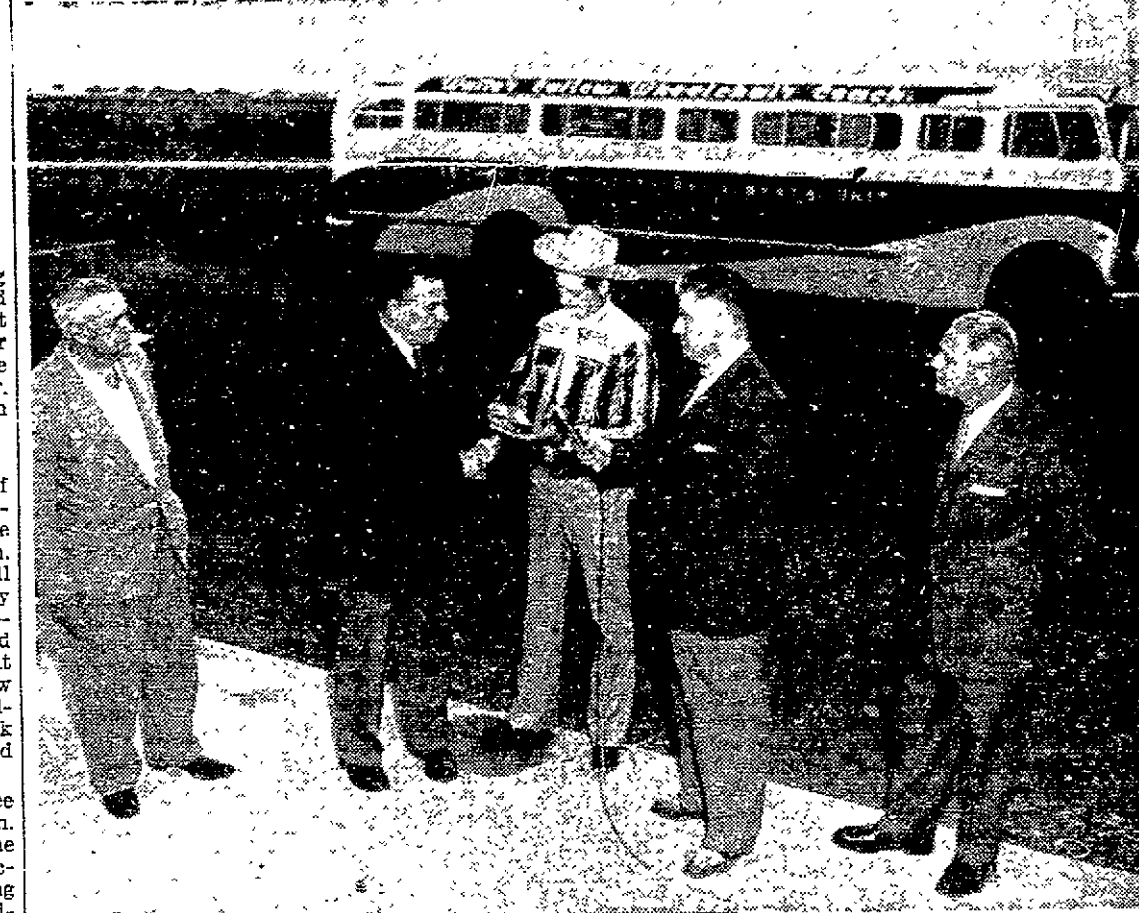
At 10 a.m. on Thursday, the contestants will assemble at the exhibition office in the Marquis hotel to take part in a parade. At 12:30 p.m. a reception dinner will be held in the Marquis hotel. Personality judges at the banquet will be Orville Brunelle, William Frust and Chris Ridley, Mrs. E. Christensen and Mrs. Murray Robison. At 5 p.m. the queens will appear on CJLH-TV.

Friday at 10 a.m. the horsemanship judging for the queens will take place in front of the grandstand at the fairgrounds. Following the horsemanship judging, the Miss Rodeo Canada queen will be announced and at 8 p.m. she will be crowned in front of the grandstand just prior to the evening show.

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Displays and exhibits this year promise to be one of the biggest in the history of the exhibition and stampede. There will be 20 thematic displays, including those of 4-H clubs, 35 machinery dealers will display their wares, 11 car and truck dealers, 31 industrial and commercial displays will be on view, plus at least 23 refreshment booths, which will sell everything from a full-course meal to the rodeo hot dog.

Hundreds of entries have also been received from handicraft, art and home-cooking exhibitors. The St. John's Ambulance brigade and other special nurses will be on hand at all times in case of accidents. Police officers will also be on duty and may be contacted at the exhibition office at the western end of the fairgrounds.



—Staff Photo: Herald Engraving.

A cheque for \$3,000 for final payment of the Walter Callow Wheelchair Coach was presented by William Williams of Taber, president of the Canadian Legion Alberta Command, second from left to Mel Fengstad, centre, president of the Callow Coach Fund. Others at the presentation were Harold Long, extreme left, director of the Callow Coach fund; C. L. (Pat) Hamilton, chairman of the General Stewart branch of the Canadian Legion polo campaign, and R. A. Reagh, past president and past district commander of the Canadian Legion in Lethbridge. The coach is seen in the background.

Train Back On Schedule

For the first time since March, the Kettle Valley passenger train of the C.P.R., due to arrive in Lethbridge at 7:10 a.m. daily from Vancouver, is expected to be on time Friday.

March 4 a snow slide damaged a bridge in the Coquihalla Pass near Penticton, B.C., on the regular route of the train.

Since that time the train, re-routed via Spence's Bridge, B.C., has been arriving in Lethbridge approximately one hour late daily.

First passenger train travelling over the repaired route left Vancouver Wednesday. It is scheduled to arrive here Friday morning.

Hon. L. C. Halmrast Here

No Time for Passing Buck Says Provincial Minister

It's time officials in high positions with the railways and grain handling firms, Canadian wheat board and others who are responsible for the movement of Canada's grain "quit passing the buck and get down to business and work together," according to Hon. L. C. Halmrast, Alberta's minister of agriculture.

Mr. Halmrast, who is in the city to officially open the 1956 Lethbridge and District Exhibition and Rodeo, told The Herald in an interview: "Farmers are not very satisfied with the allocation of boxcars and quotas and no one can blame them.

"The farmers have been very reasonable and very patient until the present time. They have been confused by all this buck-passing, but it isn't going to work much longer.

"These officials in responsible positions, and that includes the grain-handling firms, are going to have to work together instead of against each other."

He also said more attention is going to be paid to crop insurance for the farmers in the near future. The farmers will have to have better insurance against hail and drought damage and also a parity price plan will have to be evolved.

Explaining further, he said "the farmer should receive some assurance that when prices of his products go down, prices of necessities and equipment will have to go down, too, so that the farmer's purchasing power will be kept where it should be."

Mr. Halmrast, who recently travelled throughout most of the province, said that crops are generally looking "very good," and predicted some districts are going to have a better crop than they did last year.

WEED ACT CHARGE

Alfred Bette of Coaldale was fined \$3 and costs in City Police Court Tuesday under the Obnoxious Weed Act. The charge was laid by E. E. Majerison, weed inspector for the Municipal District of Lethbridge.

Final Payment Is Made

The Walter Callow Wheelchair Coach is now paid in full. The fund, started several years ago, was completed Tuesday evening.

Final payment was presented to Mel Fengstad, president of the Lethbridge Callow coach fund, by William Williams of Taber, president of the Canadian Legion, Alberta Command, in the form of a cheque for \$3,000.

C. L. (Pat) Hamilton, chairman of the General Stewart branch of the Canadian Legion polo committee, and Harold Long, director of the Callow Coach fund, also attended the presentation.

\$18,000 PROJECT

The donation by the Canadian Legion chapter of Alberta polo fund, finishes paying for the \$18,000 coach. Mr. Fengstad thanked the Legion and all persons who donated money toward the coach and the Cosmopolitan Club of Lethbridge, which helped with donations and work.

Thanks was also extended to E. R. McFarland, whom Mr. Fengstad said, was instrumental in bringing the coach to Lethbridge.

Mr. Fengstad said he was overwhelmed with happiness because of the final payment. He reminded residents of Southern Alberta that, although the coach is now paid fully, there are still operating expenses and any donations would be more than appreciated.

Mr. Long extended thanks to CJLH-TV for its help with the TV auction last spring which realized about \$1,700. He also thanked the Square Dance organization and all individuals who contributed to the fund. Said he: "The coach is a great thing in the lives of people who haven't too much."

MARCH OF DIMES

For the fifth successive year the Lethbridge Cosmopolitan Club is conducting a March of Dimes for funds for polo work.

Two Cosmopolitan trucks will be in the Lethbridge and district exhibition parade Thursday morning complete with clowns, decorations and targets at which to aim when throwing dimes. Cosmopolitan officials hope the truck will be completely showered with the "thin coins."

Callow Coach Fund Receives \$3,000

Final Payment Is Made

In past years the Cosmos have used funds collected for local polo equipment and work. This year "in view of the excellent manner in which the Canadian Legion, Alberta Command, has handled and administered the polo fund, all contributions will be turned over to the Legion for its use," an official said.

General Stewart branch of the Canadian Legion and the Cosmopolitan club have worked closely in the campaigns in Lethbridge.

MOTHER PASSES

Mother of a Fincher Creek man, Mrs. Catherine Plante died in Calgary hospital at the age of 51. Survivors include a son, William of Fincher Creek.

Showers and weddings are not confined to June so we're sure you'll still be looking for gifts.

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Roadside Kitchens Being Used

Three new roadside kitchens built by the Green Acres Kiwanis Club are now being used by tourists passing through Lethbridge.

The kitchens are located along Mayor Magrath Drive and east of Henderson Lake. Although water and electricity have not yet been installed, tourists have already found them a handy place to stop for lunch.

The kitchens are 40 x 12 feet and include a table and electric meter stove. It is expected the city will soon install services.

Club officials point out that the main purpose of the kitchens is to serve tourists and other transient travellers coming into or passing through the city.

The Green Acres Kiwanis Club spent about \$3,600 on the project.

Knight and Day PHOTOS
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Daily Traffic Record in City

TO DATE THIS YEAR

Major accidents (over \$100)	160
Fatalities	0
Injuries	33
No. of accident-free days	60
No. of fatality-free days	298

BE READY

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