

## You've come a long way, Baby

By Fred Slipper

It has been quite some time since I have had the privilege of helping to organize the first Loggerodeo back in 1948. It is gratifying to see the celebration still going strong.

Now another Fourth of July has come and gone and our town and community is settling back into a normal pattern of life. Celebrations like our Loggerodeo are fun for the majority of people, especially the young folks. Family night at the carnival the first night the rides and concessions are open, is a lot of fun. There is a bargain price on the various rides and I had a good time just strolling around the ball park and watching the expressions of joy, excitement and exhilaration . . .

The parade was a success too with many entries from out of town. Mother Nature co-operated very nicely during the parade with cool, dry weather. I, along with other members of the sponsoring Lions Club, would like to see the parade sometime ... When you spend the day from 9 in the morning until 12:30 p.m. at Third and Jameson helping to organize the entries, you don't get to see much of the actual parade. Reports from the judge's stand said the parade was well organized and went along smoothly.

The rodeo was again one of the main attractions of our celebration and had a large crowd. The Sedro-Woolley Riding Club is to be complimented for the first class rodeo the arranged.

Another of our main attractions is the Log Show, and as usual, this also attracted many spectators. This is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and a lot of

work goes into planning and running the show.

Another event that is fairly new to our Loggerodeo celebration is the Great Sedro-Woolley Foot Race. Each year this becomes more popular and it brings much publicity to our town as it attracts runners from many places. This is sponsored by Boyd Lumber and the Rotary Club.

There are many more events, too numerous to mention, that add to the overall attractiveness of our Fourth of July celebration. I feel that we can proudly say our Loggerodeo is one of the main entertainment features of the north-western part of the state.

Celebrations such as ours do not "just happen" – many, many hours are put in by many, many people to make it a success. However, at the head of all successful organizations there is one dominant figure – ours is General Chairman Bill McCann. Our city and community owe him a great big "Thank You For A Job Well Done".