

Slipper's Soliloquies

Loggerodeo



By Fred Slipper

It is odd the idea some people have regarding a celebration like our Loggerodeo. Since the first of the year the committee has been meeting twice a month, and as the time draws closer to the Fourth of July, will more than likely meet once a week.

We had our meeting last week and afterwards I was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Chamber of Commerce office, going over some details of the meeting with the other committee members. As I left the group and started towards my car a friend came by and jokingly asked me what I was doing down town that time of night. I told him I had been attending the Loggerodeo meeting, and he seemed surprised. I asked him why, and he said "Why do you have meetings, isn't the celebration the same every year?" Apparently some folks think these affairs just happen. Little do they realize the work and planning that goes into each years celebration. For instance, a Loggerodeo connected function is the style show. This will be held March 28th, which is a long time before the Fourth of July.

Another big feature of our celebration is the parade. Our float is being built now, as it will be appearing in many celebrations in distant places. Entries inviting our float to participate have been received, and if our float doesn't travel, we can't expect other cities to attend our parade. Entry blanks are now being sent to many other celebrations, inviting them to come to the Loggerodeo.

The Queen contest and sale of Log Drive tickets is another important facet of or celebration. Tickets have already been printed, and 12 potential queen candidates are preparing to sell tickets to advertise our celebration.

Yet another important part of the celebration is the program. This must be up-dated each year, and the support of our merchants is important. This must all be done within the next few weeks, so we can distribute them to distant outlets and let folks know about our Loggerodeo, and what we have to offer.

The annual Log Show, a very important part of the Loggerodeo, takes a lot of planning each year. After all, logging is one of our main industries, and as the name Loggerodeo implies, the loggers are an important cog in our Fourth of July event.

The rodeo, which draws many people to our area, takes a lot of planning and preparation by the Sedro-Woolley Riding Club. Gene Brookings representing the Riding Club, has attended almost every meeting, and will do so from now to the Fourth.

So you can see "It doesn't just happen" each year—it takes a lot of work and planning to continue to make the Loggerodeo a celebration our community can be proud of. The Fourth of July celebration, held many years before our official name became "Loggerodeo," has become the oldest continual event of its type in the Northwest part of our great state. May we have many more!!!