



WE'RE READY TO RODEO! says Gus Morgan, president of the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association; and Harvey Cannon, chairman of the hard-working rodeo committee for the two nights of June 6 and 7 at Legion Arena, Madisonville.

Pecos Rancher Ruled Driest; To Be Guest At Madisonville

MADISONVILLE — (Spl) — 75 to the high school grounds. Buck Jackson of Pecos, Texas, has won the title of "Driest Rancher in North and South America" according to officials of the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association which has conducted a four-week contest to find the man who had stuck with his land and what cattle he could keep through the seven long years of the worst drought in Texas history.

In his letter to the Sidewalk Cattlemen, Jackson said: "It is so dry now on my ranch that the coyotes are carrying castrates." Buck also commented that "the drifting sands have dammed up the Pecos River and the government is hauling out the bed of the river and giving it away for Foreign Aid." After considerable and pointed other comments on the weather, Jackson wound up his letter by saying: "I am still hoping for a rain for my grandchildren, as my children and I saw it rain once."

Jackson will be brought to Madisonville next week in time for the annual dance honoring the lovely cowgirls representatives, to be held at the open-air dance patio adjoining Legion Hall.

Big day for the Sidewalk Cattlemen, their honor guest, and hundreds of homelock and visitors will come Thursday, June 6, when festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a colorful parade from Legion Park to the courthouse square and up Highway 1.

Like a three-ring circus, there will be activities all over big Legion Park throughout the rest of the day. Starting shortly after 10 o'clock there will be the showing and judging of ten Shorthorn steers and 10 Aberdeen - Angus steers in the Junior Club Show. A Shorthorn Champion and an Aberdeen - Angus champion will be chosen, but there will be no Grand Champion. All twenty steers from will be sold at 12:30 o'clock in a special auction cried by leath- er - lunged Rodney Chambliss, ex-president of the MSCA.

Beginning at the same hour as the Club Calf Show there will be a Junior Horse Show in progress at the rodeo arena. Pit-cooked barbecue and other picnic foods will be furnished when the serving starts at 1:30 o'clock.

During the afternoon of Barbecue Day, Thursday, the showing and judging of registered and range cattle in the Live-stock Show will be in progress under the shade of big oaks along the east side of the park, and at the same time elimination contests will be held for the rodeo's cutting horse section.

Twenty-five or more contestants from all over the eastern half of Texas have already signed up for the event. Elimination will narrow the field to four men to compete at the Thursday night rodeo and four others for the Friday night show.

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