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WILD HORSES AND BRAHMA BULLS bring danger and action to State Fair Rodeo, October 16-20. Top professional cowboys and cowgirls will compete in six events: barrel races, calf-roping, steer wrestling, bareback and saddlebronc riding

and bull riding. Insets show Karen Lavens, Miss Rodeo America, who will be one of the featured stars, and Dittman Mitchell, producer-announcer for the event.

grab the steer's horns, then bring him to a full halt before flattening him in the sawdust. Contestants are judged on how quickly they do this while observing all the rules.

BARREL RACING. In this dazzling display of horsemanship, cowgirls must execute a series of tricky maneuvers around a number of barrels strategically placed. Points are awarded on how quickly and how well the difficult ride is made.

BULLRIDING. When a ton-heaving Brahma bull tears out of the chute, anything can—and usually does—happen. If the bull dislodges his rider, he is as apt as not to charge him murderously. Both rider and bull are judged in this event. The bull receives points for the intensity with which he bucks; the rider, clinging atop the bull by an unknotted rope, gains points for how well he sticks to the animal during a specified length of time. Bullriding is recognized throughout the world as the most dangerous and difficult sport now practiced.

Special entertainment features slated for this year's rodeo include The Roger Mawson Comedy Horse Act; Charles Boger and his Miniature Brahma Bull; an appearance by Barbara Autry, the Texas-size champion rope twirler; Allen Arthur's famous working Colles; Billy Buschbom, Jr., the internationally renowned horse trainer with his famous dancing and dressage horses; and a special appearance by Karen Lavens, reigning Miss Rodeo America.

The rodeo, approved by the Rodeo Cowboys Association, is scheduled nightly, Tuesday through Saturday, in the J. S. Dorton Arena. Matinees are scheduled on Friday and Saturday.

North Carolina farmers had 81 per cent of their 1961 cotton crop checked for grade and staple length by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Cotton Classing Office in Raleigh.

350,000 Special Fair Tickets For School Children

Mailing of State Fair tickets for school children was begun this week. Some 350,000 special tickets are being mailed to superintendents of all county systems and special charter districts in the state.

"They are free, too," says L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture which operates the Fair. "The only thing necessary is for the school officials to request the tickets and to distribute them through the class-

rooms."

They may be used any day, Monday through Friday, October 15-19, if presented at the gates before 6:00 p. m. The children may attend with their parents or come in school groups.

It is expected that requests will come from school systems from every county of the state except Pitt County. The Pitt County Board of Education has decreed that neither teachers nor students of the schools of that county shall attend State Fair on school time, and the superintendent can distribute tickets to be used only on Saturday, when the tickets will not be honored for gate admission.

Note Of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to my many friends and loved ones for every prayer, every card, the pretty flowers, visits and every other kindness being shown to me while I was a patient in Duplin General Hospital.

Also, may I say "Thank You" to my nurses and doctors for the consideration and patience you showed toward me all the time.

Mattie B. Cavanaugh
Duplin General Hospital.

"He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."

Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.

— John K. Kennedy

Flavor Of Old West To Be Feature Of State Fair Rodeo - Scheduled Nightly

Lean, bowlegged cowboys and lovely cowgirls are bringing the flavor of the old west to Raleigh as they arrive to compete for points and prize money in this year's State Fair Rodeo.

Dittman Mitchell, veteran rodeo producer, says that this year's prize money, totalling over \$7,500, will attract many of the nation's top rodeo competitors.

"To complement the competitive events," Mitchell says, "we have lined up a half-dozen nationally-known rodeo performers whose crowd-pleasing acts could turn this year's performance into an entertainment spectacle which will outshine last year's rodeo which broke all gate records for any State Fair attraction."

In the rough-and-tumble competitive department this year's program lists the following events:

BAREBACK RIDING. This event gives contestants a real workout as they pit skill and endurance against a half-ton of sky-leaping horseflesh. The cowboy's only assist comes from a suitcase-like handle cinched around the animal's girth. To gain points, the cowboy must stick with his bronc for a prescribed length of

time while continually raking his mount with spurs, and keeping one hand free at all times.

CALF ROPING. Rules covering this event specify that all calves must be given an identical head start. It's then up to the roper to lasso his animal, throw him to the ground and hogtie him while the stopwatch ticks away. If the calf is accidentally jerked down when the horse stops, the

cowboy must let him regain his feet, then throw him down again before tying him.

SADDLEBRONC RIDING. Both horse and rider are judged in this event. Contestants gain points on their command of the action, and how well they spur the animal during the ride. The bronc is judged not so much on his wild gyrations, but more on simply how hard he bucks.

STEER WRESTLING. Rules covering this event are simple, but throwing a ton of running beef to the ground is definitely not easy. The "dodge" as he is called, must catch up with his steer, leap from the saddle and

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