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# Rodeo Association



SCRAPBOOK  
1955

# Phillips Girl, Unshaven Gandy Lad Named Ag College Dance Royalty

Martha Heuermann of Phillips and E. J. "Jake" Platt of Gandy were crowned king and queen of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture cotton and denim dance Saturday night.

Miss Heuermann won the title of "Goddess of Agriculture" at the highlight event of the two-day Farmers Fair.

Platt's official title was "Whisker King" topping contestants who swore off shaving last March 23.

Earlier, Jim Peters of Wahoo won the "All-Around Cowboy" honors at the 9th annual all-college rodeo.

Judy Oeltjen of Palmer won the "All-Around Cowgirl" title for winning two and placing in a third of the coed rodeo events.

A team from Alpha Omicron Pi



Heuermann



Platt

sorority, Phyllis Ormesher of Valentine and Eleanor Pifer of Gordon, dragged their calf back across the finish line the fastest to win the coed calf catching contest.

In another Fair contest Saturday, Don Kubik of Omaha won pie-eating honors, edging out Joyce

Simon of Omaha by three bites. Kubik chomped into the championship in a second round of competition after he and Miss Simon finished ahead of 40 other contestants in a dead eat.

Other winners in the men's Rodeo events were:

**Bareback bronc riding:** Jim Peters, Wahoo, 1; Jack Vanberg, Columbus, 2; Tom Riley, Pierce, 3.

**Calf roping:** Tom Riley, 1; Jim Peters, 2; Dick Pickett, Cheyenne, Wyo., 3.

**Steer wrestling:** Jim Svoboda, Burwell, 1; Ken Billing, Omaha, 2; Jack Vanberg, 3.

**Brahma stag riding:** Jim Svoboda, 1; Warner Houfek of Wahoo and Kay Knudson, Bloomfield, tied for second and third.

**Saddle bronc riding:** Ed Tomlinson, O'Neill, 1; John Butcher, Valley, 2; Tom Hoffman, Nenzel, 3.

Other results in the girl's Rodeo events:

**Barrel race:** Judy Oeltjen, 1; Lila Drybread, Valentine, 2; Zoe Anderson, Burwell, 3.

**Goat tying:** Judy Oeltjen, 1; Lora Jane Baskin, Stapleton, 2; Zoe Anderson, 3.

**Pole bending:** Lila Drybread, 1; Zoe Anderson, 2; and Judy Oeltjen, 3.

## Farmers Fair

# Martha Heuermann Crowned Ag Queen



Platt

Heuermann

Martha Heuermann, senior in Ag College, was crowned Goddess of Agriculture at the Cotton and Denim Dance Saturday evening.

Jake Platt, Ag College sophomore, was presented as Whisker King at the highlight event of the two-day Farmers Fair and Rodeo on Ag Campus. Platt won over 92 contestants who had not shaved since they entered the contest March 23.

Attendants to the Goddess were Clo Ode, Jackie Calvin, Betty Hrabik and Madeline Watson.

Finalists in the Whisker King contest were Wendell Faeh, Chris Brost, Kaye Don Wiggins and Ron Bath.

In another Fair contest Saturday Don Kubik, Ag College freshman, won pie-eating honors, edging out Joyce Simon, Arts and Sciences freshman. Kubik won the championship in a second round of competition after he and Simon finished ahead of 40 other contestants.

The Ag Economics Club won first place in the midway competition with the booth, "Fat Lady's Delight." Agronomy Club won honorable mention.

Loomis Hall won first place in the parade. Second place went to the Ag Builders. The theme of the parade was "Country Carnival."

Kaye Don Wiggins was named typical cowboy and Mary Ludi, typical cowgirl, at the dance Saturday evening. They were chosen by popular vote of those attending the Rodeo Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Phyllis Ormsher and Eleanor Pifer representing Alpha Omicron Pi won the coed calf catching contest. They won over 16 other

teams from women's organized houses on campus.

Jim Peters son the "All-Around Cowboy" honors at the 9th annual all-college rodeo.

Jhdy Oeltjen won the "All-Around Cowgirl" title for winning two and placing in a third of the coed rodeo events.

Other winners, in order of first, second and third place, in the male rodeo events were:

Bareback broncriding, Peters, Jack Vanberg and Tom Riley; calf roping, Riley, Peters and Dick Pickett; steer wrestling, Jim Svoboda, Kem Billings and Vanberg; Brahma stag riding, Svoboda and Warner Houfek and Kay Knudsen who tied for second and third; saddle bronc riding, Ed Tomlinson, John Butcher and Tom Hoffman.

Barrel race, Miss Oeltjen, Lila Drybread and Zoe Anderson; goat tying, Miss Oeltjen, Lora Jane Baskin and Miss Anderson; pole bending, Miss Drybread, Miss Anderson and Miss Oeltjen.



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## Top Cowboys at U. of N. Rodeo

These three smiling cowboys are smiling because they took championships at the ninth annual All-College Rodeo held at the University of Nebraska. From left to

right are Tom Riley, Pierce, first in calf roping; Jim Peters, Wahoo, All-Around Cowboy; and Jim Svoboda, Burwell, first in steer wrestling and Brahma stag riding.

1954-1955 RODEO  
EVENT WINNERS

BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

|                     |                 | <u>Score</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Jim Peters       | Wahoo, Nebr.    | 175          |
| 2. Jack Vanberg     | Columbus, Nebr. | 168          |
| 3. Tom Riley        | Pierce, Nebr.   | 167          |
| 4. George Tomlinson | O'Neill, Nebr.  | 163          |
| 5. Robert Discoe    | Paxton, Nebr.   | 132          |
| 6. John Butcher     | Valley, Nebr.   | 125          |

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (No qualified riders) (Score not used for All-around)

|                      |                  |    |
|----------------------|------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Tomlinson      | O'Neill, Nebr.   | 93 |
| 2. John Butcher      | Valley, Nebr.    | 91 |
| 3. Tom Hoffman       |                  | 90 |
| 3. James Svoboda tie | Burwell, Nebr.   | 90 |
| 4. Tim Hamilton      | Pierre, So. Dak. | 89 |
| 5. Kem Billings      | Omaha, Nebr.     | 88 |

STAG RIDING

|                  |                   | <u>Score</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. James Svoboda | Burwell, Nebr.    | 179          |
| 2. Kay Knudsen   | Bloomfield, Nebr. | 166          |
| 2. Warner Houfek | Wahoo, Nebr.      | 166          |
| 3. Robert Discoe | Paxton, Nebr.     | 164          |
| 3. Ed Tomlinson  | O'Neill, Nebr.    | 164          |
| 4. Jack Vanberg  | Columbus, Nebr.   | 163          |

STEER WRESTLING

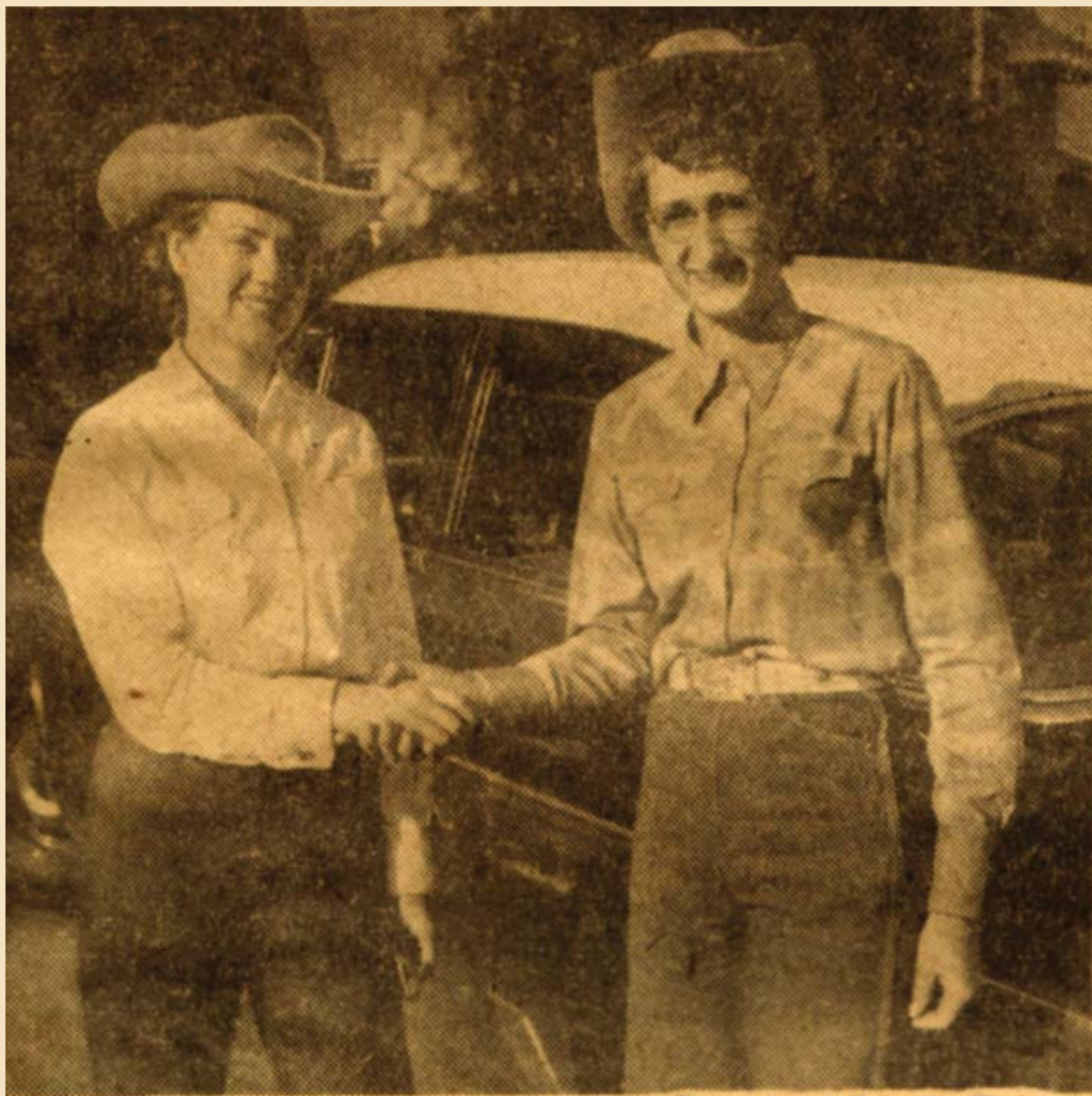
|                  |                 | <u>Score</u><br>(time in seconds) |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. James Svoboda | Burwell, Nebr.  | 9.5                               |
| 2. Kem Billings  | Omaha, Nebr.    | 19.7                              |
| 3. Jack Van Berg | Columbus, Nebr. | 51.5                              |
| 4. Jim Peters    | Wahoo, Nebr.    | 1 min. 14.5                       |
| 5. Ron McMillen  | Sidney, Nebr.   | 1 min. 21.7                       |
| 6. ground        |                 |                                   |

CALF ROPING

|                 |                | <u>Time</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Tom Riley    | Pierce, Nebr.  | 22.0        |
| 2. Jim Peters   | Wahoo, Nebr.   | 1 min. 2.8  |
| 3. Dick Pickett | Cheyenne, Wyo. | 1 min. 19.5 |

ALL AROUND COWBOY

|                  | <u>Points</u> |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Jim Peters    | 201           |
| 2. James Svoboda | 174           |
| 3. Tom Riley     | 144           |
| 3. Jack Vanberg  | 144           |
| 4. Kem Billings  | 72            |
| 5. Kay Knudson   | 64.5          |
| 5. Warner Houfel | 64.5          |



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## 'All-Around' Cowgirl Congratulated

Charlotte Sougey, Lincoln (left), official scorekeeper at the ninth annual All-College Rodeo at the University of Ne-

braska, congratulates Judy Oeltjen of Palmer. Judy was selected as the rodeo's All-Around Cowgirl.

1954-1955 RODEO  
EVENT WINNERS

GIRLS GOAT TYING

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Judy Oeltjen     | Palmer, Nebr.       |
| 2. Lora Jane Baskin | North Platte, Nebr. |
| 3. Zoe Anderson     | Burwell, Nebr.      |
| 4.                  |                     |
| 5.                  |                     |
| 6.                  |                     |

GIRLS POLE BENDING

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Lila Drybread | Valentine, Nebr. |
| 2. Zoe Anderson  | Burwell, Nebr.   |
| 3. Judy Oeltjen  | Palmer, Nebr.    |
| 4.               |                  |
| 5.               |                  |
| 6.               |                  |

GIRLS BARREL RACE

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Judy Oeltjen  | Palmer, Nebr.    |
| 2. Lila Drybread | Valentine, Nebr. |
| 3. Zoe Anderson  | Burwell, Nebr.   |
| 4.               |                  |
| 5.               |                  |
| 6.               |                  |

ALL AROUND COWGIRL

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1. Judy Oeltjen  |  |
| 2. Zoe Anderson  |  |
| 3. Lila Drybread |  |
| 4.               |  |
| 5.               |  |
| 6.               |  |

Points  
231  
186





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### *The 'King' and Contenders*

E. J. Platt of Gandy (center) Saturday night was named "Whisker King" at the Cotton and Denim Dance held

in conjunction with the weekend Farmer's Fair and Rodeo on the College of Agriculture campus. Other finalists: Larry

Voss (left), North Platte; Wendell Faeh, Central City; Chris Brost, Alliance; and Kaye Don Wiggans, Lebanon.