

Pledge Support For 1937 Ute Stampede

"We the undersigned, favor the continuance of the Ute Stampede and Mid Summer Band Contests.

"We Believe that this annual event will advertise Nephi throughout the west and will stimulate tourist trade and build up Nephi as a shopping center.

"We are willing to support the Ute Stampede and State band contest to the same extent in 1937 as in 1936.

Practically one hundred per cent of the merchants and business men of Nephi signed the above declaration this week and thereby assured the continuance of the Ute Stampede and State band contest for 1937.

Despite the fact that unexpected rains materially reduced the numbers of outside visitors to this year's celebration, the merchants and business men signed up with enthusiasm for a continuance of the event which is making Nephi famous as a colorful and hospitable summer-vacation town. These merchants and business men have just completed the task of digging into their treasuries for approximately a thousand dollars to assist with the expenses of the big summer band contest which was a notable but non-paying feature of the 1936 celebration. Regardless of that fact, but with an ardor not dampened, the business men willingly signed up for 1937 and thereby set the machinery in motion for next year's celebration. It was unanimous agreed that the State Band contest should continue, as it gives Nephi an opportunity to be host to the finest school and municipal bands of the state and thereby attracts thousands of desirable visitors. It was also agreed that the Colburn and Sorenson rodeo had given Nephi the greatest array of bronc-riding champions, trick riders, ropers and frontier days artists that has been assembled in the west and that this world famous organization should be again retained for the 1937 Stampede.

The canvass of the business men resulted from a public meeting held Monday evening at which the committees in charge of the 1936 celebration gave their reports and called upon the citizens to say whether the Stampede and Band contest should be continued in the future. A detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements for 1936 was read by Secretary Gordon Wood and it was then decided that the sentiment of all merchants and business men should be obtained as to the continuance of the event in the future. It was shown that the business houses had contributed approximately one thousand dollars to assist with expenses of the state band contest including transportation of the bands and prizes awarded, and that this non-paying event would probably require a similar contribution in 1937.

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The financial report showed that the receipts from rodeo, races, concessions etc had been sufficient to cover the expenses of these features and also pay a major part of the expense of additional bleachers constructed this year. It was the opinion of all present that if the rains had not interfered with out of town visitors, the 1936 celebration would have resulted in a substantial surplus. It appeared from sentiments expressed at the meeting and from opinions of business men during the week's canvass that the rain had so much benefitted farm and range conditions in this section

as to arouse enthusiasm for another years celebration. "If it rains our crops will be better — if it doesn't rain we'll have a big time in 1937 was the general feeling.

It was also the unanimous agreement of those present at the meeting that the stampede should not hereafter continue on a Sunday, but should be staged early enough in the week so that if an additional performance became necessary it would not be held on Sunday. The general committee informed those present at the meeting that the decision to continue on Sunday this year was made hurriedly on Saturday afternoon at a time when there appeared to be a certain deficit of at least \$1200.00, but that the big crowd that turned out for the Saturday night rodeo practically eliminated this expected deficit. The chairman and general committee members present each announced themselves as opposed to Sunday performances but asserted that at the time the decision was made to continue on Sunday they could see no possibility of avoiding a great deficit by any other means & they felt that they could not call for further contributions from business men who had already contributed heavily to stage the band contest.

The general chairman, Dr. P. L. Jones, announced that it would be necessary to make an immediate decision as to the 1937 Ute Stampede since Colborn and Sorenson have had a highly attractive offer from another town in Central Utah.

The result of the meeting and of the canvass of Nephi's business district appears to insure that Nephi will continue to hold the spotlight in Utah rodeo performances in 1937.