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Sheriff Mounted Posse



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RODEO FACTS

P.C. HISTORY

To the Residents of Porter County

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has so graciously helped in the production of Porter County's First Annual R. C. A. Rodeo.

We would also like to take this opportunity to better acquaint you with the Porter County Sheriff Mounted Posse. This has been a self-supporting organization, in as much as the posse members have purchased all of their own equipment, including their horses. Posse members do not receive compensation for their services to the County. They are available day or night to perform a service to the residents of the County, such as searching for lost children, aiding in the apprehension of fugitives, mounted traffic control, police patrol duties, and appearing as a unit for local civic activities.

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COWBOYS

In old Mexico, where cow-herding has gone on for over 400 years, the herders usually were young boys—hence the name “cowboy.” The American cowboy, who appeared in the West in the late 1800’s, acquir most of his know-how and equipment from his Mexican predecessors. His reign was short-lived, however, lasting only about twenty years. The fencing of grazing land and expansion of railroad lines, and later the automobile, gradually reduced the role of the cowboy in the West.

Still a western trademark, the cowboy finds his life greatly changed. Once busy driving vast herds of cattle to distant railroad towns for shipment, he now works tend-

ing cattle and mending fences. In some instances the helicopter and motorcycle have replaced the horse as the primary means of transportation. On large ranches, several cowboys often spend winters in small outpost cabins, guarding herds against mountain lions, wolves and other animals of prey, and bringing in hay when snow covers the cattle’s natural grasslands.

Although many ranches use modern transportation and new methods of raising, feeding and moving cattle, the cowboy remains an important part of the West, performing vital jobs in places where only a man on horseback can do the work.



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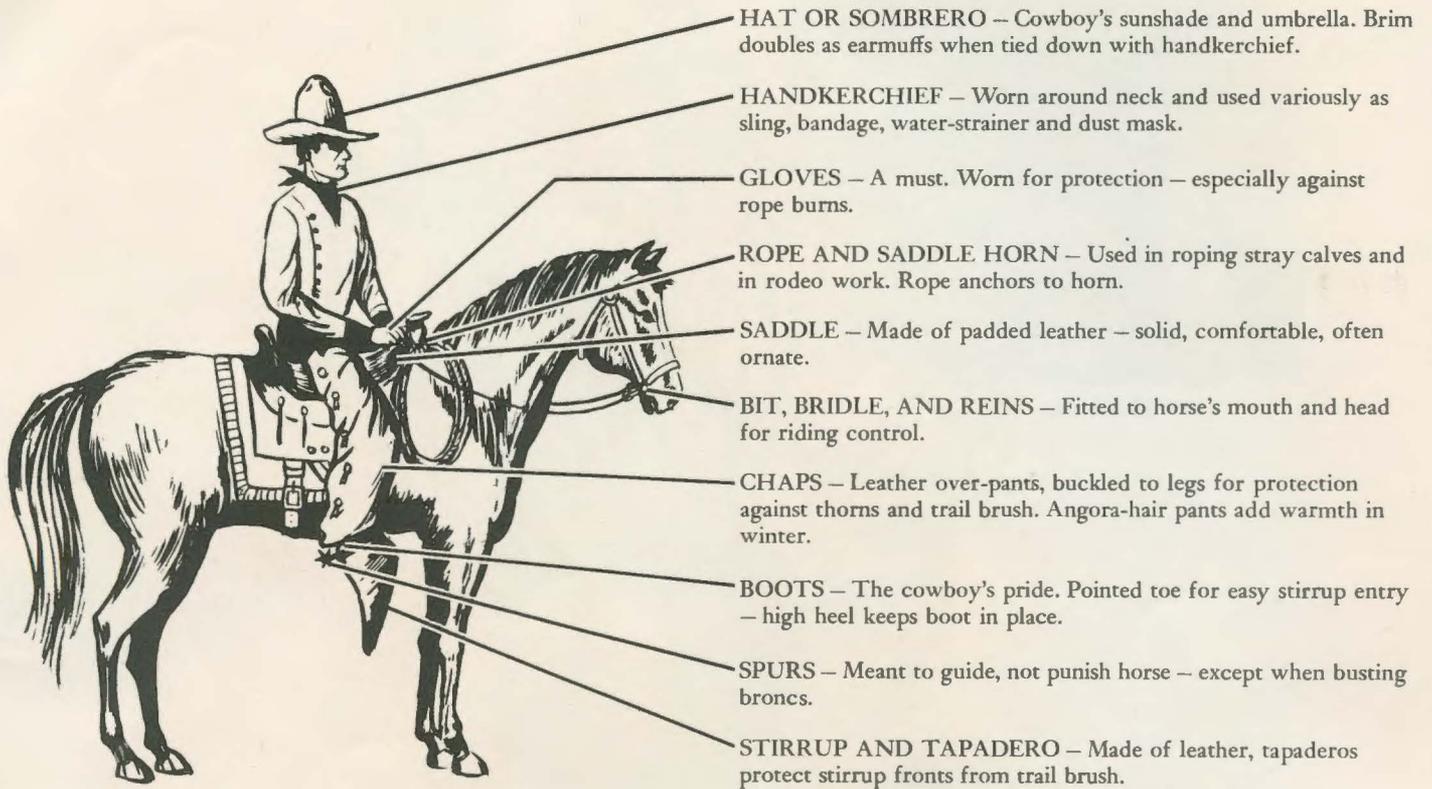
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RODEOS

Many cowboys earn their living by working in rodeos, where prize money for skill and daring is highly attractive. The first official rodeo was held in Prescott in 1888, although for years cowboys competed in such events as part of after-roundup celebrations. Today, all rodeo events follow rules set down by the Rodeo Cowboy's Associa-

tion. Points are awarded contestants in each event on the basis of their performance, and the activity of the animals. The cowboy with the most points each year in nationwide competition is named "World's Champion All-Around Cowboy." You'll want to highlight your trip to Arizona with an action-filled afternoon at one of the many rodeos.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF PORTER COUNTY

BY HELEN MABEL BENNEY

This brief resume of Porter County history relies mainly on the account written by Hubert M. Skinner in 1882. No one loved the place of his nativity more than he or was more alive to the beauty of its varied landscape, hills and dales, rolling prairies, noble trees, sunny pastures, watered by winding, spring fed streams, and the solemn glory of the wave washed dune land, habitat of the most variegated fauna and flora in the world.

We have no record of Porter County being the permanent abode of the Indians but rather a happy hunting ground at certain seasons of the year, as they passed around Lake Michigan between Wisconsin and the state of Michigan and stopped for indefinite periods to hunt, fish, or as some believe to visit the medicinal springs in different parts of the county. They remained, however, long enough and in sufficient numbers to attract the attention of the French missionaries, travelling from Canada toward the Mississippi. In 1672 Fathers Allonez and Dablon visited the lake shore. In 1673 Marquette with six followers paddled up the Kankakee. In 1679 about thirty men, among whom were LaSalle, LaMotte, Father Hennepin, and the Chevalier de Toni, crossed from Illinois to Michigan, probably by the Old Sack Trail. In 1711 many Indians embraced Christianity under the teachings of Chardon.

Traders followed the Church men. These were both English and French. Both traded "fire water" for furs. The missionary Charlevoix, mentions this and the rivalry between English and French as the cause of much strife. In 1799 the territory passed to the English, one of the results of the French and Indian War. The Pottawatomies always favored the French. In 1781 Don Pierre siezed the lake shore in the name of the King of Spain. This occupation was short lived. In 1788 at the close of the revolution, the Colonies interpreted the treaty with England as giving them claim to the Lake Michigan shore; in 1896 Great Britain acknowledged their claim; and in 1803 Col. John Whistler passed through this country on his way to the Chicago River, at whose mouth he erected Fort Dearborn.

From 1816 when Indiana became a state, traders passed back and forth from Detroit to Fort Dearborn, notably Alexander Robinson and Joseph Baille, the first of mixed English, French, and Indian blood, the second a pure Frenchman. Finally in 1822 Baille, who had married an Indian girl, made his permanent home at Baille Town in Westchester Township, presumably the first white settlement in Porter County.

A stage coach line from Detroit to Fort Dearborn in 1833 brought settlers in considerable number to the county. Jesse William, and Isaac Morgan, Adam S. and T. A. E. Campbell, Jacob Fleming, Reason Bell, and Ruel Starr were among the number. The Crum-packers, Bartholomews, Gossets, Paines, Hurlburts, Jacob Wolf, Thomas Frame, Jesse Johnston, J. P. Ballard, and Abram Stoner came the next year. Many of their homes became road houses for the entertainment of travelers. Some brought in small quantities of goods for sale; others turned to milling, black-

smithing and wagon making. By 1835 all were buying government land, establishing homesteads, and setting out orchards. Finley's "Hoosiers' Nest" described these homes.

Wherever a considerable number of people gather together, boundaries must be marked, laws agreed to, and courts established. Porter County was set up by act of legislature January 28, 1836. Provision was made by the appointment of Benjamin Saylor as sheriff and by empowering him to order an election of two associate judges of the circuit court, one clerk of court, three commissioners and one recorder. Judges elected were James Blair and L. G. Jackson; commissioners, John Sefford, Benjamin Spencer, Noah Touts; recorder, Cyrus Spurlock; clerk, George Turner. The new county was named for Commodore David Porter, one of the naval heroes of the War of 1812.

In 1836 the first session of circuit court find Judge Samuel C. Sample holding court in the home of John Saylor, south-east corner of Franklin and Lincolnway, first in the front room, later under an oak tree on the lawn. Many of the settlers of '33, '34, and '35 were among the jurors, which included also Wilson Malone, Lewis Corner, Solon Robinson, David Bryant, William Trinkle, John Jones, and James Ross. In 1837 a frame court house was built on the block west of the present court house square by Solomon Cheney at a cost of \$1,250.00 and a log jail, where the present jail now stands, arose in 1838.

Religious and educational facilities were cherished equally with law and trade by the early settlers. The rendezvous at Baille's home was the scene of many gatherings, where the Catholic priests instructed both whites and natives all through the county. Later such rendezvous were held by the priests. As small hamlets were founded in other parts of the county, these were visited by home missionaries of many denominations. Miss Mary Hammond taught school in a log school house near State Road 49 as early as 1835; a circulating library dates back to 1837. Religious services were held by the Baptist denomination as early as '35 or '36. The present church in Valparaiso was organized by Rev. Alpheus French in 1837. Rev. J. C. Brown, who came to Valparaiso in 1839, organized churches at Salem, Tassinong, and Twenty Mile Prairie as the Valparaiso church. Byron Smith has in his possession a scrap book of his grandfather, Sylvester Smith's, mentioning a Methodist class meeting in 1835 at Valparaiso. Very early there were preaching places also at Morgan Prairie, Kankakee, City West, Horse Prairie, Hebron, Salt Creek, and Louis Penock's home.

Newspapers, another agency of uplift and intelligence in a community, were inaugurated by James Castle's Republican of 1842. William M. Harrison and William C. Talcott were among the early publishers.

As mentioned before the stage coach was the earliest public conveyance and the Detroit to Chicago line the first one to pass through Porter County. Michigan City was the market for selling produce and buying supplies. It was reached by a day of difficult and dangerous travel over corduroy roads; later by a plank

road. The driver generally slept on the floor of the warehouse over night and returned home, if lucky, the third day. It was not till 1858 that the county seat boasted a railroad. Ruel Starr and John Skinner were instrumental in securing its right of way for the Pennsylvania. The Lake Shore and Michigan Central had crossed the county to the north three years before. With the coming of the railroads Porter County entered on a new era of progress. To this period belong the three institutions of higher learning which the people of the county have enjoyed and profited by, the Valparaiso Male and Female College, the Valparaiso Collegiate Institute, and the Northern Indiana Normal School. The first two, established by the Methodists and Presbyterians respectively, were short lived. The third still flourishes as Valparaiso University. It was founded in 1873 by H. B. Brown, who bought the building of the Valparaiso Male and Female College. His school was known the length and breadth of the land for the sterling type of citizens it sent into every state of the Union. The Dodge In-

stitute of Telegraphy also dates back to this period and has made an enviable record for itself.

Following the Civil War many of the beautiful old homes in the county were erected; the brick business blocks, the Grand Opera House, the Academy of Music and Memorial Opera House. Brick churches took the place of the old frame structures. The corner stone of the court house was laid in 1883. The corner stone of the beautiful Catholic Church of Valparaiso the same year. Other denominations followed her example.

The history of modern Porter County dates from the World's Fair of 1893. From that great object lesson came the impulse for water works, better roads, and electricity in homes as well as public buildings. The telephone and automobile followed, moving pictures offered amusement within the reach of everyone. Yet amid all these distractions Porter County remains a farming community with spots of beauty and recreation, which attract travelers from every state in our land.

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EXCERPTS FROM "SOUVENIR BOOK OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA," 1911,
BY JOSEPH DECKER



THE MCGILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY

This business was established in 1905 and has had a remarkable growth, the number of employees increasing almost ten times in five years. Their new building will enable them to more than double the output of their plant.



J. LOWENSTINE & SONS — Established 1885, Incorporated 1909



NORTHWESTERN INDIANA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Operated in Porter and Lake Counties and connected with universal "Bell System" of telephones.



An interior view of George F. Beach's, watch and diamond merchant, store at 9 Main Street. This business was established 37 years ago and for 34 years occupied 30 feet in one side of the Letherman drug store at 1 Main Street.

Mr. Beach took over the business in 1893, purchasing from Jas. A. Walker, and continued in the above location until 1909, when the present site was purchased by Mr. Beach and fitted up for a permanent location for his business.

BOOSTERS

CASBON ELECTRIC CO., INC.

123 Lincolnway
Valparaiso 462-4194

LUCHT BLACKSMITH & WELDING

Axe Ave.
Valparaiso 462-8131

HARDESTY CLEANERS

1201 Calumet
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PIONEER NATIONAL TITLE INS. CO.

116 Lincolnway
Valparaiso 462-4188

SCHROEDER MOBILE SERVICE

1101 Calumet Ave.
Valparaiso 462-3871

HARLEY SNYDER & Son, REALTOR

407 Lincolnway Valparaiso
462-5181 Res. - 462-4451

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Hobart—942-2119
Miller—938-7474

KENT, INC. — Heating & Air Conditioning

156 Washington 462-5141
Valparaiso, Ind.

GAINES USED CARS

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402 Lincolnway, W. Valparaiso, Ind.

LOWENSTINES DEPT. STORE

462-3115
Valparaiso, Ind. 57 Franklin St.

MR. LUCKY'S LOUNGE

14130 Central Ave. 762-7928
Portage

ROSEWOOD GRILL

13000 Central Ave. 762-7916
Portage

UNIVERSITY DRUGS

1608 Lincolnway 462-4125
Valparaiso

TAYLOR & TAYLOR CONSTRUCTION CO.

2240 W. 10th Ave. 883-0364
Gary, Ind.

ANONYMOUS

Donor

SPRING VALLEY MOTEL

U.S. 30 462-9236
Valparaiso

EAST TOWN SUPERETTE

11711 Melton Road
Portage

STATE SIGN COMPANY, INC.

2840 W. 5th Ave.
Gary, Ind.

BOB FULLER TV AND MARINE

2419 Central Ave.
East Gary 962-1628

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Excavating
Chesterton, Ind. 926-1770

CITY NEWS AGENCY

203 Monroe
Valparaiso 462-5771

LOVEY'S DRIVE-IN

1610 E. Lincolnway
Valparaiso 462-1701



FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK

The Farmers' National Bank was organized in 1878, being a successor to the Valparaiso Deposit Bank owned by the late Joseph Gardner. The first business place was the room now occupied by the hat shop on North Washington Street. Twenty-five years ago the bank was moved to its present location on the corner of Washington and Main Streets.

Of the original board of directors, composed of the founder, Joseph Gardner, A. V. Bartholomew, W. P. Wilcox, J. M. Felton and H. B. Brown, Professor Brown, president of the Valparaiso University, is the only one living at the present time who has been identified with the institution since its organization.

The principles which were so carefully considered by its late president have been consistency carried out by its present officers and to-day it is considered one of Porter County's leading and most substantial institutions.



VALPARAISO NATIONAL BANK

The Valparaiso National Bank is a half-century old. The bank is located on the west side of the Public Square where the First National Bank of Valparaiso was located. At the expiration of its charter, the First National Bank of Porter County was organized and at the expiration of its charter in 1902, it was succeeded by the Valparaiso National Bank.

With fifty years of steady growth back of this bank it now stands in the front rank among the leading financial institutions of Northern Indiana.

Officers: Charles W. Benton, President; Horace M. Evans, Vice-President; A. J. Louderback, Cashier; T. L. Applegate, Assistant Cashier; A. W. Cowdrey, Teller.

Directors: Charles W. Benton, Horace M. Evans, A. D. Bartholomew, Fletcher D. White, Geo. W. Neet, L. M. Pierce, Dan'l E. Kelly.

BOOSTERS

CLUB TAVERN

21 Washington
Valparaiso 462-9130

LIVERPOOL PAINT & HARDWARE

34th and Liverpool Road
East Gary, Ind. 962-1273

SHURR-EMERSON INSURANCE AGENCY

County Road, 500 W. Valparaiso
462-6986

HOBART LUMBER CO.

630 Main St.
Hobart 942-1178

GIL DRUGS

52 Lincolnway
Valparaiso 462-4146

COYLES SERVICE STATION

VALPO ACE HARDWARE

74 Washington
Valparaiso 462-4972

PORTAGE DRUGS

Central Ave.
Portage, Ind.

BARILE FORD

1603 Lincolnway
Valparaiso 462-2102

EAST GARY WASHERETTE

925 Central Ave.
East Gary 962-1506

REMY CONSTRUCTION CO.

3712 Hayes
Gary, Indiana 887-5241

BILLS PIZZA

CULLIGAN OF VALPARAISO

2506 N. Calumet
Valparaiso 462-2666

ANONYMOUS DONOR

VALE CITY PACKING CO.

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Valparaiso 462-6501

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Valparaiso 462-7401

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1403 East Lincolnway
Valparaiso 462-6690

SOUTH HAVEN ENCO STATION

Rt. 6 and McCool Road
Valparaiso, Ind.

BUXTON'S PURE TRUCK STOP

U.S. Hwy. 30
Valparaiso 462-9711

PHILIPS FURNITURE

1307 E. Lincolnway
Valparaiso 462-2179

JOHN'S BARBER SHOP

WHO REMEMBERS COLE SCHOOL IN 1900



Cole School—NE corner US 6 and 49

Top Row: Left to right: Art Hinline, Grace Dillingham, Emma Nulf, Matie Hinline, Minnie Hinline, Ada McCorkel, Ben Hinline, DeLos Dillingham, Niles Biggs, TEACHER Frances Cooley. 2nd Row: left to right: Lila Hinline, Nora Hinline, Edith Grace Biggs, Ethel Dillingham, Lizzie Hinline, Carrie Mead, Theresa Johnson, Faye Dillingham, Eldean Cole, Pettit Hinline, Leo McCorkel, Ross Mead, Mary Hinline. 3rd Row: left to right: Martin Biggs, George Biggs, Ida Brandt, Floyd Mead, Clinton X. Hinline, Edward Nulf, Billie Brandt, Herman Brandt, Clarence Dillingham, Val Cole.



OR WHEN JACKSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL WAS STRUCK BY A TORNADO

DID YOU SEE THE OPERA HOUSE
WHEN IT WAS NEW

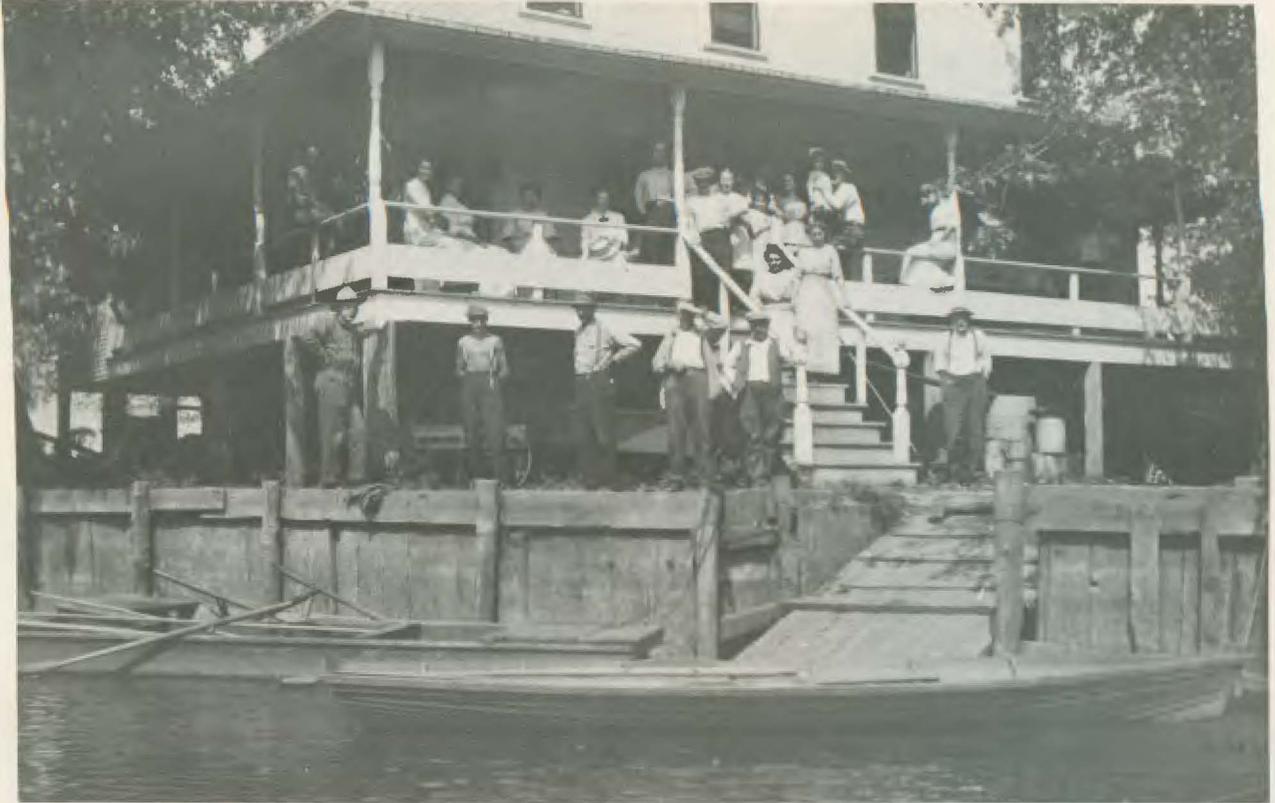


FROM THE INSIDE



FROM THE OUTSIDE

REMEMBER BAUM'S BRIDGE HOTEL



WHEN IT USED TO BE A GOOD FISHING SPOT AND A NICE PLACE FOR A PICNIC



STANDARD

OIL

COMPANY

WHEELER

VALPARAISO

CHESTERTON

HEBRON

Who can forget the old time tavern, gas lights, the brass rail for your foot, the old familiar spittoon, the polished bar, the 5-cent beer and the friendly Flannery Brothers behind the bar waiting to serve you.



of Leavenworth, Kansas.

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ABOUT 100 RIDERS from 24 states competed in Porter county's first RCA Rodeo presented Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds by the Porter County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

Prize money totaling \$1,035 was paid to 19 riders, including 10 from Indiana.

Poor weather kept attendance low at the Saturday evening presentation, but on Sunday grandstands were reported to be full with spectators lined around the outside of the fence.

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SOUVENIR BOOKLETS OF the Rodeo presented last weekend by the Sheriff's Mounted Posse contain a brief history of Porter county and 20 pictures dating back to the 1800s, besides information on cowboys and rodeos and explanations of rodeo events.

Among the pictures are Lincolnway in 1890, Elmer Wheeler's threshing machine, road grading crews, St. Clair school of Center township district 3, a photo of students at Cole school in 1900, Jackson township school after it was struck by a tornado, interior of Memorial Opera house when it was new and Baum's Bridge hotel.

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FIRST PAGE OF the rodeo souvenir booklet explains the purpose of the mounted posse, a self-supporting organization. Posse members purchase all their own equipment, including horses, and do not receive compensation for services to the county.

The posse is available day or night to perform services such as searching for lost children, aiding in apprehension of fugitives, mounted traffic control, police patrol duties and appearing as a unit for local civic activities.

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