

## Remember when....?

...it was 1959, in downtown Eads !



Photo by Jack Gardner

The start of a tradition, 1959, has brought many fans and visitors To Eads and the annual Kiowa County Fair & Rodeo. The two 'clowns' pictured above volunteered many hours promoting the opening event.

No. 1 is 'Betty the mule', proudly owned by B. W. Fischer, known at that time, as 'The Angora Dutchman'. Take note: Betty is the four legged 'means of transportation'. The other fellow is Richard (Dick)

Jackson...pictured 'washing' a bit of dust out. They were all responsible for promoting the 7-Tennial Celebration. Yes, Kiowa County turned 70 in 1959.

Early planning came primarily from the Eads Chamber of Commerce, but many from every corner of town helped out. During the first years, food costs were minimal--compared to today's costs. Reportedly, present prices could pose a threat to the BREAKFAST continuation.

Cooking equipment of all sorts were in short supply. For a time, grills from the American Legion and the Methodist Church were a big help. In each case, the grills had to be cleaned and moved to the Fairgrounds as soon as possible. Both the Church and Legion folks needed the grills for their food stands. This all worked out in time as a couple of restaurants bought new equipment...giving the used grills to the Chamber of Commerce. As time passed, other culinary items has appeared.

Despite most weather conditions, Phillip Pollreis has furnished the attendance with good music. His musical support has been a nice addition to the community....MANY TIMES.

The getting ready each year takes time from several volunteers. The numbers are many. Thank you one and all !