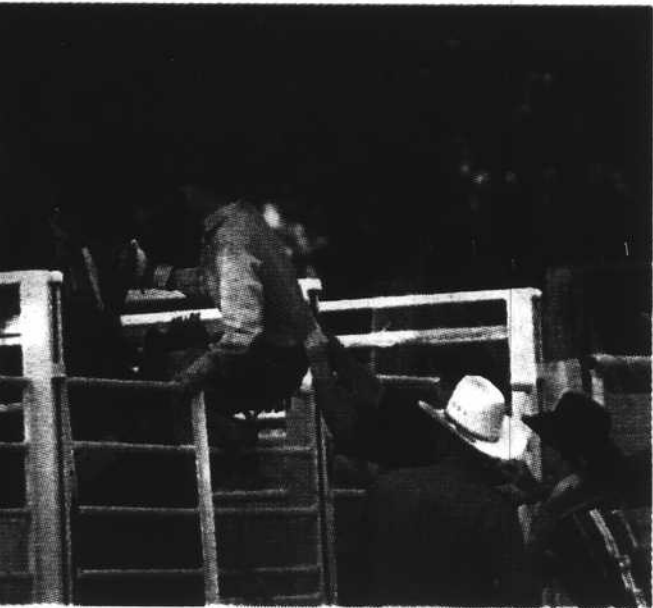
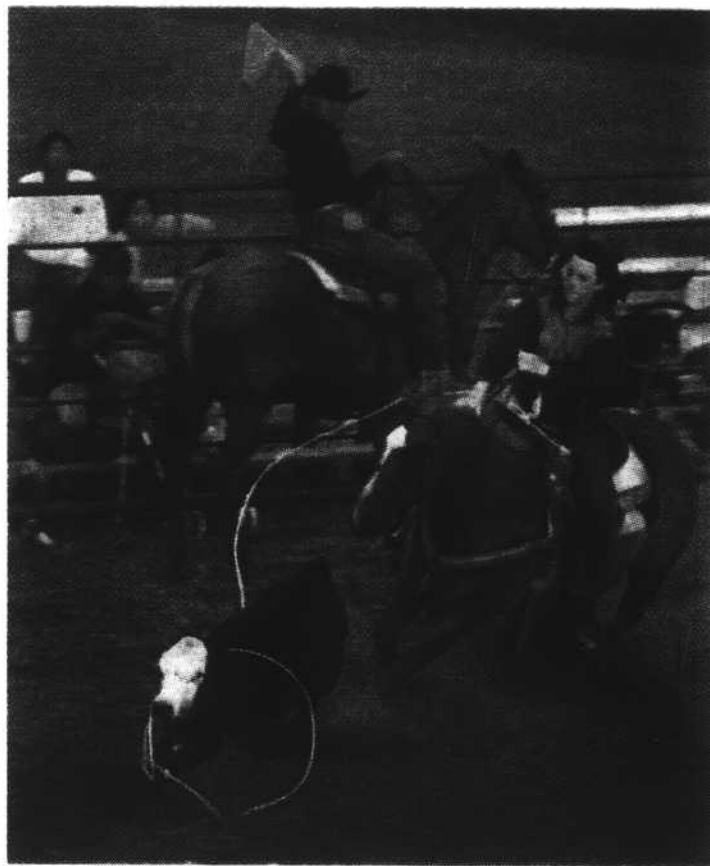




(Clockwise from top left)
CHRIS GAER of Walthill gathers his thoughts before he rides in the saddle bronc competition.
SHANE JONES of Elk Point holds onto the bucking bronc in the bareback riding competition, Jones had a perfect ride.
A CALF races away from Heather Stewart of Denton as she ropes it in the ladies breakaway roping competition.
REGGIE ROTH, of Wolbach, prepares his saddle for the saddle bronc competition as other contestants do the same.
MARK PETERSON, of Omaha, is tossed from his horse before the gate is opened.
RIDERS PREPARE their horses during the saddle bronc competition.
PAUL CASTOR takes his hat off during the singing of the National Anthem.



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