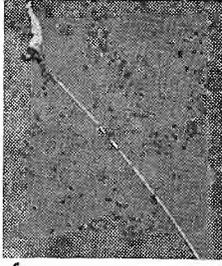


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CNE Gates Take Drop of 30,000; War Shadows Affect Closing Days

TORONTO, Sept. 11.—Curtain was rung down on the 61st Canadian National Exhibition here Saturday night with a 30,000 attendance slump from the count of last year. Total attendance was 1,626,000 compared with 1,656,000 in 1938. Thursday's attendance was 85,000 against 87,000 in 1938; Friday, 84,000; 78,000 in 1938; Saturday, 155,000; 167,000 in 1938.

Closing ceremonies took place from the band shell. President George Brigen declared his gratification over attendance despite the trials of the past week. He held it somewhat significant that "even while the shadows of war were commencing to lengthen there should be held on Warriors' Day the greatest parade in history, exemplifying the loyalty and patriotism to all that we love and cherish." General Manager Elwood A. Hughes was confident that if war had not broken out the figures would have soared close to if not over the 2,000,000 mark. During the past week the fair was dogged by unfavorable weather, lowering skies and frequent dashes of rain, Saturday being no exception.

Frolexland finished the date slightly under 1938 figures, according to show officials. First seven days showed an increase of 15 per cent, but owing to conditions, the second week cut into previous gains. Shows suffered most. Rides held up well. Halligan's Ten-in-One took top honors for customers while Whitey Woods' Land of Dance, with a 15-cent front and 25-cent back, topped grosses. Shirley Lyons' Back to Nature Girl Show, attractively staged, with admission 15 cents, was a few dollars under the leader. Minsky debut under canvas, Oriental Follies, fell short of expectations. In the ride section Flying Skooter, Rocket ride, Illions' Bozo and Rapids were leaders.

Winter Fair May Be Off
Grand-stand figures were not available but, according to Charlie Ross, manager of attractions, business was exceptionally good with sell-outs chalked for five performances. Concessioners reported receipts considerably under last year's, running behind from the first day.

Tommy Dorsey's Ork drew the largest crowds to the dance floor, getting a weather break. Previous bands had sultry weather and rain to combat. Even as the curtain was drawn officials were planning for the 1940 fair. While hoping for the best, they were preparing for the worst and with the tradition formed during the war years of 1914 to 1918

were confident that the exhibition outlook was bright. While the fair was moving out, the buildings were being turned into barracks for the army and it was reported that the Royal Winter Fair, held annually in November, would be canceled.

First Week Tops '38

TORONTO, Sept. 9.—War talk, coupled with rain, caused CNE attendance to dip 22,000 for the first 11 days. Despite sultry weather, first-week attendance held up over 1938. Labor Day attendance dropped 34,000 due to rain in afternoon and evening. Tuesday attendance dropped 5,000 and on (See CNE GATES on page 59)

Erie County Sets Attendance Record

HAMBURG, N. Y., Sept. 9.—New attendance record of 150,000 was set by 99th annual Erie County Fair here on August 22-27, topping last year's record mark by 49,000. Final figures are not yet available; spending was considered good by officials. Gate admission was 50 cents, with an additional 25 cents for parking space and grand-stand prices scaled from 50 cents to \$1. There were more exhibits and entries than in any previous year, necessitating erection of tents.

Lucky Teter's Hell Drivers, a big draw in 1938, were again here on Tuesday, Thrill Day, and drew a big crowd. Troupe gave a preview performance on Sunday. Daily grand-stand attraction was a George A. Hamid revue, including the Roxettes, 24-girl unit, and nightly displays furnished by Ohio Fireworks Co. Stetson's Radio Band was a daily attraction. Strates Shows reported good business on the midway and made an excellent appearance.

Extensive advertising was done by radio and in daily and weekly newspapers. Bumper cards were utilized. Special events were held daily, fair opening with Children's Day, featuring a parade and free admission. Other days were set aside for firemen, war veterans, city of Buffalo and politicians. Saturday auto races and wrestling were featured.

Warren, O., Annual Sets New Mark With Free Gate

WARREN, O., Sept. 9.—Free gate at annual Trumbull County Fair here on August 29-31 brought unprecedented crowds, with all midway attractions and the grand stand getting money, officials said. Association will meet soon to determine whether it will continue the free gate or restore the pay policy. In recent years the fair has lost money. John Salkeld, concession manager of Lake County Fair, Painesville, O., was drafted for the same duty here and handled the assignment capably.

On opening night X-Bar-X Rodeo drew heavily, played to turnaway business Wednesday night at 40 cents a person and drew a good crowd final night. On the midway were J. R. Edwards' Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Tilt-a-Whirl, Chairplane, Loop-o-Plane and Kiddie Auto ride. Other attractions were Peter's Freak Animal Show, Jungle Oddities, Texas Cliff's Ten-in-One; Princess Marguerite, midget; Gooding's Monkey Speedway; Sandow the Great, strong man; Greenwald's Athletic Arena and Dick and Helen John's Playland. Among concessioners were Texas Slim Collins, Charlie Martin, Eddie Weekly, cook-houses; A. Philips, peanuts; Pete Leshner; Paul Lee, Mrs. Charles Cohen, novelties; Lighthammer and McPherson, root beer.

Booking Ups Tenn. Entries

NASHVILLE, Sept. 9.—Announcement of the booking of Paul Whiteman's Orchestra as a grand-stand and horse-show feature created demand for exhibit space never before experienced in the 34-year history of Tennessee State Fair, said Fair Manager Phil C. Travis. All space for eating stands has been sold and most of the mercantile display space has been contracted. When entries closed on September 8 all stalls and pens for horse show, harness race and live-stock departments had been taken. First to arrive was Cash Wilts, with two eat stands. He was followed by George Reinhart, who will operate the clubhouse dining room and three other spots.

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Red River Valley Gate 11,000 More Than Last Year

FARGO, N. D., Sept. 9.—Favored by excellent weather, Red River Valley Fair here, August 28 to September 2, saw an attendance of about 45,000, exceeding the 1938 gate by 11,000. Closing day topped with 20,000 passing thru the turnstiles, drawn by Jimmy Lynch and His Death Dodgers.

Lynch appeared in person with his troupe, coming to the Northwest for engagements at the Minnesota State Fair and here. He was injured in St. Paul but did not disappoint the Fargo crowd, driving over the hurdles with one hand on the wheel.

Revue Outstanding

While the fair board had provided high-class night shows for the grand-stand crowds in the Barnes-Carruthers *Belles of Liberty* revue (also announced as *Stars on Parade*), the stand attendance was not as big as expected, altho receipts were 30 per cent over 1938. The revue was one of the finest ever seen at a fair here and clicked tremendously.

The revue arrived late for the first night's stand and the crowds were forced to wait more than an hour while workmen erected the scenery. The Cervonne Band took a hand in keeping the audience satisfied when it played accompaniments for community singing led by a band member.

Well-trained and elaborately costumed girls, colorful settings, intricate formations and spectacular use of lights made the revue outstanding. Especially pleasing was the singing of the Grenadiers (See RED RIVER VALLEY on page 51)

Third Largest Attendance Out at Dayton, O., Annual

DAYTON, O., Sept. 9.—Paid gate at Montgomery County Fair here on September 4-7 was third largest in history, 52,064 against 63,000 in 1937 and 58,214 in 1936, only years exceeding it, and 51,714 last year. Auto admissions totaled 8,340 and grand-stand admissions 11,483.

This year Tuesday and Wednesday nights' racing was eliminated, major portion of entertainment being by Lum and Abner's *Pine Ridge Follies* Tuesday night and Boone County Jamboree Wednesday night. A massed county band of 500 and prize live-stock parade augmented Thursday night's program. Racing on other days was complemented by Gun Sun acts.

Popularity of Boone County Jamboree was attested by Wednesday night's attendance, the largest in history.

Gooding's shows and rides were booked. Exhibits were of unusually high caliber and so numerous that all space was filled and tents were erected.

Indiana Annual Makes New Attendance Record

MENTONE, Ind., Sept. 9.—Annual Fair and Live-Stock Show here on August 23-26 under auspices of the Lions' Club was most successful in history, drawing 14,000 paid admissions, an increase of (See INDIANA ANNUAL on page 63)