

# Class A Exhibits Go to Gate Highs

## Regina Takes Up at Opener

Grandstand, mutuels figures in lead—B-C revue, Frolicland are pullers

REGINA, Sask., July 22.—Figures for the first two days of Regina Exhibition July 17-22 showed a 25 per cent increase at main gate and grandstand. Mutuels were up 40 per cent on the second. Livestock entries were down slightly, but there were increases in heavy and light horse classes. Other exhibits were up. Judges enthused about the excellent quality of stock.

On the opener, Kids' Day, President J. W. (Patty) Conklin of Frolicland, reported adult business up 100 per cent. On the second day there was a 25 per cent increase. A severe dust storm on the first day cut into kids' box on the midway, but a slight increase was shown, especially on rides.

Run from Calgary to Regina via the CPR was in freight service, owing to war travel restrictions. Show arrived here at 5:45 a.m. Monday and, except for three attractions, everything was going strong by 1 p.m.

D. C. Coleman, chairman, and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, officially opened the fair after having been made an honorary Indian chief in a ceremony on the grounds. Barnes-Carruthers grandstand was more popular than ever.

## Calgary Gain Totals 18,328

New attendance top starts improvements for '45—B-C has record grandstand

CALGARY, Ala., July 22.—Attendance on the last day of Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, July 10-15, set an all-time high and the gate record for the week was shattered by 18,328. Saturday night's grandstand crowd was biggest in history.

Preparations are already under way for a larger and improved fair in 1945. Grandstand now seats 18,000 and, owing to the tremendous demand for afternoon and night tickets this year, an addition will be built to the stand.

Conklin Shows Frolicland reported a terrific week. Except for a few heavy winds, weather was perfect. Midway operated until 1:30 a.m. at the closing because of dense crowds. The 12-car show came within 500 of the all-time record for Calgary Exhibition set by the Conklins in 1941, said President J. W. (Patty) Conklin.

## Will Clear Puyallup Plant

PUYALLUP, Wash., July 22.—Things look brighter for resumption of Western Washington Fair here in 1945. It was been off the books since Pearl Harbor. Army engineers in Seattle have announced a call for bids to remove 307 barracks and other buildings used until recently to house American-born Japs before being sent to relocation centers. A. E. Bartel, secretary-manager of the fair association, said that also bids were to be opened by the army late in July. This would not provide time in which to prepare the plant for a fair this fall.

## B-C Unit Flies From Calgary To Edmonton for Troop Show

EDMONTON, Alta., July 22.—Thru efforts of Brig. Gen. Dale V. Gaffney, of the Alaskan Wing, Army Transport Command, and Fred H. Kressmann, general representative of Barnes-Carruthers, arrangements were perfected July 15 in Calgary, Alta., by which entertainment was furnished for American and Canadian troops and their families stationed in Edmonton last Sunday afternoon in the arena on Edmonton Exhibition grounds.

Accompanied by Special Officer John W. Carrager, Special Services Department, three C47 transports were flown to Calgary Sunday morning and picked up the company of 40 people and their baggage, costumes, props and two crates with the Pallenberg bears and all of Pallenberg's props. Edmonton was reached in one hour and five minutes and the show went on at 3:30 p.m., after the entire group had been guests of Brigadier General Gaffney in the sergeants' mess hall.

These performers took part in the show, which was witnessed by over 5,000 of the combined troops; Pallenberg's Educated Bears, Tien Tai Lui Troupe, Eight Lucky Girls; Marilyn Foster, prima donna; Gisela Wittich, contralto; Ten Charm Singers; Izzy Cervone, musical director; Three Lamberettes; Irene Vermillion and her company, consisting of

Kermit Dart and Lyn Duval; Lester Harding emceed the show and Fred H. Kressmann handled details with the Army Transport Control.

After the performance the entire company were guests at the officers' mess, explained at 7:45 p.m. and were flown to Regina, where they arrived at 10:22 p.m. to appear at Regina Exhibition, which followed Calgary Exhibition. This was the first time that an entire unit used planes, especially for moving trunks, boxes, props and animals, such as bears. Kressmann believes the idea has great feasibility as a means of transportation after the war.

## Peters Will Succeed Van Atta at Carthage

CINCINNATI, July 22.—Clarence A. Peters, business man and horse fancier, was elected secretary of Hamilton County Agricultural Society July 19 at a meeting of the board of directors called by Former Gov. Myers V. Cooper, president. Peters, who will also be manager of the Carthage Fair, succeeds D. E. Van Atta, who has been secretary eight years and resigned because of pressure of business and lack of man power in his own enterprises. He will remain a member of the board and chairman of the speed committee.

Peters, owner of Westridge Farms, has been in charge of the fair's show horse department many years and will still have charge of that department.

Van Atta, who has been secretary since the death of D. L. Sampson and has been a member of the board about 20 years and one time its president, reported that about 85 per cent of exhibit space for the '44 fair had been reserved and all concession space sold.

## Allentown Spending \$20,000

ALLENTOWN, Pa., July 22.—In a policy of keeping building, shrubbery and roadways in first-class condition, Secretary M. H. Beary said Allentown Fair Association was making about \$20,000 worth of improvements which are expected to be completed before Labor Day. Alterations are being made in the hotel on one corner of the grounds. Roadbeds are being treated with a natural asphalt. The half-mile track is being conditioned. Besides five regular employees, a dozen or more men are in painting and carpenter work.

## Ohio State May Resume for '45

COLUMBUS, O., July 22.—Ohio State Fair here may be resumed next year, said State Agricultural Director John T. Brown.

He is also chairman of a committee seeking a new site for the State Fairgrounds and said the spots under consideration had been narrowed to "only a few." He asserted that once the site was acquired it would not be necessary to wait until all buildings are completed before holding a fair. "The fair could be held in tents if necessary," he said.

The State Fair was discontinued after army air forces took over the present grounds. It since has been proposed to acquire new grounds because of the neighborhood congestion in the present area.



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#### Feed

**DURING** the three months ended January 1, 1944, the first three months of the current feeding year, disappearance of feed grains was the greatest on record for that period. Disappearance of feeds was also high during the next three months but at a slightly lower rate than in the January-March period a year earlier. Present indications are that feed disappearance is continuing at a relatively high rate compared with an average of former years, but slightly less than at this time in 1943.

Sufficient supplies of feed grains are in the country as a whole to carry thru until new-crop grain is obtainable although they are not evenly distributed. It is expected that by October 1 stocks of feed grains will be at the lowest level for that date since 1927. Supplies of feed for next year, of course, depend mainly upon production this year. By-product feed production continues about the same as last year or slightly above, and supplies,

while not able to completely satisfy demand, are in a relatively better position than that of feed grains.

A bright spot in the feed picture is the present prospect for crops, pastures and ranges. The extreme dryness of last fall and early winter was followed by an unusually wet February, March and April. Although cool weather delayed good growth during March and April, warm weather and the favorable moisture conditions in recent weeks over most of the country are expected to produce good grazing and forage. In addition, prospects for crops have improved considerably.

Late-spring milk and butterfat prices to farmers averaged higher than a year earlier. Sharp increases in feed prices were not offset by the higher prices and government payments. The milk-feed ratio in May was 1.27 as compared with 1.30 a year earlier, while the butterfat-feed ratio were 25.1 and 24.7 respectively. However, it is likely that milk-  
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## Ky. State Moves To Downs Plant

Noted race track is new site—extended horse show and Jones midway are set

LOUISVILLE, July 22.—Headquarters of Kentucky State Fair board have been moved from the fairgrounds to Churchill Downs racing plant, where the 1944 fair will be held, said President Elliott Robertson. He also announced that the Horse Show would run six days instead of four as in the past. Show will close with the grand championship \$10,000 five-gaited stake.

F. W. Curran, Louisville, was named chairman of the advisory committee to the Horse Show management, and George Swinebroad, Lancaster, was made emcee and announcer. These judges were announced: Claude Pemberton, Elizabeth Town; W. G. Greenwell, Shelbina, Mo.; Thomas M. Wilson, Bowling Green; Vin Robertson, Fordsburg; Homer Murray, Woodburn; Douglas M. Davis, Lexington, and Col. N. Butler Briscoe, Fort Knox.

Johnny J. Jones Exposition will be on the midway again.

## Hillbilly Show Grosses Zoom

CHICAGO, July 22.—Hillbilly shows booked by the WLS Artists' Bureau are looking to new highs at fairs this year, reported Earl Kurtz, who said the bureau would have a tremendous year. Up to July 8, he said, 213 contracts had been signed as against 161 at the same time last year.

The Hillbilly group that played North Dakota State Fair, Minot, grossed \$9,700 in a one-day appearance, matinee and night. At Bottinsau, N. D., the one-day gross was \$3,600 and at Jamestown \$4,800.

"Growth of the popularity of hillbilly shows is astonishing," said Kurtz. "The demand for shows continues to increase and everywhere they draw record crowds."

## Jamboree Tops Own Record at Opening

CINCINNATI, July 22.—WLW Promotions, Inc., Boone County Jamboree has started the season with new records.

Two years ago it set a new mark for opening day at Bartholomew County Fair, Columbus, Ind., with a gross of \$2,003.70.

Last Sunday this was topped at the Columbus opener by a take of \$2,461.63. Director Bill McCloskey said that prospects are that the Jamboree will go to new highs this season.

## Okla. City Tightens Gate

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 22.—A big mail-order business and adoption of the "Everybody Pays" policy mark preparations for the 44 Oklahoma State Fair here, said Secretary-Manager Ralph T. Hemphill. About 100,000 bargain-price tickets at 40 cents are on sale until July 31. One ticket admits to outside gate or afternoon grandstand and two will admit to night grandstand. Because of the tax being paid, they are not accepted for box seats. Regular prices are to be 60 cents afternoons and \$1 at night; children, 35 cents. Manager Hemphill said even members of the association must buy tickets this year. Barnes-Carruthers will again present the grandstand shows, and the Royal American Shows will be on the midway.