

# Around the Grounds

**WEYAUWEGA, Wis.**—City council has appropriated \$500 to help finance annual Waupaca County Fair here.

**MADISON, Wis.**—Dane County board voted creation of a five-man committee to develop and administer the recently acquired county fairgrounds here and to place \$6,000 in the 1942 budget for use in preparing long-range plans.

**JEFFERSON, Wis.**—Committee of three county board members and members of the agricultural committee will meet with Jefferson County Fair Association to discuss feasibility of the county purchasing fair buildings and taking over operation of the annual.

**GAINESVILLE, Tex.**—Cooke County Fair here made profit of \$1,432 in 1941 and permanent plant improvements costing \$1,858 were made, said Secretary-Manager Claude Jones. Board authorized construction of an aviary in 1942. Association has bought \$300 worth of defense bonds and plans yearly purchases to finance the 1948 Gainesville Celebration. It was voted to advance the 1942 admish price to 15 cents due to added taxes.

**POCAHONTAS, Ark.**—Randolph County Quorum Court voted to give \$500 to Randolph County Fair Association for added award money in 1942. Amount is the same as given in two previous years.

**NORWALK, O.**—Huron County Fair here closed in the black and after making some permanent improvements there still is a substantial balance, said Mrs. Elfreda Crayton, secretary. Attendance increased 25 per cent and concession business showed a 15 per cent gain. Boone County Jamboree broke the grandstand attendance record on one night. Except for rain the morning of opening day weather was cold.

**WEST UNION, Ia.**—After paying \$1,000 on indebtedness to reduce the amount to \$4,850 and payment of \$842 for permanent improvements, Fayette County Agricultural Society here had a balance \$400 larger than a year ago. Ticket sales in 1941 were \$821 larger than in 1940. Premium payments totaled \$2,876. Attractions cost \$3,815.

**MONROE, Wis.**—Stable with 16 stalls, office and feed room has been virtually completed at Green County Fairgrounds here.

**ABILENE, Tex.**—West Texas Fair here bucked rain during a 10-day run to close with profit of about \$1,500, officials reported. Features were the Nick Stuart band and floorshow, Texas Exposition Shows, Palomino show and 41 agricultural booths.

**EDMONTON, Alta.**—Since the Department of National Defense has taken over grounds and all facilities of Edmonton Exhibition Association, extent of 1942 association activities will be governed by how much of the grounds can be obtained, said Secretary-Manager Percy W.

Abbott. It is hoped that arrangements will be made to continue exhibition activities, he said, but no definite arrangement has been made.

**KAHOKA, Mo.**—Tivoli Amusement Company has been booked as 1942 midway attraction for four-day Clark County Fair here, reported W. B. Rauscher. Lynne Gregory is secretary. Closing day race program will feature a derby.

**TROY, O.**—Secretary E. O. Ritter, Miami County Fair here, said the 1941 annual was one of the most successful in years. Gate and grandstand receipts showed increases and concession business was good. Rain on one night hurt concessions and a morning rain caused cancellation of races. About \$500 was spent for improvements. Officials expect to close books with a balance of about \$3,000, whereas last year they had \$456. Three barns are being painted and it is planned to paint all buildings in the spring. Caretaker is maintained at salary of \$50 a month plus housing. Sheep kept on grounds by the board brought over \$400 this year and a flock is here now. Board gets \$1,500 from county commissioners.

**PARIS, Tex.**—The 31st annual Lamar District Fair here was successful, reported President Lee Caviness and Secretary H. L. Baker. Attractions included rodeo and Bill Hames Shows. Fair plant covers 57 acres and includes a \$75,000 coliseum, poultry, livestock and women's home demonstration club building and a building for colored farmers and club women.

**HARRISBURG, Pa.**—Total of 8,506 cash awards amounting to \$42,558 are offered exhibitors at the 1942 Pennsylvania Farm Show, to be held five days in the Farm Show Building here, said Secretary of Agriculture John H. Light.

**SASKATOON, Sask.**—Municipal railway sold four old cars for \$53 each to Sid W. Johns, manager of Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, to be used as parimutuel stands. They have been moved to the fairgrounds minus metal parts.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—Canada Pacific Exhibition had 1941 revenue of \$59,725, enabling the association to pay interest and sinking fund installment of \$23,157 to the city and other obligations for a total of \$42,000. Balance of \$17,725 is required for plant maintenance and improvements. Dominion and Provincial governments benefited from taxation. (See *Around the Grounds* on page 43)

## Ia. Ag Convention Expected To Draw 200; Speakers Set

**DES MOINES, Nov. 29.**—Final plans for Iowa's annual State Agricultural Convention, at which nearly 200 representatives of fairs and farmer institutes will discuss agricultural and fair problems, were announced by L. B. Cunningham, secretary of Iowa State Fair board here.

Convention will be held in the Hotel Savery on December 10, the day following close of the annual county fair managers' convention. Virgil M. Hancher, president of University of Iowa; W. Earl Hall, editor of *The Mason City Gazette*, and Frank Harris, assistant secretary of the Iowa State Fair, will be featured on the morning program. President J. P. Mullen, Secretary L. B. Cunningham and Treasurer N. W. McBeath will also give annual reports. Afternoon meeting will feature an address on *World Conditions Today* by Bob Burlingame, news editor of WHO. Meeting will conclude with reports of committees and the annual election of officers and directors.

## Horn Annexes CSRA Crown; Season Free From Fatalities

**DAYTON, O., Nov. 29.**—Ted Horn, Paterson, N. J., six-time finisher among the first 10 in six Indianapolis races, also not joining Central States Racing Association until early July, annexed sufficient points to gain the 1941 national championship, said Dr. J. K. Bailey, president of combined Central States and Consolidated States Racing associations, national governing body of dirt-track auto racing.

Horn had won Pacific Coast and Eastern AAA sectional titles in the past, but in gaining this year's crown annexed his first recognized national diadem. This year 147 drivers took part in the title chase. Championship had been won in the past by the late Red Campbell, Indianapolis; Everett Saylor, Dayton, and

## Meetings of Fair Assns.

**Fair Managers' Association of Iowa,** December 8 and 9, Hotel Savery, Des Moines. E. W. Williams, secretary, Manchester.

**Western Fairs Association,** December 10-12, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Tevis Paine, secretary, Sacramento, Calif.

**Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs,** (January dates to be set), Beal's Hotel, Norway. J. S. Butler, secretary, Lewiston.

**Indiana Association of County and District Fairs,** January 6 and 7, Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis. William H. Clark, secretary, Franklin.

**Kansas Fairs Association,** January 13 and 14, Hotel Jayhawk, Topeka. R. M. Sawhill, secretary, Glasco.

**Ohio Fair Managers' Association,** January 14 and 15, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus. Mrs. Don A. Detrick, secretary, Bellefontaine.

**Minnesota Federation of County Fairs,** January 14-16, Lowry Hotel, St. Paul. Lewis Scofield, secretary, Zumbrota.

**Western Canada Association of Exhibitions,** January 19-21, Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg. Sid W. Johns, secretary, Saskatoon, Sask.

**Canadian Association of Exhibitions,** January 19-21, Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg. Walter D. Jackson, secretary, London, Ont.

**Western Canada Fairs Association,** January 19-21, Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg. Keith Stewart, secretary, Portage la Prairie, Man.

**Michigan Association of Fairs,** January 20-22, Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit. H. B. Kelley, secretary, Hillsdale.

**Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association,** January 21 and 22, Hotel Weldon, Greenfield. A. W. Lombard, secretary, 136 State House, Boston.

**Nebraska Association of Fair Managers,** January 26 and 27, Hotel Cornhusker, Lincoln. Chet G. Marshall, secretary, Arlington.

**Virginia Association of Fairs,** January 26 and 27, John Marshall Hotel, Richmond. Charles B. Ralston, secretary, Staunton.

**Association of Tennessee Fairs,** February 3 and 4, Noel Hotel, Nashville. O. D. Massa, secretary, Cookeville.

**Texas Association of Fairs,** February 5-7, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas. O. L. Fowler, secretary, Denton.

**New York State Association of County Agricultural Societies,** February 10, Ten Eyck Hotel, Albany. G. W. Harrison, secretary, 131 North Pine Avenue, Albany.

Jimmy Wilburn, Los Angeles. Emery Collins, Le Mars, Ia., second to Horn and winner of CSRA Western divisional titular honors, confined his activity to meets in the Midwest and West and was not afforded as many titular races in which to compete as Horn, who took the lead in October at Southern fairs, where he was a heavy winner.

Dr. Bailey reported that altho track records were shattered all thru the fair season in the East, Midwest, South and Far West, the season marked the fourth straight year that association-sanctioned races have been free from fatal accidents, attributed to close CSRA supervision.

## Fair Elections

**SKOWHEGAN, Me.**—Skowhegan Fair Society re-elected Francis Friend, president; Clayton Eames, vice-president; George Davis, secretary; Ralph Jenkins, treasurer; George Plummer, attractions manager.

**FOND DU LAC, Wis.**—William Seffern was elected president of Fond du Lac County Agricultural Society; L. G. Schwertfeger, vice-president; J. B. Kolsta, secretary; J. W. Foley, treasurer.

**HELENA, Ark.**—Henry H. Rightor Jr. was re-elected president of Phillips County Fair Association. Others elected were G. W. Crabtree, Ed Hofford, Sam Cooke, J. J. Patridge, J. J. White, Ruth Mays, Ed Kalb, vice-presidents, and G. L. Horner, secretary-treasurer, succeeding L. C. Hefley, resigned.

**HOPKINS, Minn.**—Hennepin County Agricultural Society re-elected James W. Sheehan, president; Howard Welch, vice-president; John W. Shaffer, treasurer.

**VERMILION, Alta.**—Vermilion Agricultural Society re-elected Norman McClellan, president; J. W. G. Morrison and William Steele, vice-presidents; S. G. Heckbert, secretary-manager.

**WEST UNION, Ia.**—Fayette County Agricultural Society re-elected President J. C. Probert, Vice-President L. L. Bloomfield, Secretary E. Bauder.

**LONDON, O.**—Stewart Anderson was re-elected president of Madison County Agricultural Society; Paul Sanford, vice-president; Fred M. Guy, secretary-treasurer.

**WAUSAU, Wis.**—Marathon County Agricultural Society named William H. McNeight, president; E. B. Thayer Jr., vice-president, and re-elected Harry A. (See *FAIR ELECTIONS* on page 43)

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