

Post-War Exhibit

MEMPHIS, July 18.—The army is becoming something of an exploitation agency for the post-war Mid-south Fair. When General Ben Lear's headquarters were moved to the fair's buildings recently the construction of various military works was begun. In digging for a project a private uncovered a rusted pistol, identified by ordnance experts of the Second Army as a cap and ball pistol of the Civil War era. A local movement is on to have this gun made the nucleus of a collection of weapons to form a post-war exhibit in memory of the Second Army occupation of the Midsouth grounds.

MORE OKAYS VOTED



WLW PROMOTIONS, INC., operator of WLW Boone County Jamboree and Stars on Parade, erected this booth at Johnson County Fair, Franklin, Ind., to stimulate the sale of War Bonds and Stamps July 11. Photo shows part of the early crowd which took advantage of the opportunity to "Buy a Share in America." With members of Boone County Jamboree, including Lazy Jim Day, Shug Fisher, Girls of the Golden West, Texas Ruby, Grandpappy Doolittle and Happy O'Halloran presiding at the booth, a total of \$1,300 in bonds and stamps was sold. Bill Clark, fair secretary, and Bill McCluskey, manager Talent Division, WLW Promotions, Inc., were in charge of the booth.

Edmonton's Biz 1st Three Days Is Satisfactory

EDMONTON, Alta., July 18.—Satisfactory attendance was recorded during the first three days of the 64th annual Edmonton Exhibition, which ends tonight, despite the curtailment of space thru the surrender of the major portions of the grounds to the Royal Canadian Air Force. This necessitated the mixing of many of the Exhibition departments and the transferring of the grounds to the Department of National Defense brought about a new location. Under the new set-up the midway was brought right up to the entrance.

Livestock entries, revived this year, were extremely good, with exhibits being entered from four provinces. Perry W. (See Edmonton's Biz Good on page 49)

Anderson's Annual Best in History; Bond Sale Is Big

ANDERSON, Ind., July 18.—Breaking all records for attendance and business on the grounds for the first three days, Anderson Free Fair concluded one of its most successful annuals in its history here July 4. A patriotic program and fireworks opening night drew 25,000, the largest crowd ever seen on the grounds and more autos at 25 cents apiece were parked in the infield during night harness racing than at any other fair here.

Earl J. McCarel, secretary, said attendance of 15,000 on Tuesday, Children's Day, was above average, and added that concession and show grosses for the week bettered marks set in 1941. Johnny J. (See ANDERSON ANNUAL on page 49)

Hallock Annual Successful

HALLOCK, Minn., July 18.—Annual Kittson County Fair here, July 2-5, drew an estimated 17,610 paid admissions in addition to automobile admissions officials said. About 500 boys and girls of farm clubs were admitted free. Lula Belle and Scotty, of radio note, attracted a packed grandstand the closing afternoon of the annual. They came here with the National Barn Dance troupe.

Awarding of \$1,000 in War Bonds in front of the grandstand the final night also proved popular. Lew Rosenthal booked all attractions.

Three N. C. Fairs Not Canceled, Says Dorton

SHELBY, N. C., July 18.—North Carolina State Fair, Raleigh; Southern States Fair, Charlotte, and Cleveland County Fair, Shelby, have definitely not been called off, declared Dr. J. S. Dorton, Shelby, manager of the fairs. Thru a correspondent's error it was reported in *The Billboard* last week that the fairs would not be held. Manager Dorton said that only the State board of agriculture and the governor, who will meet on July 29 in Raleigh to determine the future of the State Fair, have authority to call off that annual. He said that whatever action is taken at that time would be followed at Shelby, and that no action as yet had been taken regarding the Charlotte fair.

Arkansas State, District Execs For Continuance

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 18.—State, district and county fairs will be continued this year in Arkansas despite Joseph B. Eastman's recommendation that they be canceled. Governor Adkins made it plain that he desired to co-operate with the ODT, but said he "would hate to see the fairs discontinued since these events produce leadership and have proved to be of great educational value." Order to continue followed two separate sessions early in the week. State association directors meeting at Hotel Mation and declaring themselves in favor of the Arkansas Livestock Show going on as scheduled in North Little Rock, while county fair officials met at the Capitol with Governor Adkins.

State board released this statement: "Eastman, in his discussion of the ques- (See ARKANSAS CONTINUES page 49)

Milwaukee Garners National, State, Local Groups' Support

MILWAUKEE, July 18.—Never has the Wisconsin State Fair received more enthusiastic co-operation from local, State and national groups than has this year's Victory Fair, Ralph E. Ammon, manager-director of the State Department of Agriculture, disclosed this week. Numerous agencies have been invited to participate in the combined program, stressing military service and Food for Victory. All have responded with ardent activity, Ammon said.

Army, navy, and marine recruiting offices, numerous military and affiliated organizations, such as the Treasury Department, American Red Cross, USO, State Council of Defense and Milwaukee County Safety Commission were among the first to offer their co-operation. Special space has been set aside for them and the State Medical Society, N. Y. A., Agricultural Marketing Administration and State Motor Vehicle Department.

Immediately after announcement that the State fair would be held this year, leading dairy interests in the State waived former activity and set up new projects at the fair for a big Victory Foods display and nutrition show. Included are Wisconsin Cheesemakers' Association, Wisconsin Buttermakers' Association, Milwaukee Co-Operative Milk Producers' Association, Milwaukee Milk Distributors, Wisconsin Dairy Industries' Association, American Dairy Association,

Wisconsin Dairymen's Association and Wisconsin Council of Agriculture.

Extension workers, agricultural teachers, county agents and exhibitors are putting their shoulders to the wheel in developing the new farm crops exposition to show the important part played by crops in winning the war. Other organizations and agencies actively engaged in making the Victory Fair a great patriotic institution are Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, City Council, Wisconsin College of Agriculture, Wisconsin Poultry Improvement Association, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Wisconsin Horticultural Society, Dairy Herd Improvement Associations, Wisconsin Livestock Breeders' Association, all State and national breed associations, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, State Grange and farm bureaus, Wisconsin Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association, Honey Producers' Association, Farmers' Equity Union, National Dairy Council, Wisconsin Pleasure Horse Association, Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs, Wisconsin Fur Breeders' Association, Wisconsin Trotting Club, Grand Circuit, Wisconsin Harness Breeders' Association and State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Junior State Fair organizations contributing are 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers' Asso- (See WIS. GETS SUPPORT page 49)

New Mexico Set; Plans Mapped

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 18.—Using as its slogan "Production Geared for Victory," this year's New Mexico State Fair will not only be held as usual, but will be bigger and better in exhibits and entertainment than in any previous fair, Leon H. Harms, secretary-manager, said. Harms, who is throwing his organization into high gear in preparation for the eight-day annual, said the improvement program for the year is about complete. New sheep barn and sales and judging arena has been finished, as has a new wing on the fine arts building, used last year as an office and which will be used this year for offices and exhibits as well.

An attractive new main entrance gate has been completed thru which all in- (See NEW MEXICO SET on page 75)

Iowa Managers Urge Holding of Annuals To Aid War Effort

DES MOINES, July 18.—Iowa County Fair Managers' Association held a special meeting here July 16 at which a resolution was adopted encouraging the holding of county and district fairs. Resolution suggested the fairs be held "wherever possible" and that they emphasize agricultural production and quality, 4-H Club work and otherwise aid in the war effort.

E. W. Williams, association secretary, reported that 67 of the State's county and district annuals have already indi- (See IOWA MANAGERS on page 49)

Most States Further Plans

ALABAMA—Birmingham State Fair undecided. Mobile decision still pending. Governor asks general deferment.

ARKANSAS—State, county and district boards vote to continue. North Little Rock on as scheduled. One-day fair for Helena.

CALIFORNIA—Plans for the future being discussed.

CONNECTICUT—Danbury and some others defer action. Stafford Springs votes to continue.

IDAHO—Sentiment for continuance is strong.

ILLINOIS—Feeling that the county annuals will serve the war effort, about 70 managements, comprising State association, vote to continue with the fairs.

INDIANA—Muncie and Crown Point on and Northern Indiana and Southeastern Indiana Fair circuits are proceeding.

IOWA—Several smaller ones have canceled, but 12 definitely decided to go ahead. Allison, Algona, Manchester, Manson, Keosauqua, Colfas, Vinton and Northwood among others slated.

KANSAS—Topeka, Hutchinson and Coffeyville are certain and all but two in State vote to proceed.

KENTUCKY—Alexandria votes for continuance, altho Louisville State Fair is canceled.

LOUISIANA—Shreveport still in abeyance. Donaldsonville canceled. State agriculture head for postponements.

MAINE—State association in favor of continuance.

MARYLAND—Among others going ahead are Frederick, Hagerstown, Timonium and Cumberland.

MASSACHUSETTS—Public opinion strong for continuance of Greenfield annual. Northampton undecided. Brockton will carry on. Army uses Eastern States Exposition grounds.

MICHIGAN—Saginaw, Ionia and Northville definite. State association proceeding.

MINNESOTA—Continuance urged by State association.

MISSISSIPPI—No drastic curtailments (See STATES FURTHER PLANS page 75)

Miss. Directors Vote To Continue

MERIDIAN, Miss., July 18.—At a special meeting here on July 6, Mississippi District and County Fair Managers unanimously voted to continue with plans for their 1942 annuals, J. M. Savery, president-manager, said. Among the larger fairs represented at the meetings were Tupelo, Meridian, Laurel, Columbus, Corinth, and Yazoo City.

Savery said the consensus was that to continue the fairs would aid, rather than hinder the war effort, because none of the annuals require any organized transportation facilities that are needed in the war program. The patrons, who will attend, said Savery, are in most instances residents of the respective cities. He added that the programs offered are educational and an inspiration to youthful farmers of the communities.

All of the fairs will be heavy taxpayers and all programs will be arranged so as to contribute a substantial part of the funds to the war effort.