

# BOARDS PLEDGING WAR AID

## La. State Is To Go Ahead

Unanimous vote of Shreveport directors is to maintain educational factors

SHREVEPORT, La., July 25.—Directors of Louisiana State Fair on Thursday decided unanimously to go ahead with plans for the 1942 fair as scheduled. A thoro study and analysis was made of conditions surrounding the holding of this year's fair and serious consideration was given to the impression that fairs would be detrimental to the war effort, they said.

Feeling of a majority of the board with regard to continuation of the fair was expressed in statements of directors, who said that the benefits accruing to the many who attended the fair to learn of improved methods of agricultural production and livestock improvement should not be retarded, especially when the holding of such a fair would not affect the (See LA. STATE PROCEEDS on page 44)

## Elkhorn Resumption Voted

ELKHORN, Wis., July 25.—Members of Walworth County Agricultural Society voted 297 to 7 on July 17 to rescind the action taken on July 8 by the officers and directors in canceling the 1942 fair. The meeting was called by President Paul Gavin, Lake Geneva, after 285 persons had signed a petition opposing the decision to call off the fair. Membership adopted a resolution which directed Gavin to replace the present officers and board unless plans for the fair were adopted.

## Northville Lining Up Bill

DETROIT, July 25.—Two contracts have been let in expanded plans for Wayne County Fair, Northville, which is expected to get part of the following of the canceled State Fair here. Gus Sun office has been awarded contracts for Ferdinand the Bull, currently at the Club 509, Detroit, for the grandstand and for Eva and Joe Lewis as a free act. Another feature will be a rodeo, one having been held for the first time in Northville a year ago. Glenn Wade Shows have the midway contract.



PVT. HOUSTON A. LAWING, last season with the Irish Horan-Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers as press representative, now in the air force at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Before joining the thrill organization last year Lawing was editor and publisher of The Dixie Sports Review at Raleigh, N. C., and prior to that, for nine years, served as sports editor of The Greensboro (N. C.) Record. Lawing makes his home in Greensboro—or did until Uncle Sam called upon him.



FRANCIS M. OVERSTREET, former president of Indiana State Fair board and secretary of Bartholomew County Fair, Columbus, Ind., July 19-25, is seen here buying \$2,000 in War Bonds for the fair association. Booth was conducted by WLW Promotions, Inc., operator of WLW Boone County Jamboree and Stars on Parade, at the fair. Sales gal is Texas Ruby, of the Jamboree troupe. Gate attendance on Sunday and Monday broke all records and turn-away grandstand business was done, many spectators being seated on bales of hay and straw for improvised seating.

## Heavier Sask. Takes Surprise

SASKATOON, Sask., July 25.—Secretary-Manager Sid W. Johns, said during Saskatoon Exhibition, July 20-25, that the board of directors, in face of present conditions, in its budget had provided for a considerable reduction in expenditures and anticipated revenues, but that at the half-way mark of the fair on Wednesday receipts were running well ahead of last year's despite the contrary expectations.

This development, he said, was gratifying and a justification of the position of the board of directors, who had decided to hold the third war-time fair altho confronted by minority opposition. General attendance kept up with 1941 despite drastic transportation curtailment, evidenced by a sharp decrease in parking revenues. Another factor which had been expected to reduce attendance was curtailment of general exhibits caused by majority of buildings being occupied by Canadian Army activities.

William H. Green, Conklin Shows' publicity representative, reported an early 17 per cent increase in the gross of Frolicland.

## Minot's Net Goes Grand Over 1941; Flag Avenue a Hit

MINOT, N. D., July 25.—Final check of figures on the 1942 North Dakota State Fair here shows that it topped in attendance the usual 100,000 and increased net profits over those a year ago. Secretary H. L. Finke said that the net, with all receipts in and taxes paid, would be about \$6,000 compared with \$5,000 in 1941. The fair, June 30-July 5, (See MINOT NET BIGGER on page 44)

## Great Barrington To Repeat

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 25.—Great Barrington (Mass.) Fair, to be held this year as usual, will again feature six afternoons of pari-mutuel racing, said Harry Storin, publicity head of the fair and of Riverside Park, Agawam. Fair will emphasize the part civilians can play in the country's war effort by serving in different ways on the home front. Special awards will be made for products of Victory Gardens. In many departments War Bonds and Stamps will be awarded in place of cash prizes.

## Around the Grounds

SUNBURY, Pa.—W. C. Lebo, president, announced that annual Perry County Fair, scheduled to be held at Newport, had been canceled.

ABBOTTSTOWN, Pa.—United farmers' organization, sponsor of the Farmers' Fair here, said it had been canceled because of rationing of gasoline and tires.

TOPEKA, Kan.—Cancellation of Shawnee County Silver Lake Grange Fair was announced by Secretary V. F. Fritz, the only one of five Shawnee County fairs to be canceled to date.

GREENFIELD, Mass.—Plans for the 93d annual Franklin County Fair here have begun with appointment of special committees by Fred B. Dole, Shelburne, president.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—Board of Sargent County Fair, Cogswell, N. D., has abandoned plans for this year's fair because of shortage of tires and inability to hire labor.

BLANDFORD, Mass.—Directors of Union Agricultural Society voted to limit annual Blandford Fair, usually held for

two days, to one day. Horse racing and 4-H Club dairy exhibit will be omitted.

RHINELANDER, Wis.—Oneida County Fair here will be held as usual, said Secretary J. M. Reed, acts from Barnes-Carruthers, WLS Artists Bureau and Gold Medal Shows having been booked.

GLENBORO, Man.—Large entries in the 52d Annual Exhibition sponsored by Glenboro Agricultural Society went to make the fair a success. Horse classes were down, but cattle entries up.

TROY, Pa.—Because of shortage of farm help directors decided not to hold what would have been the 68th annual Troy Fair here this year, said President W. F. Palmer.

MIDDLEFIELD, Mass.—Officers of Highland Agricultural Society voted unanimously to conduct its annual fair. A. W. Lombard, secretary of Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs' Association, addressed the meeting.

GILBERT, Pa.—West End Fair here has been canceled. Major obstacle was that power companies could not, because of (See Around the Grounds on page 44)

## Ohio Adopts Victory Plan

Managers recommend program of activities to all member annuals in State

COLUMBUS, O., July 25.—Managers of 20 county fairs in the State on July 21 attended a luncheon meeting in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel here, at which former Gov. Meyers Y. Cooper, Cincinnati, honorary president of Ohio Fair Managers' Association, was host. They were called together by the former governor and Ralph C. Haines, Dayton, president of the association, as a committee on development of a war program at Ohio fairs.

Heeding an appeal by Gov. John W. Bricker, guest of honor at the meeting, "to do everything under the sun to promote the war effort," the committee adopted a program which is recommended (See OHIO VICTORY PLAN on page 44)

## Atlanta Preps Nations Display

ATLANTA, July 25.—Plans for Southeastern Fair, 90 per cent complete, call for special livestock and defense exhibits, highlighted by a United Nations display, Mike Benton, president of Southeastern Fair Association, said. With budget for professional entertainment cut in half, fair officials said, emphasis would be put on foods for victory, War Bonds and Stamps, United Nations' good will and morale building thru good midway entertainment.

United Nations display will be elaborate and well planned. Booths housing exhibits of 10 of the larger nations, China, England, Russia, Brazil and others now linked in a common cause with the United States are planned. Officials representing these countries will be present and make talks. Local boys and girls will (See Display for Atlanta on opp. page)

## Gross Up With "Vacation" Slogan at Fessenden, N. D.

FESSENDEN, N. D., July 25.—Gross receipts at Wells County Free Fair here July 7-10, with good weather, were about \$1,500 more than in 1941 and attendance was about 45,000, the same as last year and in 1940, said Secretary-Manager Edward W. Vancura. Slogan was "Spend Your Vacation at Wells County Free Fair," and patrons came fewer times but many more attended.

There were four sellouts and four near-sellouts for the eight grandstand programs. With 70 horses registered, there were six running races every afternoon. Revue and acts, Maximo, tight wire; Frank and Esther, "Musical Comedy Moments"; Lang and Lee, "Twirl of Fun"; Kenneth Spenser and Jerry, vent act; Louis and Cherie, Roman rings and bars, and Ed Staibs' Trained Horses were furnished by Northwestern Amusement Company. Excellent business was reported for Reynolds & Wells Shows on the midway.

## Meridian's Plans Advanced

MERIDIAN, Miss., July 25.—Officials of Mississippi Fair and Dairy Show here plan to hold the 1942 fair, said Secretary Hilman Taylor. The fair draws principally from Mississippi and Alabama, with a scattering from other Dixie States. "Food-for-Victory" theme will be stressed by 4-H Clubs, FFA groups and agricultural leaders, said Secretary Taylor, who added that fostering farm and dairy activity among young people was a major project of the association. Johnny J. Jones Exposition has the midway contract.