

CALGARY TALLIES NEW HIGHS

Opener Gives Annual Largest Debut Gate; Kids' Day Draws 20,000; Thursday Mark Soars

B-C's "Allies Victorious" sets afternoon, night grandstand records—Conklin pars 1942 midway biz—live-stock entries up

CALGARY, Alta., July 10.—Officials pronounced the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, July 5-10, most successful ever held. Monday had an all-time attendance record. Thursday had the biggest attendance since 1929. Over 20,000 kids were in the grandstand on Friday, Kiddies' Day. Grandstand created new records, both afternoon and evening. Citizens of Calgary and the district were thrilled with the Barnes-Carruthers presentation of *Allies Victorious* in front of the grandstand. "Twenty teams were entered in the chuck wagon races and my personal opinion is that these chuck wagon races are among the most thrilling attractions ever witnessed at any exhibition. Charles Yule, general manager, and his directors stated that the results of the midway are beyond their expectations, and the public has been spending freely. The midway will not create any new records owing to limited operations. Concessions had one of their best weeks. Weather has been perfect and all indications are that we will wind up the week in a blaze of glory," said President J. W. (Patty) Conklin, of the Conklin Shows.

Livestock entries in all classes were largest since 1929 and the livestock parade took more than 35 minutes to pass the grandstand. Among prominent visitors were Lady Eaton; William Neale, vice-president Canadian Pacific Railways; T. P. Blais, member Provincial Legislature for Quebec; W. H. Sellner, Sellner chain stores; Mr. Mather, general superintendent Western lines, CPR; Sally Rand, visiting with her husband, Turk Greenhough, and taking in all the Stampede events. Prominent military officials of the United States and Canada visited, including Colonel Essig, Colonel Gaffey and Major D. A. Pearce, of the U. S. Army, who are engaged on the Alaskan highway project.

Lee Williams, president of Edmonton (Alta.) Exhibition, with many of his directors, visited and took an active interest in livestock, racing and other phases of exhibition operation. There were more entries in the rodeo and Stampede than ever before, with many outstanding cowboys and cowgirls of the North American Continent here. General Manager Yule said the Stampede far exceeded anything heretofore attempted in Calgary.

Nebraska Ponders Auto Parking Fee, Free Gate Set-Up

LINCOLN, Neb., July 10.—Nebraska State Fair Board adjourned last Saturday without taking official action, but indications persisted that the State Fair, for the first time in many years, may play to a free gate. However, it is understood a 25-cent fee will be charged for auto parking.

The fair's dates have been set and the 18-day race meet, also sponsored by the board, will precede the fair and extend one day after the annual closes. Officials said the fair this year probably will be stripped of many of its agricultural features, but will have nearly all of its usual entertainment headlines.

Acting Chairman Ed Schultz, Elgin, Neb., was overruled in an attempt to cancel the annual because of the tire and gasoline rationing. Grandstand attractions will include Barnes-Carruthers' *Let Freedom Ring* presentation. Program will also include the usual 4-H show streamlined to three days, the horseshow from September 5-7; with a carnival for six days if one can be obtained.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—John A. Guthrie's Stampede and Combined Thrill Circus has been booked for the annual Ozark Empire District Fair here.

WLW's Jamboree, Stars Jaunts Get Under Way in Ind.

FRANKLIN, Ind., July 10.—WLW's *Boone County Jamboree* and *Stars on Parade* units got their 1943 tours of Indiana and Ohio fairs under way at Johnson County Fair here today, where the *Jamboree* provided the grandstand attraction. Bill McCluskey, manager of WLW Promotion, Inc., said this week that bookings for the units have been running ahead of last year for the same period.

List of annuals already booked, McCluskey said, includes Bartholomew County Fair, Columbus, Ind.; Fayette County Fair and Rodeo, Washington, C. H., O.; Muncie (Ind.) Fair; Plain City (O.) Fair; Jay County Fair, Portland, Ind.; Clington County Fair, Wilmington, O.; Shelby County Fair, Shelbyville, Ind.; Pike County Fair, Picketon, O.; Mercer County Fair, Celina, O.; Muskingum County Fair, Zanesville, O.; Madison County Fair, London, O.; Darke County Fair, Greenville, O.; Harrison County Fair, Corydon, Ind.; Dearborn County Fair, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Noble County Fair, Caldwell, O.; Auglaize County Fair, Wapakoneta, O.; Huron County Fair, Norwalk, O.

Van Wert (O.) County Fair; Washington County Fair, Marietta, O.; Hartford County Fair, Croton, O.; Sandusky County Fair, Fremont, O.; Morrow County Fair, Mount Gilead, O.; Wayne County Fair, Wooster, O.; Shelby County Fair, Sidney, O.; Wyandotte County Fair, Upper Sandusky, O.; Williams County Fair, Montpelier, O.; Attica (O.) County Fair, and Knox County Fair, Mount Vernon, O.

Marine Corps Exhibits Augment Jackson's Armed Force Line-Up

JACKSON, Miss., July 10.—The U. S. Marine Corps has been added to the list of armed force attractions at this year's Mississippi State Fair, which is highlighting its "Mississippi Goes to War" theme thruout. Lt. Col. Edwyn O. Schultz, in charge of Mississippi Recruiting, has assigned a marine detail, headed by Sgt. Charles M. Hills, to plan the exhibits and participation.

The marines held a mass swearing in of Mississippi recruits at the grandstand last year and recruited in the War Activities Building during the week. They will have a larger exhibit and a demonstration this year.

The Jackson Air Base and the Mississippi Ordnance Plant have appointed officers to work out the educational demonstrations and exhibits to show the fathers and mothers what their sons are equipped with to fight the Axis.

The navy department is planning an even more extensive exhibit this year.

Cortland Plugs Food Features; Program Is Set

CORTLAND, N. Y., July 10.—Plugging its agricultural, industrial, educational and recreational aspects, 105th annual Cortland County Fair is going ahead as scheduled, it was announced here. Exhibits and entries in the various departments are expected to be on a par with last year, while premium awards in the Cortland County Junior Departments, including 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America total \$1,560.

A special Cortland County Victory Garden Exhibit, with prizes totaling \$350 is billed, under supervision of Cortland County Victory Garden Council. Numerous awards in the various departments will be made up of War Bonds and Stamps, it was reported. Plans for a special Youth Day have been mapped, with admission to the grounds free to each school boy and girl and their teachers.

Three days of harness horse racing, under supervision of Gill Wetmore, New York State Fair Race Secretary, have been billed and an extensive grandstand program is being planned. James E. Strates Shows have been contracted to provide the midway, and Col. James Eskew's JE Ranch Rodeo will again be a feature of the grandstand entertainment.

11 Arkansas Counties Ask State Fund Allocations

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 10.—Lee and Clay counties have joined 11 other Arkansas counties in filing applications for allocations for annual fall fairs this year, with July 15 as deadline for requests for such funds.

The minimum amount is \$350 with the amounts fixed by 1940 census figures, J. Oscar Humphreys, State auditor, announced.

Neal Takes Gov't Post

PLYMOUTH, N. H., July 10.—William J. Neal, secretary of Plymouth Fair Association for the last 10 years, has been appointed deputy administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, at a reported \$10,000 per year. He assumed his new duties in St. Louis last week. For the present, his duties as secretary will be carried on by Mrs. Neal. Neal is a past president of the New Hampshire Fairs Association and is present master of the State Grange. He is credited with being one of the prime movers in keeping the fairs going under the restricted use of gas in New Hampshire.

Trenton Frames 1943 Operation

New Jersey, New York governors for continuance—Reading races added

TRENTON, N. J., July 10.—Plans for the presentation of the New Jersey State Fair were outlined at a meeting here June 25, with George A. Hamid, directing head, and various department heads and members of the advisory board in attendance.

Hamid said that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, is wholeheartedly behind operation of fairs in that State and that Gov. Charles Edison, of New Jersey, had sent him a letter promising his support.

William N. Nulton Jr., Professor J. W. Bartlett and Dr. R. A. Hendershot informed Hamid that there would be a representative exhibit of cattle, horses, swine and sheep this year, altho the entries would not be as large as last year, because of transportation difficulties.

William C. Lynn and former Senator David H. Agans represented the agricultural department and granges; H. Earl Propst, the Farm Bureau; Harry W. Stirling, poultry exhibitors; Harry Steele, 4-H clubs, and Ed Leatherman, the horsemen. The last-named stated that the Reading Futurities would be staged at the fair this year, having been transferred from Reading, which will not operate because of army occupancy.

Secretary-Manager Harry E. LaBregue and Hamid explained the various changes being made on the grounds due to the enlargement of the half-mile oval to a mile track in order to accommodate the Grand Circuit horses.

Others in attendance at the meeting were Charles Quinn, Edward F. Connelly, James Wilkie, Edward Daymond, John Blehl and Louis S. Kaplan.

New Chattanooga Association Gets Incorporation Charter

CHATTANOOGA, July 10.—Chattanooga-Hamilton County Fair Association has received a charter of incorporation from Secretary of State Joseph C. Carr. Incorporators include Joseph W. Engel, Mrs. A. T. Atwood, City Commissioner E. J. Self, George M. Clark and Abe Borlsky.

Formation of the new fair association was the outgrowth of the recent controversy between Engel and the city commission, which declared null and void a five-year contract between Engel and Commissioner Bob Cooke, then head of the department of utilities, grounds and buildings.

Charter specifically states that members of the organization, which will stage the annual fair at Warner Park, are not stockholders and that no profits or dividends shall be divided among them.

Fairs March For Victory

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