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### **FAIR MEN MEET. ASK NEW PLANS.CHAMBER STUDY INVITED TODAY**

The Southwest Georgia Fair Association probably will be reorganized in the near future, and plans launched soon afterwards for the 1950 event.

Officials of the association met last night, reviewed operations and the charter, and outlined a list of men from which a new board of directors possibly will be picked. The board, from among its membership would than elect officers.

A committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the organization that sponsored the formation of the association here, today was asked to review recommendations of the association. The fair committee has asked the Chamber to aid in organizing the association's working force for 1950.

The first fair under the association's direction was held here in 1948. The latest was held last year. The fairs are set up at Albany Airport and invite participation of counties in the Albany trade area.

Thousands of Southwest Georgians attended each event.

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### **EARLIER ALBANY FAIR FOR 1950. WALLACE CROUCH NEW DIRECTOR**

Plans for the 1950 Southwest Georgia Fair here were being planned Saturday as the new director, Wallace Crouch, businessman, discussed the numerous details occasioned by the large undertaking.

Mr. Crouch, a local lumber company executive was named director, succeeding Ralph Allison, at the fair's annual meeting last week. Mr. Allison directed both the 1948 and 1949 fairs.

Re-elected vice-presidents were Hamp Clark and A. E. Moncrief. Treasurer C. M. Jones was re-elected. The executive committee of the fair is composed of Joe Rosenberg, the new chamber president, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Moncrief, W. M. Story and Mr. Jones.

The fair this year will be held two or three weeks earlier Director Crouch said. He said very successful fairs were held before with numerous permanent improvements having been acquired. "The initial work with the fair here," Mr. Crouch said, "promises bigger and better events for the future."

The midway committee, which even now is negotiating for a carnival to be held in connection with the 1950 event, is composed of Whitfield Gunnels, Meyer Rosenberg and June Hedrick. Commercial exhibits and displays will come under the supervision of Mr. Clark, Mr. McAfee, B. L. McKinney and Mr. Ferrell.

A change in the Fair Association's by-laws were made, designating the Chamber of Commerce President as an ex-officio member of the board with the full powers of a director.

The fair is held at the Albany Airport. Director Crouch will announce other committees soon.

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### **MONCRIEF TO HEAD 1950 SOWEGA FAIR**

A.E. Moncrief, well-known Albany businessman, has been elected President of the Southwest Georgia Fair Association, Inc., succeeding lumber executive Wallace Crouch who resigned due to personal reasons.

Mr. Crouch, however will continue to serve as a member of the board of directors. Mr. Moncrief is thoroughly familiar with operations of the fairs, having served prominently in several capacities during the two fairs held since the association's organization.

Mr. Moncrief and Mr. Crouch stated that plans are progressing rapidly for this year's fair, to be held the week of Oct. 23 at Albany Airport. It was announced that an outstanding road show, Cetlin and Wilson of Petersburg, VA., would occupy the midway this year.

At a meeting this week, fair officials and committees reported on the progress being made in the planning and predicted, "the biggest and best fair ever held in Albany." Plans are being carried out for expanded exhibits and attractions pertaining to Albany and a wide trade area in Southwest Georgia.

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### **THIRD SOWEGA FAIR OPENS HERE OCT. 23**

The Third Annual Southwest Georgia County Fair slated to open Monday, Oct. 23 at Albany Airport promises to be the best ever held here, Ralph Allison, Director, said Saturday.

"We hope to have Gov. Herman Talmadge here for the opening day," he added. Committees have worked all year to plan the fair and indications are that it will surpass all other fairs held here, the director said.

In addition to the midway show, which will be even larger than that of last year, the fair will feature agricultural and homemaking exhibits including displays of livestock, homegrown vegetables, outstanding crops, handiwork and needle work of all kinds.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded for the best exhibits in these categories with about \$7,000 having been set aside for the awards by the fair association.

Business establishments will have display booths in the hangar nearest the fairgrounds and will show their products to the public there. The poultry show will be housed in a separate building this year, said Mr. Allison. Farm machinery and equipment, new automobiles, trucks and tractors will be shown outside the hangar.

One of the features of the fair will be a horse race scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28, according to the director. Another outstanding feature will be an exhibit entered by the state game and fish commission. This exhibit will include wild animals common to

this area and fish to be found in this section. It attracted much attention last year, Mr. Allison said, and is expected to be even bigger and have a wider variety of animals this year.

The Cetlin and Wilson Show, which is now at the state fair in Macon, will be here for the Southwest Georgia County Fair.

Various clubs will have exhibits entered and members of civic clubs again will assist the association with members of the Lions Club sponsoring the parking lot and the P.T.A. maintaining a food booth. Members of the Band Mothers' Club will take up tickets.

Members of the Fair Association are Wallace Crouch, President; Hamp Clark and A. E. Moncrief, Vice-Presidents; C. M. Jones, Treasurer. On the Board of Directors and Executive Committees are Earnest Hammond, Ralph Allison, W. F. McAfee, Dr. David Wolfe, Leland Ferrell, Lyman Hart, W. M. Story and Allen Davis.

Committee Chairman is as follows: E. E. Hammond, Committee By-Laws; Ralph Allison, Budget and Finance; Frank Cook, Publicity and Advertising; Whitfield Gunnels, Midway and Carnival; Hudson Malone, Concessions; Hal Wightman, Ticket Committee; Jim Moore, Horse Racing Committee.

Mrs. Fannie Mae Griner, Girl's Club and Home Demonstration Activities; Dr. Wolfe, Poultry Committee; Hamp Clark, Chairman of Commercial Exhibits and Display; Donald P. Wolfer, Public Utilities Committee; Walter Brown, Prizes and Ribbons; Allen Davis, Building and Grounds; A. E. Moncrief, Premium List and Book Committee; J. D. Davis, Chairman of Boys Clubs, Agriculture and Livestock Committee.

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### **SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FAIR OPENS HERE MONDAY**

Final preparations are being made for the Southwest Georgia Fair, opening here Monday, slated to be the biggest and best ever held, according to Ralph Allison, Director.

More than \$7,000 will be awarded in prizes, he said, adding that the Fair Association hopes to have Gov. Herman Talmadge here for opening day exercises at Albany Airport.

The fair will feature agricultural exhibits ranging from homegrown products to farm equipment, the director said, adding that other exhibits of interest to Southwest Georgians will include animals native to this section. This display attracted great interest last year, Mr. Allison said.

In the agricultural divisions, prizes will be awarded in the following classes: Homegrown meat, in which an entire exhibit will be devoted to home cured hams only, first prize for which will be \$5.

County agricultural and educational displays. First prize in this class will be \$100. Four-H and FFA livestock and poultry exhibits. Prizes will be awarded in 4-H and FFA hog classes, including the Duroc-Jersey Breeder class; miscellaneous breeder class; fat barrow; grading good or choice; steers and breed, grading good or choice; registered

dairy classes, registered beef classes; grade class, any breed; junior fitting and showmanship; grand champion and reserve champion awards.

There will be a poultry class in the 4-H and FFA section and the agricultural exhibits in the section will be judged in the classification of grain crops, legume crops, pecans, tobacco and miscellaneous.

There will be a girls' special exhibits class, which will include canned products, and clothing exhibits.

The farmers' livestock exhibits will include beef cattle classes, dairy cattle classes and hog classes. The Women's divisions will include canned products and domestic and applied arts.

Committees for the 1950 fair were announced as follows:

Officers and Executive Committee; W. S. Crouch, President; M. M. Clark, Vice-President; A. E. Moncrief, Vice-President; C. M. Jones, Treasurer; E. E. Hammond, Ralph Allison, W. F. McAfee, Dr. David Wolfe, Leland Ferrell, Lyman Hart, W. M. Story, Allen Davis, and Joe Rosenberg, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Committee on By-Laws: E. E. Hammond, Chairman; Lyman Hart, and Leland Ferrell.

Budget and Fiscal Committee: Ralph Allison, Chairman; Allen Davis, C. M. Jones, and Joe Rosenberg.

Publicity and Advertising: Franklin Cook, Chairman; Bill Davis, L. M. George, and Henry Gortatowsky.

Midway and Carnival Committee: Whitfield Gunnels, Chairman; H. H. Hedrick, Jr., and Meyer Rosenberg.

Concessions Committee: Hudson Malone, Chairman; Lansing Mays and T. B. Chandler.

Ticket Committee: Hal Wightman, Chairman; Dick Jordan and Marvin Lorig.

Horse racing events committee: Jim Moore, Chairman; Fred Darby and Inman Owens, Jr.

Girls Clubs and home demonstration activities; Mrs. Fannie Mae Griner, Chairman; Mrs. E. F. McLary; Miss Ted Phelps, Sylvester; Mrs. Sue P. Crew, Camilla; Miss Elsie Harvey, Leesburg; Miss Helen Perkins, Dawson; Miss Annie Newton, Morgan; Miss Marie Hall, Newton.

Premium list and book committeewomen: Mrs. Fannie Mae Griner; Mrs. R. O. Duitman; Miss Elizabeth Shepard; Miss Eve Ross; Miss Ida Hayes; Mrs. Sue R. Crew; Miss Helen Perkins; Miss Elsie Harvey.

Poultry Committee: Dr. David M. Wolfe, Chairman; G. B. Howell, Ralph Allison and H. L. Farmer.

Commercial exhibits and displays committee; M. H. Clark, Chairman; B. L. McKenney, Leland Ferrell and W. F. McAfee.

Public Utilities Committee: Donald P. Wolfer, Chairman; John Arnold and Nelson Tift.

Prizes and Ribbons Committee: Walter Brown, Chairman; John Boesch and Ralph Jordan.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Allen Davis, Chairman; E. E. Clark, George Leeger and R. S. Howard.

Premium list and book committee: A. E. Moncrief, Chairman; Ralph Allison.  
Boys Club, Agricultural and Livestock Committee: Jeff Davis, Chairman; W. M. Story, Frank Bennett, Allen Davis, C. M. Pippin, T. B. McDowell, J. A. Mauldin, Camilla, B. A. Whitley, Leesburg, N. D. McRainey, Dawson, Carl Cooling, W. S. Drennan, Newton, C. E. Johnson, Sylvester, Fred Knight, Leesburg, E. B. West, Sumner, E. G. Ford, Camilla, J. E. Downer, M. C. Harrison of Morgan, Paul Winter and John Story.

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### **MIDWAY GOING UP ON EVE OF FAIR**

The fairgrounds at Albany Airport will be buzzing with activity today as the midway attractions and rides for the Third Annual Southwest Georgia Fair will be readied for the gala opening Monday.

Cetlin and Wilson Shows, which ended an engagement at the State Fair in Macon Saturday night, began moving their equipment to the local fair site immediately after the Macon Fair closed. This is one of the biggest carnival attractions ever to be held here, officials said.

Slated to begin officially Monday afternoon, the opening will be featured by the appearance of Gov. Herman Talmadge, who will come here from Atlanta for the event.

Another main attraction will be a nightly square dance held in the main exhibit building, under the sponsorship of the Pilot Club. Each afternoon a free square dance for children will be held until 7 o'clock. The Girl Scouts will furnish music for this event.

A hillbilly band will play for the Pilot-sponsored square dance and proceeds will go to the premature nursery the club hopes to establish at Phoebe Putney Hospital.

Officials were busy Saturday completing arrangements for many varied exhibits in the main building which this year will be gaily festooned with red, white, and blue decorations.

The livestock exhibit promises to be one of the biggest attractions at the show, officials said. Competent judges have been selected to grade the animals. Judging will begin Tuesday at 1 o'clock and will be completed that afternoon.

Judges will include two out of town experts and Eugene Ragan of Seminole County and H. L. Fussel of Randolph County.

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### **GOVERNOR VISITS SOWEGA'S FAIR**

The Third Annual Southwest Georgia Fair got under way in full swing today with people from all over this section taking advantage of the near perfect weather for the opening. The gates opened this morning but the formal opening is scheduled to be held tonight.

Governor Herman Talmadge visited the fair briefly this afternoon, but was unable to remain for the opening ceremony scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight.

A 15-minute program, featuring various speakers, will be held at the main exhibition building tonight at 8 o'clock. The program will be recorded and rebroadcast over Radio Station WALB at 9:30 o'clock.

Immediately after the opening ceremony the square dance, which is being sponsored nightly by the Albany Pilot Club will get under way. A hillbilly band will furnish music for the dance, which will be held in an area, roped off for this purpose.

Albany Girl Scouts will furnish music for a children's square dance, which will be held in the afternoons.

Most of the activity at the fair this morning centered on the exhibits which are being readied for the judging Tuesday. Judging will begin Tuesday at 1 o'clock and is expected to be completed during the afternoon. Judging is expected to be difficult, as some of the most outstanding livestock ever exhibited has been entered in this year's fair.

Final touches were being put to the Cetlin E. Willson midway shows and rides, with expectations of getting into full swing this afternoon. This year's show is the largest ever held here. It comes to the Albany fair from Macon where it played an engagement at the state fair.

Featuring all the traditional carnival rides the ever-popular merry-go-around, ferris wheel and many new rides. The show also has an outstanding array of midway shows and features.

The fair committee was on hand this morning to aid with exhibits, which were greatly increased over last year's entries.

Sowegians are competing for more than \$7,000 in prizes, which will be awarded immediately following the judging Tuesday afternoon.

The main exhibition building featured many attractive commercial exhibits as well as exhibits of educational interest and those of various civic and public institutions. The building was attractively decorated with the decorations featuring the color scheme of red, white, and blue.

Lions Club members will be on hand each afternoon and evening during the fair to conduct a parking lot and members of the Band Parents club will take up tickets at the gate and at the rides and shows. Several civic clubs, including the PTA, have established food booths.

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### **JUDGING TO START AT FAIR**

Judging of exhibits at the Third Annual Southwest Georgia Fair, which opened yesterday at Albany Airport, is expected to get under way at a brisk pace this afternoon.

Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded, immediately following the judging which was to be completed during the afternoon.

A number of counties, including Dougherty, Lee, Baker, and Worth entered exhibits displaying agricultural, commercial, educational and other assets of their communities. These exhibits were competing for prizes in the county display division.

4-H Club exhibits featured handiwork for the girls, including dressmaking and canning, and the boys' exhibits were agricultural.

Attracting much attention this year as it did last year was the wildlife exhibit of the state game and fish commission, featuring wild animals native to this section.

The main exhibition building contained no livestock this year. Separate quarters have been provided for the poultry and cattle just outside the main building.

The state veterans service office is maintaining a booth at the fair to explain to veterans the GI Bill of Rights and to answer any questions they might have about the services.

One of the most interesting booths is that set up by the Department of Vocational Education at the high school. This booth shows the work of the various divisions of the department.

In the woodwork division are various items of furniture made by the students. The furniture includes a bed, dresser, lamp, inlaid card tables, trays and a cedar chest.

The machine shop is represented by the display of machinery used in this shop. At intervals during the fair, members of the department will give an exhibition on drilling square holes. The radio shop is featuring a television set the students are making, in addition to several radios.

The auto shop exhibits an engine cut away to show the moving parts. Lights are arranged to show the relation of the timing and ignition systems. A refrigerator is set up for the refrigeration department to show how a refrigerator works. In the veteran's farm training division, seeds grown by the trainees are on display, and in the electrical department a miniature house showing house wiring is featured.

In charge of this exhibit are Howard Waters, Director; John Cherry, Machine Shop Instructor; and H. D. Harvel, Supervisor.

Other booths included one set up by the Navy Recruiting Station and the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scout booth represented a camping scene.

The midway show, which is the biggest ever to play here, introduced Albanians to a number of new rides and shows.

Ralph Allison, Director of the Southwest Georgia Fair, today announced that Wednesday would be kids day at the fair. In view of a school holiday tomorrow, said Mr. Allison, school children will be admitted free to the fairgrounds. The holiday will allow teachers to attend a GEA meeting in Thomasville.