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BIGGER, BETTER SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FAIR PLANNED HERE

The Southwest Georgia Fair Corporation Officials today announced that they have contracted with Brown and Wallace Shows for a Midway and Carnival for the 1952 fair to be held the week of Oct. 13. Premium books currently are being edited and will carry a one-page story of each of the counties participating in the fair and will contain approximately 100 pages. This book is intended to present Southwest Georgia to the public, and arrangements have been made for a limited nation-wide distribution of the same. The initial order for these premium books has been placed at 5,000 copies.

Negotiations are under way with community exhibits on a larger and grander scale that has ever before been attempted south of the state fair in Macon. Executives of the Fair Corporation stated that it is their hope and desire to present and distribute a premium book that will furnish, in addition to the history and story of the Southwest Georgia counties, a book that will name through advertisements the key industries, livestock breeders, merchants and others of this general area. No cost or expense is being spared to make this an outstanding premium book.

Exhibiting will be adult farmers and livestock breeders, 4-H Club Boys and Girls, FFA Boys, FHA Girls, and Home Demonstration Clubs. Inquiries are already reaching administrative offices requesting commercial exhibit space.

The number of people entering the gates of the fair last year is estimated at 50,000 and this support as accorded in 1951 leads the fair sponsors to think that Southwest Georgia will support a larger and greater fair with an even greater attendance than was enjoyed in 1951.

Any person, corporation or exhibitor interested in any phase of the fair is asked to communicate with the Secretary of the Southwest Georgia Fair Corporation, Box 1202, Albany.

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SOUTHWEST GEORGIA SET FOR BIG SHOWING OCT. 13-18

Think of noise, excitement, sawdust, carnival rides, poultry and livestock exhibits, farm projects of every kind, music and candied apples; and there you have it, the Fifth Annual Southwest Georgia Fair!

As the fair date, Oct. 13-19 nears, Eugene Able is daily answering queries about it, he reported Saturday.

Mr. Able is Secretary-Treasurer of the Southwest Georgia Fair Corporation and a member of the Hasan Shrine Temple, which for the second year is sponsoring the huge affair. The fair, which had its inception in 1947, was sponsored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce for three years.

Last week, Mr. Able mailed 3,000 premium books to every Hasan Temple Shriner, every county agent and home demonstration agent in Southwest Georgia and to citizens

in 31 nearby counties. Another 1,000 books will be distributed at Albany High School for students to deliver.

The 1952 fair will be “bigger and better” than ever before, Mr. Able declared. Livestock entries from 16 counties are anticipated, and additional livestock pens have been constructed. A huge new tent will house cattle and hogs, which will be separated from each other. More commercial exhibit space than ever before will be available and it may be procured by writing to Box 1202, Albany.

The fair book mailed by Mr. Able offers \$5,000 in prizes. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, the manager reminded. All livestock judging will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14, which has been designated as “Boys and Girls Club Day.” Members of the 4-H, FFA, and FHA Clubs will be admitted to the fairgrounds free on their club membership cards. “School Days” will be Oct. 15 and Oct. 18, Wednesday and Saturday, and school children under 12 years old will be admitted free and allowed on carnival rides for nine cents.

The Brown-Wallace Exposition will provide the carnival thrills and squeals. Its equipment totals more than 50 separate entertainment units, and its midway seemingly stretches endlessly; the circumference of the carnival is more than a mile.

Proceeds from the fair go to Shrine Hospitals, Mr. Able emphasized. The Shrine sponsors the fair first as a community service and secondly for the profit, which the Shrine hopes will make a substantial contribution to Shrine Charitable Organizations. To date, American Shriners have aided more than 200,000 crippled children.

Mr. Able may be contacted at Hasan Temple Headquarters, Pine Avenue, for additional information.

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FAIR LIVESTOCK, POULTRY SHOWINGS SAID OUTSTANDING

Livestock was pouring into Albany Airport this morning at the opening of the Southwest Georgia Fair.

Fair officials told The Herald today that the largest display of cattle and hogs in Southwest Georgia history has been slated for showing this week. At press time, nearly all of the animals had arrived. The deadline for entries is 6 p.m. today.

Poultry exhibits have been filled to capacity, fair officials said. More than 20 breeds of chickens will be on display throughout the week.

Noted among the cattle exhibits will be three Brahmans shown by the Norris Cattle Company of Ocala, FL. The Norris exhibit will not compete for prize money, fair officials pointed out.

Display booths from eight Southwest Georgia counties have been completed. Tift and Early counties are exhibiting their products for the first time at the fair here. Other counties participating are Baker, Randolph, Colquitt, Worth, Dougherty and Lee.

Officials stressed that each entry in the livestock contest will bring his own animal into the prize ring on the midway in order that the public may observe the judging. More than \$5,000 in prize money will be awarded at the contest tomorrow.

Already five brands of dairy cattle are on display plus five brands of beef cattle and seven brands of hogs. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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FAIR HAS EXCELLENT OPENING DAY ATTENDANCE, ABLE STATES

Livestock and poultry pens were filled to capacity today as the Southwest Georgia Fair moved into its second day at Albany Airport.

Eugene Able, Secretary-Treasurer of the Southwest Georgia Fair Corporation, said that more than 2,000 admissions were recorded yesterday. This is probably the largest attendance for Monday on record, he declared.

Approximately 200 cattle were being judged today which began at 10 a.m. Officials reported a record number of county and commercial exhibits.

J. Lane, vocational agriculture teacher from Pinegrove School near Valdosta told the fair, "This is the best group of livestock I have seen at any fair."

Fair officials reminded today that students would be admitted free tomorrow and Saturday. Children will be allowed rides for nine cents it was reported.

Tonight approximately 60 Herald carriers will be admitted free and be given free rides. Assistant Circulation Manager A. J. Nobles will accompany them.

Individual exhibits from 16 counties now are on display at the fair; eight Southwest Georgia counties have booths.

The Home Demonstration Clubs will act as hostesses during the week. They will explain the exhibits and help take care of the exhibits. Green ribbons will distinguish the hostesses. Tonight the Sylvester Road Home Demonstration Club will have hostess duties.