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**FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS NOTED: OFFICIALS EXPECT
STREAMLINED '57 SHOWING.**

A concrete floor has been put in the new exhibit building of the Southwest Georgia Fair and other improvements have been made to the fairground. Officials have stepped up plans for the 11th annual event to be held here, Oct. 28 to Nov. 2.

D. S. Hautman, President and General Manager of the Exchange Club Sponsored fair said today that the new facilities and a streamlined program of events should make this year's fair the most outstanding on record.

The area fair here is designed for Dougherty and 17 other surrounding counties. Permanent fairgrounds were obtained by the fair association and continually are being made at the key site on Lowe Road.

Commercial exhibits, home exhibits, arts, crafts, agricultural exhibits livestock exhibits and many others are listed in the premium book. An outstanding show will occupy this year's midway and fair officials have announced that "School Days" again will be held this fall.

BEAUTY EVENT

"Miss Southwest Georgia Fair" will be selected in a beauty contest Tuesday, Oct. 29th at 8 PM and another unusual event will be the display of ancient automobiles and trucks. Entry blanks for the latter can be obtained by writing "Antique Auto Show Committee, P. O. Box 772, Albany.

Beauty contest applications can be obtained by writing "Pete Lilliston, P. O. Box 18, Albany.

Last year thousands of citizens throughout a wide area attended the fair and an even larger attendance is anticipated this year.

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ATTENDANCE OF MORE THAN 50,000 IS SEEN

The Southwest Georgia Fair will open its 11th annual event here Oct. 28 to last through Nov. 2 and sponsoring Exchange Club officials said Saturday a record-breaking attendance of more than 50,000 persons is anticipated.

D. S. Hautman, President and General Manager, and Marvin Lorig, Vice-President and assistant manager, pointed to outstanding improvements made at the Lowe Road Fairgrounds, including a permanent exhibits building with a concrete floor, modern fencing around the grounds, a new brick ticket window, rest rooms and improved facilities for the livestock and agricultural exhibits.

Fair officials reminded that proceeds from the fair are being utilized to build better facilities for the annual event and to promote the Exchange Club's projects, including

Work with young people.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This year's star-studded attractions will have such appealing special events as an Area-wide beauty contest, a pony show for youngsters, an antique auto and truck Show and many other popular attractions.

Occupying the midway will be the gigantic 43-car show of Cetlin & Wilson. Fair officials reminded that parking space has been improved and steps taken to insure prompt entrance into the fair by persons visiting from a wide South Georgia Area.

Albany's fair covers an 18-county area in this section. Attendance last year was Outstanding officials said, reaching near the 50,000 mark.

MANY EXHIBITS

More than 50 exhibits will be housed inside the new exhibits building. Space has been at a premium and nearly all the space already has been committed, the officials related.

Among the industrial exhibits to be featured this year is a booth by Coats & Clark with machinery and operators to be moved in to provide an actual working demonstration of one phase of the company's manufacturing process.

Livestock officials predicted a fine showing of some of the best cattle and hogs in this section of the country.

The fair will open Monday, Oct. 28, which will be featured by negro school day, during which time negro students will be admitted free of charge. Judging of events will take place Oct. 29 in the various exhibits and events.

Also on Oct. 29 at 8 PM, "Miss Southwest Georgia Fair" will be crowned. On Wednesday, a parade will be held in downtown Albany and white school students will be admitted free to the fair.

(Under Picture of Exhibit Building)

Modern Building to House Exhibits. This is a partial view of the new Southwest Georgia Fair Exhibits building recently constructed at the fairgrounds on Lowe Road. Designed to accommodate more than 50 exhibits the new building has a concrete floor and office space for fair officials. Members of the sponsoring Exchange Club helped in its building.

(Under Picture of Fair Ticket Office)

Fair Ticket Office. D. S. Hautman (left), President of the Southwest Georgia Fair Association and Marvin Lorig, Vice-President and Assistant Manager are shown discussing particulars of the forthcoming 11th Annual event in front of the handsome new ticket office constructed by the Home Building Association of Albany and J. L. Cason, Albany Masonry contractor.

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(Under picture)

ROCK'N ROLL AT FAIR:

Frankie Myers of the Raynell Follies, who will perform here at the Southwest Georgia Fair, is one of the rock'n roll specialists with Cetlin & Wilson shows, occupying the fair's midways.

(Under picture)

FUN ON THE MIDWAY:

For fun, the Southwest Georgia Fair's Midway can't be beat! This is a scene from Cetlin & Wilson shows, occupying the fair's midway this season. The fair opens Monday and lasts through Saturday. Many new thrill rides, plus a motor drome, are on the

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BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY NEAR CITY. FAIR OFFICIALS ARE DELIGHTED OVER WEATHER AS EVENT BEGINS.

Southwest Georgia Fair Officials today were elated at the prospects of "fair weather" as they opened the big 11th annual exposition at the Lowe Road fairgrounds. The 18-county fair will last through Saturday.

Exchange Club officials worked long and hard yesterday as did hundreds of exhibitors, livestock officials, grounds keepers and midway personnel of Cetlin & Wilson Shows. A bustle of activity was noted throughout yesterday and into the night. Thousands of motorists drove along adjacent highways to get a glimpse of the "goings on".

Last minute touches were being put on the exhibits this morning. Today is Negro School Day and the children will be admitted free of charge.

Judging of the various exhibits will take place Tuesday morning. Also on Tuesday, "Miss Southwest Georgia Fair" will be crowned in the beauty contest an event made up of entries from various high schools in this section. The crowning will take place at 8 PM.

A parade was slated to get underway in downtown Albany this afternoon at 4:30 O'clock, starting in front of the Post Office and depicting many of the features of the fair in the various vehicles and marching units. Wednesday will be school day for white students.

Special events at the fair include a large antique automobile and truck show and a pony show for youngsters.

Outstanding commercial exhibits are being shown alongside the various agricultural and home making exhibits in the concrete floored exhibits building constructed after last year's fair by the fair association.

The fair is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Albany and proceeds go for the club's youth projects and a continuing building program at the fairgrounds for additional permanent facilities for such fairs. The fair is billed as "an agricultural fair".

One commercial exhibit noted yesterday included a large canvass swimming pool filled with water and floating a large sports-type motor boat. Another was a spooling exhibit by Coats & Clark Thread Co. in which an actual operation of the company will be demonstrated.

Youngsters of various 4-H, FFA-FHA and similar organizations were busy putting up exhibits of various crops grown in this section, grooming livestock and displaying handicraft items.

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FAIR OPENS WITH RUSH NEAR CITY

The 11th annual Southwest Georgia Fair, Exchange Club sponsored opened with a bang here yesterday, highlighted by a downtown parade and the thronging of hundreds of persons to the Lowe Road fairgrounds to see the farm, youth, livestock and commercial exhibits and to "have fun" on the midway.

Fair officials reminded that "Miss Southwest Georgia Fair" will be crowned at 8 PM today in the fair's annual beauty contest. Some 15 of this section's prettiest high school girls are entered.

Judging of the various exhibits and livestock entries was to take place today. Officials said "we are delighted at the quality and quantity of this year's exhibits."

Fair officials said they expect an unusually heavy turnout to the fair this year on account of the ideal weather and more comfortable, permanent-type facilities which have been erected on the fairgrounds.

Fun on the midway is being supplied by the large Cetlin & Wilson Shows, which tonight, in another of its special events, will fete The Herald's Carriers, who will be admitted free of charge and conducted on a tour of the shows and rides.

Wednesday will be white school day, during which time white students will be admitted free of charge to the fairgrounds, midway and given special consideration at the rides and shows.

Drawing unusual interest this year is the pony show, housed under a large tent; the Antique Auto & Truck Show, also under a big tent; displays by Turner Air Force Base and the Marine Corps Supply Center, and various interesting commercial exhibits, including a working spooling exhibit by Coats & Clark Thread Company here.

(PICTURE INSERTED)

Proud Mama and Son: Harry Lambert and County agent J. D. Davis shown with "Nellie" a pony owned by Mr and Mrs Jack Dunn of Morgan and Nellie's little offspring "Friskie". The ponies are part of a display at the Southwest Georgia Fair.

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DAWSON BEAUTY CROWNED "QUEEN" AT FAIR

(Picture above: below story)

Miss Joy Collier of Dawson was crowned "Miss Southwest Georgia Fair" At last night's beauty contest at the fairgrounds. Second place winner is Miss Betty Fay Ferrell of Cairo, and Third place winner is Miss Loraine Kimbrell of Colquitt. J. W. "Taxi" Smith, Albany Attorney performed at the ceremony.

EXHIBIT WINNERS LISTED

DAWSON'S JOY COLLIER GETS BEAUTY CROWN AT FAIR HERE

A pretty bright-eyed Dawson girl with a sparkling smile, Joy Collier, a senior at Terrell County High School, last night was crowned "Miss Southwest Georgia Fair" in the beauty event held at the Exchange Club's exposition here.

The daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Collier of Dawson, Joy was crowned "Queen" by Albany Attorney J. W. "Taxi" Smith. Second-place honor went to beautiful Miss Betty Fay Ferrell of Cairo and another outstanding youngster, Miss Loraine Kimbrell of Colquitt was third-place winner.

In the community exhibit judging at the fair, first place went to the Yeoman Community (Terrell County) exhibit; second-place to the East Dougherty exhibit; third-place to the Plains (Sumter County) and fourth-place to the Union FFA exhibit. There were 12 community exhibits in all.

CLARK THREAD WINS

The commercial exhibit first prize went to Coats & Clark Thread Company here. The company had machinery set up in the exhibit building and actually showed a thread spooling operation.

Honorable mention in the commercial exhibits went to South Georgia Hardware Company, Huggins Outboard Motors and Davis Radio.

In the fair's FFA fat cattle and swine shows, Hiram Usry of Leesburg almost made a clean sweep. He showed the grand champion beef of the show which also was the same animal which took top honors as the best female beef entered; and the grand champion hog of the show, which also was the champion female entered. He earned four trophies and received a rosette for entering the reserve champion beef female.

Today is school day at the fair and all school students will be admitted free of charge. The fair will last through Saturday.

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ALBANY TODAY

An estimated 35,000 persons in this section had visited the Southwest Georgia Fair by noon Saturday officials of the Exchange Club, sponsoring the event, reported. D. S. Hautman, President and General Manager of the fair association, said officials were well pleased with the reception given the 11th annual event. The fair closed Saturday night after a week