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### **Albany's exchange Club Members Busy Preparing For Mammoth Annual Fair**

Exchange Club members will be busy this week launching preparations for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Georgia Fair, which last year attracted 35,000 persons to the grounds off Lowe Road.

"Eleven community exhibits already have been entered," Carl Calloway reported and Joe Nichols, in charge of the beauty contest event said six high schools in the area have made entries and more are expected this week.

"We're working now getting things in shape" said Marvin Lorig, President and General Manager of the Southwest Georgia Fair Association sponsored by Albany's Exchange Club. "We want to be ready ahead of time this year. All indications point to the biggest and best fair we've ever had."

### **Nineteen Counties**

Nineteen counties will be represented in the fair.

One exchange member, Cy Divine, was praised by fair officials Saturday for his design of a new type steel hog pen to house the hog exhibits this year. The steel-frame pens are covered with hog wire are easier to clean and give fair goers an unobstructed view of the hog exhibits.

Bob Kaple, publicity chairman said, "It is doubtful that any fair in the country will have such modern, outstanding hog pens.

The fair will open here Oct. 27 and will last through Nov. 1. Ample parking areas will be set up and easy parking will be made available to visitors. The new exhibits building has been improved, housing many outstanding community, agricultural, home-making and commercial exhibits.

Cetlin & Wilson Shows, one of the largest fair carnivals of its type will occupy the midway.

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### **Big Southwest Georgia Fair Opens Monday**

The big 19-county Southwest Georgia Fair, enhanced this year with an improved exhibits building, outstanding animal tent and ample parking space for thousands of cars, opens this Monday and will last through Saturday.

Exchange Club members, sponsors of the fair were busily engaged Saturday making last minute preparations and were set to put on the finishing touches today.

“We’ve got a fine fair, chocked full of surprises and interesting exhibits for every member of the family” said Marvin Lorig, President and General Manager. The official predicted a new attendance record this year with visitors expected to top the more than 50,000 persons who came here to the fair in 1957.

### **Large Show**

The Exchange members reminded us that the large Cetlin & Wilson Shows which will occupy the fair’s midway, will start unloading from railroad cars at Seventh Avenue and Washington Street at 5 pm today. The midway has many new rides, shows and educational exhibits, not to mention an assortment of animals gathered from all parts of the globe, the fair officials outlined.

Proceeds from the fair will go to Exchange Club’s youth program, except for some funds which will be used in the club’s annual plan to yearly build up the permanent facilities at the fairgrounds. So far the fair officials have constructed a large exhibits building, new livestock pens, modern fencing around the grounds, new lighting facilities, grounds improvement, constructed restrooms, entrance booth offices and many other facilities.

Carl Callaway in charge of community exhibits said “it is a delight to see what people in this section make and grow. The booths are wonderful.”

### **Judging Time**

Judging in the various booths and exhibits will take place Tuesday at 10 am.

“Miss Southwest Georgia Fair” will be crowned in judging at the fairgrounds at 8 pm on Tuesday. Wednesday is white school day in which students will be admitted to the grounds free of charge, and with the price of rides reduced on the midway. Thursday will be Negro school day. The many commercial exhibits at the fair will be judged Friday. Outstanding attractions at the fair this year is the Pony Show. Two of the fine ponies will be given to fair visitors. This year’s fair is the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual event here with each year reflecting a bigger and better fair the Exchange Club committee chairmen pointed out. In addition to President Lorig, other officers are Bill Buntin, Vice-President; Phillip Wiggins, Secretary; Inman Owens Jr, Treasurer; and E. E. Moody, assistant manager.

Turner Air Force Base will have an exhibit on the midway at the Exchange Club Fair of Southwest Georgia featuring rockets, bombs, shells, a 20 MM cannon, personnel and survival equipment used by pilots and airmen, and other items the PIO announced. One of the base’s big fire trucks will be on hand as well as a jet aircraft engine and a conventional type aircraft engine. Turner Air Force personnel will be on hand to explain the exhibit and answer questions.

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### **Exchange's Big Area Fair Opens; Many Exhibits Set**

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Fair President Marvin Lorig expressed confidence that this year's crowd will well exceed the approximately 50,000 persons who turned out for the 1957 event.

From among the 67 exhibits inside the giant exhibits building, spectators blinked their eyes on sights ranging from massive cabin cruisers to tiny mustard seeds, relaxed in deep massage chairs, watched TV, saw tests of air conditioning and heating units, inspected shutters and jalousies for the home or studied outstanding workmanship in clothing.

### **Many Arts**

The craftsman can study wood carving, wood lamps, metal craft, bird houses, decorated wooden plates and woven stools, while the epicurean will marvel at canned foods including vegetables, fruits, jams, relishes, jellies and meats.

In the cattle tent 21 entries will compete in four classes: Junior bull, senior bull, junior heifer (less than two years and senior heifers over two years). Approximately 50 hogs, a significant increase from last year will vie for top money. Judging for livestock will begin at 9 am tomorrow to be conducted by W. S. Rice of Athens and Bill Hayes of Tifton. The 25 ponies entered this year is more than twice the '57 exhibit. The ponies will compete for prize money in three classes, best mare, best colt and best yearling.

Here's some of what you will find at the 1958 Southwest Georgia Fair:

Community Booths-Outstanding display by 4-H Clubs, men and women's division hosting entries such as agricultural exhibits including corn, oats, rye peanuts, sweet potatoes and pecans, canned goods and forestry products.

Commercial Booths-Lighting, heating, boats, toys, air conditioning, furniture, radios, TV, shutters and the NBC TV trademark, the peacock in color and which weighs more than 60 pounds.

Livestock-144 hogs, 21 cattle entries and 25 ponies.

Air Force-Half million dollar display of equipment ranging from a tiny 30 caliber gun cartridge to the \$253, 000 J-57 engine used in the F-100 super powered jet. Also spotlighted will be a helicopter and a complete unit tank from Turner AFB.

Marines-A 75 mm radio-controlled gun costing \$125,000 highlight the Marine exhibit along with a display of a tracker wave radio relay which weighs 200 pounds and is a portable instrument.

Beauty Contest-Nineteen ladies representing 19 counties for the \$100 first prize tomorrow at 8 pm. The girls will pose in evening dresses and through three eliminations before the winner is crowned.

The Midway-For the third consecutive year Cetlin and Wilson Shows will spread the sawdust for showing Georgians the "Flying ?", a new ride from Europe making its first United States appearance today. There are rides for all ages, including turnpike electric cars for youngsters. The world's smallest midget ? Moore, who towers 16 inches on the ground will command honor and respect from long and short alike. The Thrilling Motor drone, Mr. ? and a 600 pound lion ride an automobile up and down a straight line is one of the most spectacular events of the show. Also 30 fun booths and 20 shows with rides, popcorn, cotton candy, pink lemonade and hotdogs will more than fill the eyes and stomachs of all attending during the six day stand.

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### **EXCHANGE'S BIG AREA FAIR OPENS; MANY EXHIBITS SET**

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Beauty Contest- Nineteen ladies, representing 19 counties compete for the \$100 first prize tomorrow at 8 p.m. The girls will dress in evening dresses and go through three eliminations before

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### **Exchange Fair Goes Into High Gear Near City**

The Exchange Club's big Southwest Georgia Fair rolled into high gear here today, with a full schedule of morning, afternoon and night activities, after a gala opening yesterday.

Judges this morning began casting critical –but with admiring-eyes over the sparkling booths of exhibits, in long and earnest pondering over awarding of prizes and ribbons.

No one envied them for all the displays are beautiful. Lady judges in stocking feet minced daintily among seemingly acres of tablecloths, pillow cases, quilts, stuffed toys, center pieces, shawls, woodwork and other handicraft items, neatly arranged stacks and tiers of home canned and farm grown food products, and a world of other fruits of rural people proud of their productions.

### **Livestock Judging**

Outside the exhibits building this morning, attention centered on the livestock showing and judging-an event that attracted leading extension service workers and scores of 4-H and FFA members with prize animals entered in competition for trophies, ribbons and prize money. The judging was expected to take up the entire morning portion of the day. Another feature attraction slated tonight will be the beauty contest with the queen of the fair being crowned at 8 o'clock.

Meanwhile the glittering midway stood ready with its dozens of rides, shows, games of "skill" and other colorful components to welcome another huge crowd tonight.

### **Children's Days**

Special days for children have been set aside for Wednesday and Thursday. Tomorrow will be white children's day and Thursday will be for Negro children with prizes for rides and most other attractions slashed.

Fair Manager Marvin Lorig busy with a hundred details today said "last night's attendance was bigger than had been expected for opening night" and that "we look for more and more people to visit the fair throughout the rest of the week."

All the dazzling commercial exhibits are operating full swing now and many of them offer visitors opportunities to register for prizes, some of them worth hundreds of dollars. There are more commercial exhibits this year than ever before and merchants have gone all out to make them prettier and more attractive than ever.

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### **WINNING BOOTHS AT FAIR**

El Model 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hogansville Community Exhibit 3rd

East Dougherty Booth 1<sup>st</sup>

### **ALBANY HERALD CARRIERS**

The Albany Herald carriers enjoyed a special night at the fair last night with free rides and seeing variety shows thanks to the Cetlin & Wilson Midway.

Rides included the Merry-go-round, Ferris Wheel, Tilt-a-Whirl, the Scamble and others. The shows included the Ape show, Motor Drone Spectacular and a Circus Side Show.