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## **Albany Fairgrounds**

### **Exchange's Big Southwest Georgia Fair Opens Oct. 26.**

Exchange Club's huge Southwest Georgia Fair, chock-full of educational exhibits for thousands of people who attend the annual event here, will open Oct. 26 and will last through Oct. 31.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual fair, is designed to promote agriculture and handicraft work in Dougherty and 18 surrounding counties.

Marvin Lorig, fair manager and President Ed Reeves of the sponsoring Exchange Club, said today that the fair creates the incentive to produce a better product with its competitive mechanism.

Each year there is a new improvement in the displays and keener competition. The fair represents the centralization of a vast wealth of variety in livestock, canning, farm exhibits, arts, baking, crafts and needlework.

### **Schedule listed:**

The itinerary of this year's fair is as follows:

Monday Oct. 26-Opening Day

Tuesday Oct. 27-Judging begins at 10 am. "Miss Southwest Georgia Fair" will be selected at 8 pm.

Wednesday Oct. 28-Negro school kids day.

Thursday Oct. 29-White school kids day.

Friday Oct. 30-Military day

Saturday Oct. 31-Last day of fair.

Fair officials in the last few years have diverted considerable sums of money toward the building of an adequate permanent fairground. Better lighting, exhibit facilities, fencing, grounds, parking and other improvements have been made, with others to follow.

Manager Lorig said that the response to last year's pony exhibit was so great that the show will be enlarged this season. There will be two categories for judging: Class I-solid colored mares and colts: and Class II-spotted colored mares and colts.

## **Big Midway**

“We expect to have an outstanding fair,” said Manager Lorig. He pointed out that the large, colorful James E. Strates shows will occupy the midway.

Aiding in direction of the fair are Bill Buntin, Vice-President; Phillip Wiggins, Secretary; Inman Owens Jr, Treasurer; and E. E. Moody, assistant manager.

Department chairmen are J. H. Sharman, livestock; C. G. Divine, grounds chairman; C. T. Pope, carnival chairman; T. H. McCollum, pony exhibit; Inman Owens Jr., tickets; Carl Callaway, community exhibits; John Fuqua, commercial exhibits; J. D. Reeves, merchant exhibits (inside); Charles Foster, premium book; Joe Nichols, beauty contest; George Mallory, parking; O. F. Loosier, inside agricultural exhibits; W. S. Newsome, pass chairman; D. S. Hautman, FFA and 4-H; W. C. Wangen, Kids’ Day.