

North Florida Fair Plans Underway; Site Gets Facelift

When the 26th North Florida Fair opens its gates on Oct. 30th, fairgoers will view the results of a recent facelift of the Leon County Fairgrounds.

Fair manager Lloyd Rhoden said this year's fair will offer new features in both facilities and entertainment.

Largest physical improvement at the fair is a \$50,000 lighting system for the concourse and grounds. The system is designed to insure greater safety and enjoyment for fairgoers in the evenings.

Painters are also busy working on physical improvements to the fair, including new fronts for Nature's Nursery for children and the poultry show. The inside of Nature's Nursery for children and the poultry show. The inside of Nature's Nursery will also be new this year, with animals featured around the poem, "The House That Jack Built."

Final improvements have been made in the swine area of the fair, with over 200 new pens available for swine exhibits. Other improvements include new roofing of the food booths run by local organizations, painting of several buildings, and the rede-signing of building interiors.

Food booths at the fair will again be run by local organizations, including the Crawfordville Women's Club, American Legion Post 250, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Godby Parents Auxiliary, Gray's Methodist Church, St. Mark's Women's Club, Richards P.T.A., Tallahassee

Heights Methodist Church, Saint Mary's Primitive Baptist Church, Knights of Columbus, and the First Christian Church.

"Prices at the food booths will be standard and in line with Tallahassee restaurant prices, so that visitors to the fair will know they're not going to be overcharged," according to Rhoden.

In the entertainment area new fair features include the Judy Lynn Show from Las Vegas, the first Miss North Florida Fair Pageant, and the first majorette competition for schools and individuals.

In addition to new attractions, all of the well known fair exhibits are included in this year's fair, such as poultry, swine, cattle, homemaking, arts, and garden club displays. Civic clubs will have exhibits, as will communities and counties from throughout North Florida. Bay County will participate in the county exhibits this year, bringing the total to a record 17 counties.

With good weather it's anticipated that attendance at the fair will exceed last year's paid total of 60,506 and children's total of 67,229. Admission for '73 will remain \$1 for those over 12, with free entrance for those under.

The fair will again this year admit all students without charge on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 6 p.m. and on Saturday Nov. 3 until noon.

The fair's five - day run is scheduled for Oct. 30 through Nov. 3.

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