

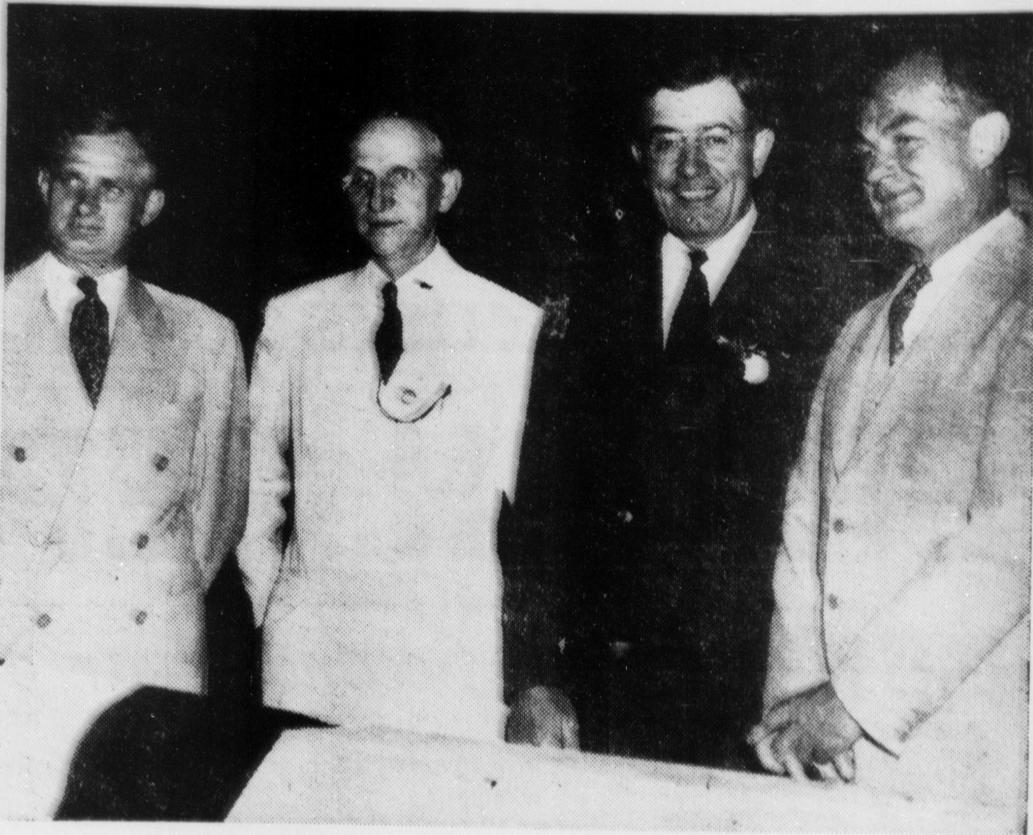
Ceremonies and Just Plain Fun Made It a Big Day for Thousands at the State Fair



Although a large crowd attended the dedication ceremonies for the new Coliseum at the State Fair Grounds yesterday, many more thousands jammed the spacious midway attractions and livestock exhibits.



Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard was the principal speaker at the Coliseum dedication ceremonies.



Dignitaries officiating at the Coliseum program included (left to right) P. L. White, president of the Indiana Board of Agriculture; Lt. Gov. Henry Schriker, Governor Townsend and Mr. Wickard.

FAIR'S ALL-TIME RECORD MAY FALL

Annual Labor Day Program Expected to Attract Many Thousands; Coliseum Is Dedicated by Wickard.

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afternoon and the first afternoon show last night also packed the big coliseum. Many of the finest horses in the country are entered.

Today's stake race, with an estimated purse of \$65,000, included all but one of the entries in the recent Hambletonian.

Stock judging, which got in full swing today, was one of the attractions for Indiana farmers and farm youths. The Gold Medal Colt Club judging was under way in the Coliseum at the same time as the judging of open steer classes and milking shorthorns.

The early arrivals witnessed the American Federation of Labor's annual Labor Day program. Also on the morning schedule was a lumberjacks contest in front of the grandstand.

Coliseum Is Dedicated

Contributing to yesterday's heavy crowd were the dedication of the huge new Coliseum and Lucky Teeete's thrilling stunt show.

The Lucky Teeter show was a sell-out. All seats in the grandstand were gone more than an hour before the show started, and additional thousands of spectators stood in the infiel.

Claude R. Wickard, Hoosier recently named Secretary of Agriculture, was the principal speaker at the dedication program.

Mr. Wickard said the fair's popularity is the result of combining pleasure and business in just the right proportion. He dedicated the Coliseum as an "investment in education, happiness and well-being for the state of Indiana," adding that it will "pay big dividends for years to come."

Townsend Also Speaks

Other dignitaries speaking included Governor M. Clifford Townsend, Lt. Gov. Henry F. Schriker, and Harry G. Templeton, fair manager.

The nearly 5500 people who heard the dedication program applauded when Mr. Wickard said the "dedication of this building is another milestone in the progress of the Indiana State Fair."

One of the most popular spots at the fair yesterday was the midway, which was jammed both afternoon and evening.

The Decatur County 4-H Club youths will represent Indiana at the National Non-Collegiate Livestock Judging at Chicago in November as the result of yesterday's state Junior Livestock Judging Contest.

The team, scoring 1528 out of a possible 1800, includes Dale Lange, who scored \$40 out of a possible 600 points to win a Purdue scholarship; William Nesbitt and Clarence Wenning, Vandalia, County, placed second, while last year's champion team, from Henry County, took third.

The stage show, Americana, which is being given nightly, packed the grandstand to capacity last night.

The start of the annual horse

Fair Program

TODAY

Horse, cattle, sheep judging, Coliseum. Swine judging, Swine Arena. Poultry judging, Poultry Building.

Harness racing, vaudeville, Grandstand, afternoon.

Stage Show and fireworks, Grandstand, 7:45 p. m.

Horse show, Coliseum, 2 and 7 p. m.

I. U. stage show, I. U. Building, day and night.

Style show, Women's Building, 10:30 a. m.—2:30 p. m.

Home Economics Choruses, Women's Building, 2:30 p. m.

TOMORROW

Governor's, Legislators' Day. Horse, cattle judging, Coliseum.

Sheep judging, Sheep Arena. Swine judging, Swine Arena. Harness racing, vaudeville, Grandstand, afternoon.

Stage Show and fireworks, Grandstand, 7:45 p. m.

I. U. Stage Show, I. U. Building, day and night.

Style show, Women's Building, 10:30 a. m.—2:30 p. m.

Home Economics Choruses, Women's Building, 11 a. m.—2:30 p. m.

Horse show, band concert, Coliseum, 7 p. m.

Haystack

Wickard Gets a Poser at the Fair; Photos Taken With F. D. R. or W. W.!

By FRANK WIDNER

SAID THE GOVERNOR of Indiana, M. Clifford Townsend, to the Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard, at the formal dedication of the Fair Ground's Coliseum yesterday:

"This Coliseum would make an ideal hay barn. Claude, how much hay would you say it would hold?"

Mr. Wickard was stuck for the moment, but Henry F. Schriker, Lieutenant Governor, came to his aid later.

"There are six million cubic feet in this building," he said. "Now, if you know how many cubic feet of hay in a ton, you could figure it out in tons."

Governor Townsend and Secretary Wickard put their heads together and just before the ceremony ended came up with the following answer:

"About 12,000 tons."

Vendors at the Fair Grounds have a way of appealing to all visitors, no matter what their political affiliation may be.

Several "take-your-own-picture" machines had huge signs announcing:

"Photo of Roosevelt or Willkie and yourself taken together."

All you do is sit in front of the lens, drop a dime in the slot, and presto, you and one of the presidential candidates are pictured as bosom pals.

It's strange, this mob psychology.

The ambulance will come tearing down one of the streets, led by a State Police car with both sirens wailing. People scatter like paper in the wind.

But as soon as the cars stop, the crowd folds together like a deck of cards.

"Get a kennel of 'em," he shouts.

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