

Fair Costs Are Noted

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By Charles Siler
It is possible to visit the 1982 World's Fair without spending a dime above the \$9.95 admission price, but if estimates by fair developer Knoxville International Energy Exposition, Inc. (KIEE) are correct, few fairgoers will stop spending when they pass the turnstiles.

KIEE estimates that for each visit to the fair, \$4.09 will be spent on food, \$3.15 on merchandise and \$1.50 on amusement rides. Add those figures to a \$9.95 admission price and the average trip to the fair should cost about \$18.69 per visit per person.

That is, if the "average fairgoer" doesn't buy a trip up the Sunsphere elevator (\$2), or a ride on a riverboat (\$4.50 on a large boat or \$3.50 on a small boat), or a trip across the fair site in a tram (\$1 for adults, 50 cents for children) or a ride in a chairlift across Cumberland Avenue (\$1.35 for adults, \$1 for children) or a ride in a gondola from the Candy Factory across Western Avenue (\$1.60 for adults, \$1.10 for children).

KIEE has no per capita estimates of these expenses. A check of other themed attractions in the South showed that the average expenditure per visit is \$25 at Disney World's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla., (\$13 of which is admission cost), \$21 at Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta (\$11.95 of that is for admission) and at Nashville's Opryland it's \$21.50 (\$11.50 for that admission cost).

Unlike the fair, admission to these parks includes unlimited admission to all rides, and, in some cases, on-site transportation. But the fair offers some things the other theme parks includes unlimited admission to all rides, and in some cases on-site transportation. But the fair offers some things the other theme parks do not, according to Marc Grossman, public information director for KIEE. "I'm reluctant to compare ourselves to Disney because it's like comparing apples and oranges," Grossman said. "Theme parks like Disney feature rides. We do not feature rides. If all you want to do is ride rides, you would be better off going somewhere else. What we are about is exhibits and different kinds of entertainment. We could have raised the admission price to include the amusement

area, but must people do not go to a World's Fair to ride the rides." Included in the fair admission price is admission to the exhibits and shows in international and corporate pavilions and the traditional music concerts and craft demonstrations that will be at the fair's Folklife area, Grossman said.

Parades, fireworks, ceremonies at the Court of Flags, admission to performances by the singing group "Up with People", an Opryland-produced musical show at the Tennessee Amphitheater, concerts at a floating theater and international entertainment such as German dancing and Italian opera at the Elm Tree Theater are all part of the admission price.

To help fairgoers pass the time while standing in line for these attractions, jugglers, mimes, musicians, clowns and magicians will stroll the site, providing mobile (and free) entertainment, Grossman said.

Here is an itemized list of the cost of a hypothetical trip to the fair for two adults with two children ages 9 and 12.

Parking at KIEE lots will be \$6 and includes shuttle bus transportation to the fair. Four single-day tickets will cost \$9.95 for the two adults and the 12-year-old, and \$8.25 for the 9-year-old. That's \$44.10. After a ride to the top of the Sunsphere for everybody, the total for the day rises to \$52.10.

A chairlift across Cumberland Avenue towards Family Funland costs \$5.05 for the group, boosting their total expenses to \$57.15. A 25-coupon booklet of ride tickets is \$10, raising the amount of money spent to \$67.15. Now add a lunch tab of \$17 for four Chinese dinners, raising the cost of the trip to \$84.15.

Add in the cost of a couple of souvenir T-shirts and a few video games, and a rough total for the day comes to about \$90, or \$22.50 per person.

Cpl. Moore Gets Marine Promotion

Marine Cpl. Anthony D. Moore, son of Tony and Rosa A. Moore of Route 3, Box 368-G, Edenton, and whose wife, Janice, is the daughter of Daniel and Bonnie Smith of Route 6, Box 384, Goldsboro, N.C., has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N. C.



RECEIVE 45-YEAR PINS — Three charter members of the Edenton Lion's Club received 45-year pins at Monday night's meeting. They are, from left to right: Guy C. Hobbs, Clarence Leary and R. West Leary. They are receiving the award from the guest speaker, J. David Edwards, who is the District Governor of the Lion's Club.

East Criticizes HUD's Wasteful Spending

By Sen. John East
Would you believe that a family earning \$15,250 a year could move into a \$1,500 a month rental apartment in San Francisco and pay only \$330 to the landlord while the American taxpayer picks up the tab for the rest of the rent? And would you believe that Congress is committed to funding housing subsidies similar to this to the tune of \$260 billion over the next 15 to 40 years.

You ought to believe it, because it is true. The program began with Section 8 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The intent, supposedly, was to entice builders to construct housing for the poor. A builder submits his plans to HUD, and HUD determines the "fair market rent." Upon completion of the project, HUD moves in qualified families who pay only a portion of the rent,

and guarantees to the owner payment for the difference out of tax dollars. Until this year, a qualified family was one whose income did not exceed 80 per cent of the median income of the local community. Now the limit is 50 per cent. Even so, the subsidy still shocks most taxpayers. HUD has determined, for example, that the median income is \$32,400 in the District of Columbia, \$30,500 in San Francisco, \$28,500 in New York City, \$28,300 in Denver, and \$22,500 in Amarillo, Texas. The maximum fair-market rent on which a subsidy will be paid is \$1,509 per month, an amount already approved for a Section 8 project in San Francisco.

Thus, a \$16,000 or \$17,000 a year family in San Francisco would be paying taxes to subsidize a \$15,250 a year family (50 per cent of the local median income) living in a \$1,500 a month rental unit! The subsidy becomes even more outrageous when you consider that Medicaid and food stamps are not calculated as part of an eligible family's income. It is little wonder that HUD has come under increasing criticism in recent months. The General Accounting Office has described the Section 8 program as wasteful and ineffective; and the Reader's Digest said HUD's bureaucrats were "like drunks on a spree" in handing out billions for housing subsidies.

After recounting many of HUD's Section 8 failures, the Boston Herald American said it best: "It is time to find better ways to house the

Illness Claims Mr. Bass, 77

Quinton Thomas Bass, 77, Route 3, Edenton, died Jan. 25 at the Chowan Hospital following an extended illness. The husband of Mrs. Wessie Saunders Bass, he was a retired merchant and farmer and a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Thomas Bass of Edenton, his daughter, Mrs. Lillian Williford of Chesapeake, Va.; one brother: Reuben Bass of Edenton; one sister: Mrs. Minnie White of Hobbsville, N.C.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Jan. 27 at 2:30 P.M. at Macedonia Baptist Church by Rev. Charles Harris. Burial followed at Beaver Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Thomas Paul Griffin, Mayo Lawrence, Edsel Watt, Elmer Overton, Sr., Jesse White, Jr. and Ronnie Bass. Williford Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Church Observes Founder's Day

The Iota Nu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated observed its annual Founders Day worship service at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Hertford, N.C. with their fraternity brothers and pastor Rev. H. H. Grier on Jan. 17. The service, "Everybody Is Somebody", was gratifying to the entire group. M. B. Taylor, serving as Mistress of Ceremonies, presented the welcome and a brief history of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority organization. Jean Hayes gave the response. Presentations were made to the pastor, Rev. H. H. Grier, Doris Jennings and to the church treasurer by Marlene Dobie. Further plans are being made by the committee for the annual "Phyllis Womenhood Observance" and the annual Sweetheart Ball.

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