

# World's Fair Visitors Top 5 Million

More than 5 million people have passed through the gates of The 1982 World's Fair at Knoxville, Tenn., thus far, making it the most successful U.S. fair both in popular and financial terms, since the New York World's Fair of 1939.

By comparison, the attendance for the entire run of the '74 Fair in Spokane totaled 5.2 million.

The Fair's national popularity has been attributed in large part to word-of-mouth enthusiasm. Exit surveys of visitors' reactions to the Fair show that 85 percent would recommend the Fair to friends and relatives at home.

In spite of the turn out in Knoxville, city officials say, the major problems anticipated by the public have not materialized. There have been no traffic jams or back-ups, police report; and parking spaces are plentiful, resulting in reduced rates.

Visitor services to make booking accommodations easier and to reduce waits on exhibit lines have been stepped up by Fair management.

Scattered complaints regarding housing and reservations have been addressed, and increased staffing, a new streamlined telephone-reser-

vations system and customer-service division have eliminated housing problems.

Even with attendance running 35 per cent ahead of projections, there is good availability of quality rooms in and around the city, according to Property Leading and Hotel/Motel Management, the Fair's newly retained housing agency.

"We expected our millionth visitor at the end of May, but we hit the first million mark in the first two weeks," S.H. Roberts, Jr., president of the Fair, reports. "Our four millionth visitor arrived late in June, and earlier this month we greeted the five millionth."

"The World's Fair is obviously surpassing our wildest hopes," he claims. "We anticipated from 20-40,000 visitors daily during May, but between 50-99,000 people passed through the turnstiles daily. June projections were 40-60,000 daily, and we've ended up averaging 75,000. The Tour and Travel Department, expecting 250-300 buses a day, saw that figure reach 600 and up to 800 buses on some days."

"We've also been proud to see the number of exhibiting nations grow to 27 with the recently announced participation of five eastern Caribbean nations," Roberts states. St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Montserrat, St. Lucia, and Antigua and Barbuda will exhibit in a 4,700 square foot pavilion opening early in August.

"Because of these fantastic crowds, we've added water fountains, benches, canopies and restrooms," Roberts says. "As the Fair progresses, it is growing and changing to accommodate the turn-out -- steps like a second level of the French pavilion, expansion of the Philippine pavilion, and more space in front of the Korean Pavilion have been taken in this regard. An additional 3.5 million dollars have been allotted since Opening Day for Fair-site improvements."

One of the most powerful drawing cards to the Fair has turned out to be the impressive roster of entertainers and celebrity-studded shows.

Crowds have already viewed such luminaries as Rudolf Nureyev, Bob Hope, Glen Campbell, the cast of "Ain't Misbehavin'," Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash. On tap for the coming weeks are Loretta Lynn, Carlos Montoya, Red Skelton and

the Grand Kabuki Theatre of Japan.

On-site, full-scale musical productions are being staged daily in the Tennessee State Amphitheatre and on the three Folklife Festival stages. The latter -- the largest such festival ever presented -- features country, bluegrass, gospel, folk and blues performers throughout the day.

Two new theatrical venues -- the Court of Flags and the Garden Theatre -- have recently been established to help accommodate the approximately 35 daily on-site productions. All on-site entertainment is free.

In addition, jugglers, musicians, dancers, clowns, mimes, and marching bands entertain queues throughout the Fair grounds.

Visitors have also been on hand to greet such visiting dignitaries as Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan and Philippine First Lady Imelda Marcos, Vice Premier of Australia Douglas Anthony, and of course American leaders, including President and Mrs. Reagan, Governor Alexander and Senator Baker of Tennessee.

The number to call for general information and accommodations is (615) 971-1000. Call Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Fair will be open through October 31. Admission prices are \$9.95 for adults and \$8.25 for children.

"You've Got To Be There" is The 1982 World's Fair slogan, and the Fair's success echoes that theme daily.



In the new Testament and in the years that followed in the life of the early church, Christians often found themselves imprisoned for openly following and teaching Jesus Christ. If you'll read these various passages in the New Testament, you'll note that Christian prisoners usually were unique, to say the least. They weren't like other prisoners. In fact, although these men were physically confined to a jail, there was a lingering apprehension among their jailors that it was the prisoners who seemed to be the free men.

That's the way it was with Paul and Silas at Philippi (Acts 16). Having been beaten and hauled before the magistrates upon their arrival in Philippi, Paul and Silas were put in jail. One would have expected the prisoners to be either discouraged or humiliated, perhaps even both. Instead in the midnight stillness of the prison there was heard these two men praying and singing hymns. What's more, we're told, "and the prisoners were listening to them."

Suddenly there is an earthquake and both the prisoners' fetters and cell door are sprung open. Waking with a start, the jailor jumped to the conclusion that the earthquake had made it possible for Paul and Silas to escape. The thought of his prisoners having escaped devastates him. Some commentators think that his despair arose from the fact that the town magistrates would execute him for allowing the prisoners to escape. Others lay his extreme reaction to his sense of humiliation. His pride was crushed.

Whatever his reason, the jailor soon finds himself where we sometimes find ourselves: he is overwhelmed with despair, he finds himself unable to cope with his situation, and he comes perilously close to giving up and calling it a day.

It is in this crucial moment that he hears Paul calling loudly to him: "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." In amazement he calls for lights and finds that, in truth, his prisoners are waiting quietly within the jail. It is a picture of contrasts: on the one hand he is scared and desperate; on the other, even though he is the jailor, it is Peter and Silas who seem to be in control. "Men," he asks desperately, "what must I do to be saved?" The jailor needs the help of his prisoner.

How often you and I find ourselves either frightened or in deepest despair and we turn to God to ask what we must do to be saved. Whether our danger is physical or spiritual, we want to be redeemed of all this. It seems we just can't go on one more hour, that we have reached the end of our faith, that nothing is working out the way it's supposed to.

But the answer is as simple and complex as it has ever been: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."



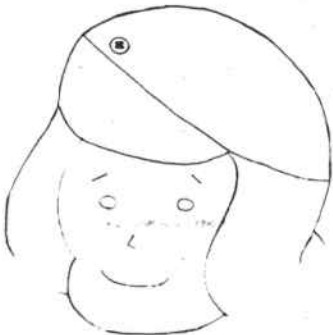
"WHERE'S CHARLEY?" -- This scene from the comedy, "Where's Charley?", playing at the Bordeaux dinner Theatre in Fayetteville shows Dan Norton of Raeford as Sir Francis Chesney, Chris Jones, pretending to be his own aunt, and William Eanes as Mr. Spettique. The show plays Wednesdays through Sundays weekly, till Saturday, August 14.



MONSTER CUKE -- This big cucumber was produced by the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Mack of Five Points, and the Macks' 6-year-old grandson, Anthony Kyles, is standing by it just to give an idea of how big it is. The cucumber was picked July 13, and this picture was taken the same day.



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**and**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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(You may vote for two)

( ) THOMAS (TOM) P. HOWELL  
( ) JAMES A. HUNT  
( ) MABEL M. RILEY  
( ) CLEO BRATCHER, JR.

**FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Sixteenth District**  
(You may vote for three)

( ) JOHN (PETE) HASTY  
( ) SIDNEY A. LOCKS  
( ) V. LOUISE SANDERSON  
( ) J.T. (TOMMY) WELLINGTON  
( ) DANIEL H. DeVANE  
( ) WILLIAM C. GAY

State of North Carolina  
2nd Primary Election  
July 27, 1982

*J. Scott Poole*  
J. Scott Poole, Chairman  
Hoke County Board of Elections

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 PAUL WRIGHT

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