

BICENTENNIAL FAIR

Camp Straus was the scene of a true county fair in August which brought to successful conclusion the Transylvania County Bicentennial Festival celebration. Olin employees were prominent throughout the long period of planning and putting on the festival which ended with the fair. Bob Robinson was co-chairman of



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both the festival and the committee which worked out the layout of midway, tents, cattle show and others. In addition to the fair, the festival activities during the year included concerts, parade, watermelon feast, Old Fashion Week, and a Brevard Music Center community-thanks concert. Two other facets of the celebration were heritage, which recalled area history; and horizons; which looked beyond 1976. Ray Israel was chairman of the fair council whose

other Olin members chaired committees: L. E. Callender, concessions; Rita Morgan, publicity; Margie Masters, talent; Fred Kilstrom, contests; and Robinson, layout. Israel is pictured with Kitty Anderson whose Station WPNF broadcasting booth was attractive to young and older. Fritz Merrell was master of ceremonies at the fair's opening where patriotic music was by the Calico Chorus. The ribbon cutting was by Larry Staples, John Candler and Don Parker, representing all Olin employees as host to the fair at Camp Straus. The Liberty Bell of tobacco, loaned by R. J. Reynolds, was a popular exhibit in the Bicentennial theme. In addition to the many Olin employees who helped through the Community Development clubs and other units, Israel and Robinson praised the Ecusta electricians who wired the fair on their own time, and the protection personnel who directed traffic on their own time.

