

Georgia Mountain Fair set for 10-day run in Hiawassee

All too many institutions and customs of the past are fading fast, but the joys and memories of yesterday return to live again at the Georgia Mountain Fair. For 10 exciting days beginning Friday, Aug. 7, folks from all over the nation will be heading for "Georgia's Little Switzerland", Hiawassee, Ga., for the 20th consecutive Georgia Mountain Fair.

effort has been made to re-create as authentically as possible the life and work habits of an era in our history that is all but forgotten, except in the nostalgic memories of the older people.

One of the most popular and interesting features of the Mountain Fair is the Pioneer Village complete with: an old General Store, a replica of an old mountain home, a quilting party, a musical museum, spinning and weaving, soap and hominy making. Reminiscent of the ways of making a livelihood in the by-gone era of the mountains are such things as: the blacksmith shop, pottery making, wood carving,

the hand splitting of red oak wood to make shingles, grinding of corn meal - and even the moonshine still in actual operation.

The Georgia Mountain Fair is most unusual in that it has vegetables, native gemstones. There's a room full of antiques; another filled with hundreds of varieties of beautiful dahlias from the farm of Alvin Todd at Suches, Ga.

Special features and entertainment have been planned for each of the ten days of the Mountain Fair with something of interest to the senior citizens who live with their precious memories of the past - and for the youth with their dreams and hopes of the future.

singing will feature such well-known groups as: The SegeBrothers and Naomi, the Rebels Quartet, The Kingsmen, and The Smitty Gatlin Singers with Bobbie Jean White. The exhibits will be open during the afternoon only.

Monday, Aug. 10, will be highlighted by the Fifth Annual Art Show with some interesting displays of talent by local artists. Gilbert Whitters, a famous gemstone authority, will speak at 2 p.m. under the Big Tent. A special Country Music Show with Chuch Athra and the Wood Chucks at 8 p.m. under the big tent.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, is the start of the Flower Show which will continue through noon Thursday and featuring very attractive arrangements of flowers by the local garden clubs. Another special country music show with Bobby Johnson and Swinging Gentlemen is scheduled for 8 p.m. Special Fair Guest: Miss Dominion of Canada and Miss See Georgia First will appear at the Country Music Show.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, is Youth Day at the Fair with all youths being admitted free until 5 p.m. A special Market Hog Show is scheduled for 2 p.m. and a special Youth Night no commercial exhibits. But the fairgrounds are replete with attractively arranged exhibits by the mountain people, community clubs, churches, state and federal agencies: Arts, needlework, crafts, fresh and canned fruits and

Program featuring Billy Wilson and The Country Boys at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13, is Lions Club Day and Rockhound Day. On this day the Towns County Lions Club pays special recognition to Fellow Lions who come to visit the Fair. It is also a day when Rockhounds

gather to swap gems and yarns. Local gospel singing at 8 p.m. will attract many to the big tent on the fairgrounds.

Friday, Aug. 14, will be highlighted by a Big Country Music Show with Fiddlin Howard Cunningham, Master of Ceremonies, at 8 p.m.

The last day of the fair,

Saturday, Aug. 15, will be filled with activities which include: The Big Country Music Show beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting all day long; The Annual Georgia Mountain Fair Parade at noon, down the Main Street of Hiawassee will feature the Georgia Model-A Restorers Club with their old

automobiles - 30, 40, 50, even 60 years old - completely restored to look factory new.

Each year the Georgia Mountain Fair grows in popularity, reaching a peak attendance of over 100,000 last year. Lodging facilities in the area are often inadequate to handle the large crowds even though several hundred hotel rooms are available within a

25-mile radius of Hiawassee.

There are four National Forest Campgrounds, several private campgrounds and the New Lions Club Campground at Hiawassee to provide camping spaces for several hundred trailer and tent campers. Special arrangements have been made to provide more and better food services for the visitors this year.

Driver Education Slated For Adults

An adult driver education course will be offered at Andrews High School. The course will be open to all adults who are 18 years of age or older and are out of school.

The entire course will be 36 hours in length. Thirty hours will be classroom work with six hours behind the wheel driving. This amount of time is designed to prepare an individual to pass his written and driving examinations in

order to obtain a driver's license.

There will be a fee of \$16 to cover the cost of the course in addition to a book fee of \$6.12 for a total cost of \$22.12.

Registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 3. Payment of fees will be expected at this time.

For additional information, contact Joe Morrow, Extension Director, Tri-County Tech.

On Friday, Aug. 7, the Fair opens with two big country music shows at 2 and 8 p.m. under the big tent which seats over three thousand. Direct from the Grand Ole Opry, the featured artists for these shows will be - Jean Shepard and the Second Fiddlers, Mel Tillis and the Statesiders and Jimmy Martin with the Sunny Mountain Boys and Gloria Belle.

Saturday, Aug. 8, is the day for the Georgia Mountain Cloggers Convention with several teams competing in the two shows at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Noontime Parade on Saturday, depicting the pioneer days.

Sunday, Aug. 9, has been set aside for Gospel Singing from 1 to 5 p.m. This year the

biggest attraction Sunday afternoon will be the Elmhurst Express. Fred Lorenzen, who retired following the 1967 Atlanta 500 and returned in May of this year is the only four time winner at AIR with victories. Engineering on the "Express" will be master mechanic Ray Fox formerly of Daytona Beach, Fla., but now of Charlotte N.C., who has twice twisted wrenches on the winner of AIR's summer racing classic.

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Racing With Red By Red Schuyler

Due to the threat of rain, racing at Tri-County Raceway last Saturday night was cancelled. Weather permitting a full card of racing events is planned for this Saturday night.

After viewing Saturday nights racing and you feel like you would like to see more racing before the weekend is over, there's racing a-plenty going on at the Atlanta International raceway Sunday afternoon featuring Grand National cars and drivers.

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previous ten runnings of Atlanta Int'l Raceway's summer classic shows that being the fastest qualifier has not aided the majority of those who started first.

In the first two events, the 1960 pole won by the late Fireball Roberts and David Pearson winning it for the 1961 race, Roberts and Pearson went on to triumph in the races. The fastest time trialer has not been able to earn a ride into victory lane since.

When qualifying trials open for the eleventh time to decide the starting order for Sunday's Dixie 500, all the top NASCAR professionals will be shooting for the pole position and the right to start in front of the other 39 who earn a spot in the starting field for the \$102,495 event.

This year there will be additional incentive for the heavy footed drivers. In addition to a healthy check and a plaque, the Falstaff Brewing Co. will give the pole winner a year's supply of their product. A welcome award for drivers who experience 150 degree cockpit temperatures and who frequently lose over ten pounds during a 500 mile race.

Time trials the first day will decide the first dozen starters for the 328-lap race on Sunday, sixteen more will be determined by the better-of-two-lap clocked runs on the second day with the final 12 starters being decided Saturday afternoon.



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