

# Grounds Filling Up For Final Program

Cloudy skies this morning apparently did not deter thousands from coming to the Centennial Day program today, the finale of the 100th Fairfield County Fair.

The sun shone intermittently during the forenoon with temperatures in the low 60s. The weatherman made no mention of rain in his early forecast for this afternoon and tonight.

Friday's Homecoming Day throng was approximately 2,000 less in paid attendance than the 17,000 total of the Friday at the 1949 Fair when a new record was set, Fair Board Secretary Russell Alt said.

Scores of Fairgoers came to the grounds today, bent on remaining for most of the day, despite threatening weather, because they carried lunch boxes, reviving memories of previous Fairfield fairs when people brought their meals to the big North Side show lot.

A most colorful event, the spectacle "Parade of Champions" in which hundreds of head of prized livestock took part, sent today's finale off to a fine start. The Adolph band led the quarter-mile-long procession on the race track this morning.

Approximately 60 horses were to compete in eight single dashes during this afternoon's final racing program. Every horse quartered at the track was being given an opportunity to run because the Wednesday and Thursday programs were rained out.

Cherokee Hammond promised a complete new program for his old-time rodeo and thrill show, which will be presented in a final performance tonight at 7:30 on the track in front of the amphitheater, weather permitting.

All parking areas inside the grounds and nearby were filling up fast at noon. The bulk of the tremendous crowds which always come to the Fair's finale were expected at the grounds early this afternoon.

## Emergency Squad Car Hits Auto; 11 Persons Injured

COLUMBUS, O. — (AP)—An emergency squad car crashed into an automobile loaded with high school students at 2:52 a.m. today, and 11 persons were injured.

Cloyd Clark, 16, a North High School student, was hurt seriously.

The youngsters had taken in a midnight movie, apparently after attending the North-West high school football game.

The crash occurred at Third Street and Livingston Avenue, in the downtown section.

In a similar accident at the same intersection, five years ago, Capt. Carl Eekstorm of the fire department was killed and two others were injured.

The Clark boy was driving the passenger car, accompanied by two other boys and a girl. Police said he ran thru a red light.

In the emergency car were four firemen, a patient and two passengers. It was en route to a hospital with James Farthing, 24, who had been hit on the head with a beer bottle in a grill.

## Fiery Battle Brings Fall Of Kumchon

TOKYO—(AP)—American troops seized Kumchon today in a roaring battle on the southeastern approaches of Pyongyang, the Korean Communist capital. It rained a steel lid over an estimated 20,000 trapped Reds.

On both the East and West coasts of central Korea's narrow waist, allied carrier planes raked fast disappearing Red targets.

But there was not further word on the hot tank group led by the battleship Missouri which smashed supply lines from Soviet Siberia on Korea's east coast Thursday and Friday.

Except for the U. S. First Cavalry Division's capture of Kumchon—the steel work on Communists bottled up southwest of Pyongyang—there was a drought in reports of ground action.

But there seemed no question that the Korean war was in its final phases.

Major Gen. Hubert Gay of the First Cavalry announced the capture of Kumchon, a communications center, 11 miles north of Parallel 38. One of the cavalry spearheads smashed eight miles north of Kumchon to Hango, 65 miles from the Red capital, Kumchon is 70 air miles southeast of Pyongyang.

"The trap is closed," said Gay. "They will not get out any tanks, guns or vehicles."

Gay expressed surprise at the number of tanks the Reds produced for the battle on three sides of Kumchon. Nine were knocked out. Several days ago, Gay said the Reds had only small arms, mortars and land mines.

At Hango, the Americans were astride the Reds' main escape route to the North. But Gay conceded that some enemy soldiers might slip out of the trap.

It didn't seem likely that too many would get out. The South Korean First Division was driving northward on the American right flank and was 4 1/2 miles northeast of Kumchon.

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