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Ring Down Curtain On Fair Tonight

The 104th Lancaster Fair today reached a climax and conclusion under cloudy skies and cool weather.

Heavy rains last night forced cancellation of this morning's colorful "Parade of Livestock Champions" on the half-mile oval race-track so muddied by the downpour that this afternoon's final harness races probably will be called off, too.

A rainstorm late yesterday afternoon prevented the single showing of Jinks Hoaglan's rodeo last night, but at noon today Fair officials and Hoaglan announced the wild west show will definitely go on at 7:30 o'clock tonight on the track in front of the amphitheater, provided another downpour does not interfere.

Earlier this morning there was a possibility the harness races might be run, but toward noon it was learned the program probably would be called off because of the track's condition.

Yesterday's Fair attendance was extremely light, made so by the miserable weather which forced cancellation of the high school band parade, which had been postponed from Wednesday because of rain, and also the third day's program of harness races.

Jinks Hoaglan and Fair Board Secretary Russell Alt said a free program of stage acts would be held on the platform inside the track oval this afternoon with the Adelphi band furnishing music.

Indoor events at the Fair were staged on schedule yesterday. A large crowd attended the annual 4-H Club auction of prized fat steers, hogs and lambs last night in the round cattle barn.

The 4-H and Vocational Agriculture Dairy Showmanship contest, biggest event of the Junior Fair, yesterday drew interest from many spectators who were under cover in the big tent north of the race track, also the scene Wednesday and Thursday of the Ohio Hereford Show and sale.

Judge Horses Today

The most of the Fair's track events and features were washed out by the rains, the 1954 exposition did draw large crowds on Wednesday and Thursday that equaled the attendances for the same days of the 1953 Fair.

Saddle horses and ponies were being judged this morning in the infield of the track oval, but results were not available at noon press time.

The Fair will officially close tonight.

Boy Turns Gun On Officials To Save Dog

MONROE, La. —(AP)— Ten-year-old Joe Cooper, who threatened school officials with a loaded shotgun to save his dog from the city pound, is back in the reformatory while a West Monroe City judge ponders his fate.

Judge Howell Heard took the case under advisement. Public disapproval against the speed with which he sent the sixth grader to Louisiana Training Institute Oct. 6 following the school yard incident prompted a four hour rehearing of the evidence last night.

Hundreds of telegrams and letters poured in from all parts of the country. Some sought to adopt the boy, others wanted to impeach the judge. An angry group of parents began circulating a petition for the ouster of Mrs. Tina Clark, principal of the Ransom School, who locked the dog in a closet when it followed Joe to school.

Judge Heard, who barred newsmen from the hearing and or-

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