

# Fair Crowd Is Re

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Largest opening day attendance in 15 years opened the 21st annual Ross County Fair

According to J. K. Rudell, secretary, 3,065 persons were on the grounds Tuesday, topping last year's first-day crowd by 1,252.

He said 423 season passes were bought at the gate, topping last year's figure by 71.

The morning's threatening clouds cleared and what was forecast as a chilly evening turned out to be just about right for the Junior Fair Queen contest, the opening grandstand attraction of the fair.

Miss Sue Crain, 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Arbroese Crain, Route 7, a member of the Huntington Hilltoppers 4-H Club, became the 10th Ross County Junior Fair Queen.

Miss Crain, one of 32 contestants vying for the title, is the second Crain to win the contest. Her sister, Toby, in 1956, was the second queen.

When asked her prime purpose in life, she replied, "For the next year, it's to be the best 4-H'er possible and after that to make my family proud of me."

She was a contestant in the 1963 Miss South Central Ohio Pageant, was her school's homecoming queen and was a runner-up in the Miss Britt's contest, and was a member of the Fair Queen court in 1961.

Amid the excitement following her naming as queen, Sue displayed a charm bracelet she was wearing, revealing she wore it in 1963 when she took first place in the tailored clothes division of the 4-H center style review.

Tuesday she was wearing a black crepe dress with white trim.

Members of the 1965 court are Harriett Bookwaller, 18, Kingston, Route 2; Sheila Davis, 18, Route 1; Melany Simons, 16, New Holland, Route 1; and Marilyn Aler, 17, Clarksburg.

The new queen and her court will participate in various activities during the Fair.

Official judges for the contest were C. Ross Cline, Lee Gramam and Win Elliott. Clerks were Robert McDowell, Jack Summers and Paul Burgoon. Shirley Hammon provided organ music for the contest.

The audience, which filled the grandstand to overflowing, had to strain its ears to hear the contestants. The public address system did not work properly.

But, even with the PA difficulties most of the crowd stayed.

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**Forecast**  
OHIO—Sunny and mild this

## Thursday's Highlights

Livestock judging, style shows and harness racing will highlight activities at the Ross County Fair Thursday. All judging, with the exception of open class, will start at 9 a.m.

Classes being judged will be sheep, junior fair; dairy cattle; open class; dual purpose cattle and swine. Also at 9 will be the Ayshire Cattle Breeders District show. Open class sheep judging will begin at 11 a.m.

The 4-H style revue and modeling, junior division, will begin at 12:30 p.m. The Adelphi Band will provide music on the midway beginning at 1. A cake decorating demonstration will be held in the Home Arts Building at 2 p.m. Harness racing will begin at 4 p.m., preceded by a half hour of music in the

grandstand by the Adelphi Band.

Horseshoe qualifying bouts will begin at 5 p.m. and Girl Scouts will lower the flag at that time.

The 4-H style revue and modeling, senior division, will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the Adelphi Band will give a concert at that time.

A leather steeplechasing demonstration will be given by Mrs. Carl Rea at 8 p.m., and the Jerry Racer Dance-O-Rama will be held at the grandstand beginning at 10 p.m.

On the agenda for Wednesday evening are FFA demonstrations at the Junior Fair Building, a Horse Show at the grandstand, both beginning at 7 p.m., and beef judging, open class, from beginning at 7:30.

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