

## Record Ross County Fair Now History

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Hammers banging and machinery clanking, exhibitors at the Ross Fair dismantled 1954's record-breaking county fair Saturday. The five-day fair topped last year's figures for livestock entries, commercial exhibits and home arts entries. All-over attendance was up 2,300 over last year, in spite of sticky weather and three inches of rain during the week.

Manager Charles Betch, on behalf of the Fair Board, expressed a big "thank you" this morning to all fair-goers, exhibitors, committees and other participants.

Most of the livestock exhibitors were up early this morning to enter their animals at the State Fair. Several exhibitors left with more livestock than when they came; two calves, a Brown Swiss and a Jersey were born in the cattle barns and two litters of Poland China pigs made their appearance last night.

**Big Final Night**

An estimated crowd of nearly 2,800 trooped to the fairgrounds yesterday for the closing day's program. Topping last year's closing day attendance by 1,900, the crowd enjoyed the tractor-pulling contest, hand concerts, Junior Fair Livestock sale, implement parade and the wrestling match sponsored by the American Legion.

Outriders, with the flag, and the Adelphi Band led a gleaming array of modern farm machinery in the implement parade Friday evening. Ten commercial firms were represented.

New to the fair this year, the afternoon tractor-pulling contest proved popular with both spectators and contestants. Sportsmanship awards went to Paul Gearhart, Russell Ruff and Wheeler Rittinger. Grand prize went to \$225 — Cook Metzger. Winning the weight-pulling contests were:

First class, up to 3,500 pounds — Paul Gearhart, Charles Rittinger, Larry Schlosser, Roy Dunkle

Second class, 3,500 to 4,000 pounds — Russell Ruff, Bill Cook, Red Shaw, Gar Lane

Third class, 4,000 to 4,500 pounds — Cook Metzger, Russell Ruff, Dale Elliott, Wheeler Rittinger

Fourth class, 4,500 pounds and above — Wheeler Rittinger, David Drummond, David Patrick, Paul Gordon.

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