

First-day attendance reported up at fair

By WORLEY RODEHAVER
Opening day fair attendance at the Ross County Fair was up 300 persons from last year.

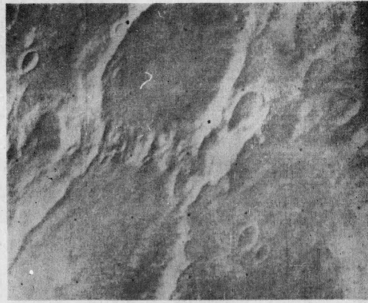
J. K. Rudell, fair board treasurer, reported there was paid attendance at the gate of 2,252. There were 288 season tickets collected, down 24 from last year.

Thursday's featured grandstand attraction will be the Bob Otto Wrestling Show at 8 p.m.

Featured event of the wrestling show will be the tag match between the team of Kajka and Ric Sakaguchi and Jack Armstrong and Bob Harmon.

The wrestling show will be preceded by a concert by the Adelpi Band and followed by a fine lion exhibition.

The "Sing-Out - Chillicothe" Chorus will sing at 8:30 p.m. at



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the bandstand and Jerry Raso's Dance-O-Rama is set for 10 p.m. at the grandstand.

Judging continues Thursday with junior fair sheep, open class dairy cattle and open class swine judging at 9 a.m. and open class sheep judging at 11 a.m.

The junior division of the 4-H style revue begins at 12:30 p.m. at the grandstand.

Demonstration in sewing, chair caning, cake decorating and plastic crafts begin at 2 p.m.

The Adelpi Band plays at the bandstand at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

First half of the junior fair livestock sale will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at the sales ring, under the direction of Seldon Livestock Sales, when Swine and Sheep will be sold.

Harness racing begins Thursday. First races are set for 4 p.m. at the grandstand. There is no admission charge.

The annual open class horse show leads tonight's program at the grandstand. The Southeastern High School Band performs before the show.

Other evening activities include chair caning at 7 p.m., Future Farmers of America demonstration at 7 p.m., open class beef cattle judging at 7:30 p.m., and a Boy Scout program at the bandstand at 9 p.m. The Scout blacklight team, previously scheduled to perform will be replaced by a unit dance team.

SCIENTISTS CALL IT 'GIANTS' FOOTPRINT'
—These two oblique craters near the south polar cap of Mars impelled scientists at Jet Propulsion Laboratory to refer to them jokingly as a giant's footprint, and the only evidence they'd

seen yet of life on the planet. The picture is No. 20 in Mariner 7's recent encounter sequence returned to earth Tuesday night. Area shown is approximately 83 by 268 miles. See story on Page 2. (AP Wirephoto)

By 1990 County population of 82,000 projected

By CONNIE CARTMELL
If projections come true, Ross County will have 4,000 new families by 1990 — a total population of 82,000.

Residential growth will spread west and slightly north of Chillicothe and 80 per cent of new growth will be in the five townships surrounding the city.

The projections are not from a crystal ball, but from careful study of the county's future needs in water and sewerage by Barrett, Cargo, Withers and Associates Ltd., a local engineering firm.

Preliminary findings of their surveys of population trends were presented at a special meeting of the Ross County Planning Commission Tuesday. Planners had called for the survey to provide an "educated forecast" of local needs.

From initial findings, Barrett, Cargo and Withers suggested a central water and sewerage system for Chillicothe and another centralized system for the county.

"What we have for you tonight is a preliminary look at the population forecast 20 years from now," said Kenneth Dunn, chief sanitary engineer for the firm. "Through a study of population we can determine what our needs will be. Our surveys are 80 per cent complete and we'll soon begin actual engineering planning of the water-sewerage systems."

Planning and feasibility of a centralized system in the purpose of the firm's study. It expects to have the engineering work completed by the end of the year. Request for the study was made by the planning commission.

The presentation was made by one of the firm's planners, Mrs. Fricilla Steele. Through the use of charts and maps she advised planners of the firm's findings on population trends.

"The population of Ross County has steadily increased since 1950," Mrs. Steele told planners, "but it has increased at a much slower rate than the state or national averages. We expect this trend to continue."

She said the only time the county has gained significantly in population was during the depression era in the 1930s.

"At that time we saw a shift of people from urban areas back to farms because they couldn't find work in the cities," she explained. "After the depression, and during the war years, there

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