

# Weather, Good and Bad, Slims Field Day Crowd

CLARKSBURG — They can blame Thursday's weather — first fair and then threatening foul — for the below par attendance at the 45th annual Field Day here.

But the weather notwithstanding, it was still a "bang-up" affair.

Official report on the attendance shows 4,250 persons attended, a drop-off of about 700 and attributable, first, to sunny skies that were to the liking of farmers bent on salvaging what is left of a now "pretty seedy" wheat crop; and then to dark clouds and lightning flashes about the time the supper crowd should have moved in to play havoc with the chicken dinners and fish sandwiches.

**Few Raindrops**

There was a patter of raindrops about 6:30 p.m. that sent part of the crowd flurrying to their cars and out the exits. Apparently, they recalled the "stick-in-the-mud" affair of four years ago.

But, despite the fickle weather, receipts for the 45th annual Field Day totaled \$2,002.52. The crowd consumed 800 pounds of fish, 120 chickens, 75 pounds of wieners, 175 pounds of hamburger, 2,400 bottles of soft drinks and 1,506 assorted ice cream items.

In addition, the program was carried out as planned. Things began with the pop-popping of clay pigeons in the ever-popular trap shoot and concluded with the slap-stick rhythm of the Columbus Dogpatchers, an instrumental and vocal quintet.

Sandwiched in between was the tractor safety demonstration; a "shadow-boxing" type performance between a diesel tractor and an old steam engine; the shooting of the anvils; band concert and vocal numbers; baton twirling; contests for the youngsters, and some auctioning.

**Two Quartets Sing**

Two Clarksville girls' quartets were featured. In the afternoon it was the Junior Girls — Eleanor Steinhauser, Karen Graham, Joan Bookwalter and Sharon Drew — accompanied by Linda Burgess and directed by Miss Olive Bookwalter. In the evening, the Senior Girls — Ann Timmons, Janice Whitten, Patti Norris and Sue Albert — shared the spotlight with

**Weather**

Ohio — Early cloudy tonight was a mistake and a misunder-

standing of the Dogpatchers. Miss Mary McGhee was their accompanist.

The Adelphi Band also was decimated by the wheat harvest-crop. Atlanta, Williamsport, Frankfort and Washington C.H. showed up. Thurman Shepherd of near New Holland was the oldest person present — at 89. The youngest was five-weeks old Johnny Johnson who was fetched sleeping from the family auto by his mother to outdo two, three, four and five-month old attendees.

Pat Webb of Tampa, Fla. walked off with honors for coming the farthest distance — 1,100 miles. But closer attendees were from Middletown, Dayton, Cleveland,

London, Springfield, Columbus, Greenville, Mt. Sterling, Beaver, New Holland, Fort Hill, Chillicothe, Atlanta, Williamsport, Frankfort and Washington C.H.

The Ross County Red Cross tent had the usual business — bee stings, a woman overcome by the heat after walking the five miles from Atlanta to take in the affair and young Dick Gearhart of Cleveland who was jabbed by a small piece of flying wire when the anvils were shot.

An added feature was the DAR train which vied with the usual pony rides — and ice cream — for children's spending money.

**Bargain-Hunter Lucky This Time**

Dollar Day Shopping for one woman almost became a catastrophe Thursday morning when she stopped in a downtown store to make a purchase while on her way to the bank to deposit approximately \$400.

The woman, Mrs. Donald Garringer, 732 Eastern Ave., told police she had stopped in M. Schuch & Sons store at Paint and Main Streets. She had selected a dress and, when she stepped into a booth to try it on, Mrs. Garringer left her purse on the counter.

Another woman shopper picked up the purse, thinking it was her own and continued shopping. Later, she found she had two handbags, including one that didn't belong to her. She notified the saleswoman and the purse was returned to Mrs. Garringer.

Police Chief George W. Rice warned shoppers that any time they are in a store, not only on Dollar Days, they should not place their handbags on the counter, but should hold on to them.

**Chief Says Fire Spontaneous**

Firemen were called to the scene of a basement blaze in a former double residence at 193-195 E. Water St., about 11:49 a.m. Friday.

The building is being used for storage by the Chillicothe Hardware Co. The upper floor contained quantities of sacked charcoal.

Fire Chief Floyd Irwin attributed the blaze to spontaneous combustion. There was very little damage other than smoke.

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WARSAW (AP) — son said today he Premier Khrushchev was the prime Soviet switch on this, he said, was a session after a 2 1/2 week tour of the Soviet Union. Stevenson arrived day visit to Poland week tour of the Soviet Union. He hopes to meet leader Wladyslaw Premier Josef Cyrk.

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