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# Booming Crowds Expected At Fair

Heading for the home stretch, the 1971 Hocking County Fair expects to draw banner crowds today and Saturday for the final half of the annual fall attraction.

Today is Youth Day at the fair, with all school-age children admitted to the fairgrounds free until 4 p.m. This is expected to boom attendance to its highest peak yet.

Saturday's marquee lists the livestock parade at 11 a.m., harness racing at 1 p.m. and another Demolition Derby at 8 p.m.

Over 2,500 people turned out Thursday for the second day of the fair, despite rain, cool weather and cloudy skies.

Highlighting the day's activities were the judging of the Junior Fair exhibits, a farm tractor pulling contest and the first card of the pari-mutuel harness racing program.

A large after-dark crowd thronged the fairgrounds last

night, and was entertained again by the Adelphi Community Band while touring the extensive array of midway attractions and watching harness races.

This evening's schedule includes a pony pulling contest at 4 p.m. and another top-flight harness racing program at 7:30.

Four two-heat races opened the 1971 Hocking County Fair's speed program last night.

Big Red Machine, owned by Donald Spencer of Marietta and Charles Ecker of Gallipolis, and driven by Sid Spencer, turned in times of 2:08.4 and 2:10 to take both heats of the Eye Jay Cee Pace for three-year-olds. A series trophy was donated by Holl-Brandt Farm of Logan.

O Mistress Mine, owned by Helen D. Eisnaugle of Jackson, took the first heat in 2:17 and was second in the second heat to take the series in the Eye Jay Cee two-year-old trot. The series trophy was donated by Holl-Brandt Farm.

Miss Secona, owned by Donald Wietek of Ironton, won both heats in 2:11.4 and 2:14 to take the series in the non-winners of \$3,000 lifetime, first division.

Tuloma, owned by C. William Clare of Portsmouth, won the first heat in 2:14.5 and finished third in the second heat to take the series of the non-winners of \$3,000 lifetime, second division.

One of Thursday's biggest attractions was the tractor pulling contest, held on the racetrack infield.

Winners were:

Class A (up to 4,300 pounds) — Larry Carter, New Plymouth Rt. 1, and Steve Carter, New Plymouth Rt. 1, tie for first; Andy Anderson, Haydenville, third place.

Class B (4,300 to 5,600 pounds) — Steve Carter and Larry Carter, tie for first; Tim King, Logan Rt. 3, third place.

Class C (5,600 to 7,200 pounds) — Lee Brown, Logan Rt. 2, first; Mike Risch, Logan Rt. 2, second; Jim Thompson, Logan Rt. 3, third.

Class D (7,200 to 9,000 pounds) — Mike Risch, first; Jim Thompson, second; Mark Bowers, Logan Rt. 3, third.

Class E (no limit) — Mike Risch, first; Lee Brown, second.

The Parade on Wheels, scheduled for this morning, was cancelled due to lack of organizational arrangements by the sponsors.

The annual event is sponsored by the Logan Kiwanis Club, with the help of the Modern Mothers Club.

## Today's News In Brief

FT. McPHERSON, Ga. (AP) — The military judge in Capt. Ernest L. Medina's court-martial ruled today that the jury may not convict him of premeditated murder in the deaths of 102 My Lai civilians—but may convict him of no more than involuntary manslaughter in their deaths.

The action by Col. Kenneth Howard left only one premeditated murder charge before the jury — that of a woman Medina is accused of shooting in a rice paddy outside My Lai.

Under the judge's ruling on the 100 deaths, Medina might also be convicted of the lesser offense of negligent homicide, which carries a one-year sentence as a maximum. Involuntary manslaughter carries a maximum sentence of three years.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate defeated today a move to reject a compromise draft extension and military pay raise bill already approved by the House.

The action, a key victory for President Nixon, came on a motion by Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., to table the long-stalled legislation. The President's draft authority expired on June 30.

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