

**EMMET COUNTY FAIR
PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN**

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17, 18, 1908

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**Petoskey Evening News
And Daily Resorter
Friday, September 11, 1908**

EMMET COUNTY FAIR Will Be The Best Thing of Its Kind In The North

No one needs the slighted hesitancy in proclaiming the coming Emmet County Fair, Sept. 15 to 18, inclusive, as the best that has ever been held in northern Michigan, for the management has left nothing undone that was possible to do, in making it a complete success, and in proportion as the Emmet County Fair at Detroit, attracted the widest attention, so much the better will the local fair be.

The matter of expense did not enter into calculations of the association when it prepared the exhibit and attractions that are to take place next week at the local grounds, and the special features have never, hitherto been attempted by any county fair in the state, and they are sure to be great drawing cards, and the only possibility of failure in this meet lies in the lack of interest in the people of the county, and there is but little prospect of any such contingency, for the enterprise and loyalty of the people have been aroused by the earnest, efficient work of the officers of the association.

Many improvements have been added to the property by the association, conspicuous which are two new buildings, 20x50 feet, to be used in the display of agricultural implements. These buildings are permanent fixtures, and are of such a character as to add materially to the looks of the grounds.

The special attractions, a program of which can be found elsewhere in this issue, are the best that can be secured, and a scanning of the program will be a guarantee of the good things in store for the visitors at the Emmet County Fair next week.

**Petoskey Evening News
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Wednesday, September 16, 1908**

WILL CLOSE Many Petoskey Business Men Sign Agreement to Close Thursday For the Fair.

We, the undersigned merchants, do hereby agree to close our several places of business from 12 noon to 5 o'clock p. m., so that all desiring may attend the fair, Thursday, September 17, Petoskey Day:

Bump & McCabe
Saigeon & Ferris
E. L. Rose
Levinson Department Store
W. Z. Searle
B. Bowman
M. I. Fryman
Welling Department Store
Smith & Lake
Northern Hardware Co.
W. A. Major
W. E. Tuttle
Beose & Porter
G. Dale Gardner
S. A. Williams
J. R. Long
J. W. Stabler
C. W. Fallass
S. L. Wixon

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**Petoskey Evening News
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Tuesday, September 15, 1908**

EMMET COUNTY'S BIG FAIR LAUNCHED

**Things Move Off With a Whoop and Hurrah
Bids Fair To Be Not Only the Best
The County Has Ever Had, But
The Best County Fair In the State.**

Today was the first day of the Emmet County Fair, and things opened with a rush at the grounds this morning. Secretary Lilly and his assistants have been busy all day making entries, which in number promise to exceed that of any previous year. All entries must be made by 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, at which time everything will be in place and those who attend will be assured of getting their money's worth.

The horticultural hall will contain many surprises in the way of fruit and vegetables, as the exhibit certainly does not indicate that the farmers have suffered any from the dry weather during the past summer. This building contains the individual exhibits as well as the collective exhibit of several Granges in the county, and is in charge of George A. Cocks and F. E. Jennings.

Floral Hall contains the school exhibit and the various displays of Boese & Porter, the Northern Hardware Co., G. D. Gardner, C. W. Fallass, S. Rosenthal & Sons, A. F. Ruch & Son Bourke & Son, Gruier & Son, W. J. Rice, L. E. Swan, S. L. Wixson, the Fochtman Department Store, Bump & McCabe and a booth devoted to ladies fancywork, in charge of William O'Neal and several assistants. Each booth will distribute souvenirs to all visitors and attendants explain the merits of the exhibits.

Outside exhibits will be made by various parties and special buildings were provided for the exhibits of William DeKruif & Co., of Levering; and Darling & Beahan and Hendricks & Leismer, of this city, who have large displays of everything in the line of

agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, cutters, etc.

The management has provided free exhibitions for the visitors in the way of slack rope walking, expert shooting with shotguns, rifles and revolvers, and baseball games. The usual number of lunch counters, lemonade and popcorn stands are present, to say nothing of several attractions such as a merry-go-round, targets, etc. At no place on the ground is there any liquor sold, neither are there any games of chance allowed.

The races promise to be the best ever held here, as there are now fifteen horses on the grounds and ten more are expected today, all being attracted by the purses put up by the management.

The program for tomorrow as announced will be as follows:

Races, starting at 2 p.m.; 2:35 trot or pace, purse \$200; free-for-all, purse \$200; roadster race, best two in three, half-mile heats, purse \$25.

Baseball, Petoskey vs. Bay Shore; game called at 2 o'clock.

Tomorrow being Grange Day, the management has secured Hon. James W. Holme, of Adrian, to address the people. He is a very able speaker and will give his address at 1:30 p. m. in the speakers' tent just west of the grand stand. Everyone should arrange to spend at least one day on the grounds, if not more.

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 Thursday, September 17, 1908

THIS IS PETOSKEY DAY AT THE FAIR

Dry Weather Don't Affect Emmet People Crowds Growing Larger Each Succeeding Day of the Exhibit—Tomorrow Last Day

That the Emmet County Fair is a success cannot be doubted for a moment, if the attendance and remarks of those who have been there count for anything. The attendance yesterday was in excess of the expectations, as nearly 1,500 paid admissions is the report of the ticket sellers.

The program as published was carried out without a hitch, and with very few days, which will be omitted today and tomorrow. The address of Hon. James W. Holme, of Adrian, was listened to by a large crowd, and it certainly was appreciated. William O'Neal, president of the fair association, made a few remarks that were well received. The free exhibition of marksmanship certainly caused plenty of excitement, as nothing like it had ever been seen in this part of the state. The tight-rope walking and the concert by the Petoskey City Band helped to pass away the time and were enjoyed.

The races were very exciting, the first heat of the 2:35 class being a tie. Below is the summary as given by the official timers:

2:35 trot or pace; purse, \$200.

Geo. C. {Greenman}	d	1	1	1	
Mollie B. {Germaine}	d	2	2	1	
Elmer H. {McKenzie}		4	4	3	
Time: 2:27 ½	2:30	2:27 ¼	2:30		

Free-For-All: purse \$200.

Meiropole {sp} Niles		1	1	1	
Allen E. {Sifert}		2	2	2	
Milton E.	d				
Time: 2:22	2:23 ½	2:26			

Gentlemen's driving race: one-half mile: purse \$25.

Roy B. {Gregory}	1	1	
Joe Bacon {Bacon}	2	2	
Old Jim {Edgerton}		3	3
Time: 1:31	1:21 ½		

Baseball

Petoskey	100	000	000	1
Bay Shore	143	000	100	9

Baiteries {sp}—Petoskey, Jocko and Petoskey; Bay shore, Willis and Mitchell. Umpire—Frank Clark, of Harbor Springs.

The program for tomorrow {School Day} will include two good races, a 2:24 trot or pace, purse \$200, and a 2:14 trot or pace, purse \$200. the ball game between Petoskey and Pellston promises some excitement. The band concert and tight-rope walking will also be features, and as a special attraction the management has arranged for all horses and cattle that have been on exhibition to be in a parade in front of the grandstand at 1 p.m. This is to give everyone a chance to see all the entries on the grounds at one time.

The judges started in this morning to make the awards and several had completed their duties at the noon hour today. No exhibit will be allowed to leave the grounds until late tomorrow afternoon, so that all who attend tomorrow will be sure of seeing everything. Today promises to be a record-breaker, as at 11 o'clock there were hundreds of farmers' rigs on the grounds and all the concessions were busy. If you have not been out to see what there is you will be the loser, as no one can tell you about one-half of what there is to see.

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PETOSKEY DAY WAS ALL EMMET COUNTY Everyone Claimed Petoskey Yesterday At The Fair. Banner Day of Admissions—Move to Buy Grounds for Permanent Annual Event

That yesterday was Petoskey Day at the Emmet County Fair was noticed by everyone, the stores, as a rule, closing, and both proprietors and employes, with their families, attending. The country people and those from smaller towns nearby also helped swell the crowd, which was good-natured at all times, and the best of it all was the fact that everybody said it was a great exhibit and that they had felt repaid for the time spent. The report of the ticket sellers show that there were exactly 2,400 paid admissions to the grounds, which, added to those entitled to free admission with the concessions and exhibits, would make a total of about 2,600.

The speech of Colon C. Little was listened to by a very large audience and his remarks were confined to his subject and were appreciated by all. President O'Neal again brought up the subject of the association owning the grounds instead of being obliged to pay rent for them. And organized movement will be started at once with a view of having the board of supervisors submit a proposition to the people to purchase the present site and make it a strictly county affair.

In the speakers' tent yesterday the exhibit that was made at the State Fair at Detroit was displayed, attracting quite a little attention, as it took three premiums at Detroit.

Of course, everybody took in the baby show and the prizes awarded by the Drs. Reyecraft are listed this way: Under one year old, first, Vilan E. Couch, 10 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Couch, Resort township; second, Frances Merrill, four months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Merrill, Walloon Lake. One to two years old, first, Thano Bonz, of Littlefield township; second, Grace Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, four miles north of this city.

The races held the attention of the crowd, as they were lively and close, with no long waits between heats.

The summary:

2.28 trot or pace; purse \$200.
Oso {Sifert} 1 1 1
Mollie B. {Germaine} 3 2 2
George C. {Greenman} 2 3 3
Time: 2:28 2:27 ¼ 2:39 ¼

2:20 trot or pace; purse \$200.
Frank C. {Ives} 1 1 1
Charlie Mackie {Tuttle} 2 2 2
Billy winter {Germaine} 3 3 3
Time: 2:30 2:27 2:28

Roadster race, best two in three, one-half mile; purse \$25.
Wilkin 1 1
Gertrude Yull {Bacon} 2 2
May {Ernst} 3 3
Time: 1:27 1:32

The baseball game was an extra inning affair, Petoskey winning in the twelfth by a score of 12 to 10. After the races were over the crowd, or at least a good share of them, remained on the grounds and the concessions were kept busy.

Today is the last day, and it is also school day, and the youngsters began to arrive bright and early and at noon the grounds were alive with them, all bent on having a good time. While it is not expected that the crowd will be as large today as yesterday, a big bunch is looked for. At 11 o'clock there were nearly as many paid admissions as at the same time yesterday.

Those in charge of the exhibits did a wise thing in choosing, as far as possible, judges from out of the county. This was done to avoid any chance of complaint, and in the case of the poultry exhibit a gentleman from St. Louis, Mo., who is an expert, was secured.

The special prizes for a collective Grange exhibit were awarded as follows: Bear Creek, first; Harbor Springs, second; Resort, third. The judges were A. D. Rollins, of Greenfield, Ill.; A. Kotterman, Peru, Ind., and George E. Patterson, of Cheboygan, all having had experience in this line. The judges complimented the exhibitors on their display and their decisions seemed to meet the approval of all.

That the fair has been a success no one disputes, and it is hoped that the one next year will be even larger and better.

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CLOSING DAY OF FAIR A SUCCESS

**Grounds Filled With Delighted Spectators
On the Whole the Fair Was An Entire
Success—Several Small Marring Incidents.**

The closing day of the fair was marked by a larger attendance than usual, there being nearly 1,200 paid admissions, according to the ticket sellers, which was much larger than last year, and was very gratifying to those who have worked so hard to make the fair the success that it was.

The election of six directors whose terms will expire in 1911 resulted in the choice of L. F. King, Cross Village; C. D. Hayes, Levering; W. F. Hurd, Friendship; A. C. Madlem, Springvale; George W. McCabe, Third Ward, Petoskey; O. E. Merwin, of Bliss, whose term expires in 1909, was elected to succeed himself as director. He was originally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by William O'Neal being elected to the office of president.

The baseball game between Pellston and Petoskey resulted in a victory for the visitors by a score of 11 - 4.

The summary of the races follows:

2:24 trot or pace; purse \$200

Metropole {Niles}	3	3	2	3
Frank C. {Ives}	2	2	1	2
Allen T. {Sifert}	1	1	3	1

Time: 2:28 2:24 2:27 1/4

Special race: purse \$200

Oso {Sifert}	3	2	3
Milton E. {Ives}	2	3	2
Mollie B. {Germaine}	1	1	1

Time: 2:20 2:23 2:35 1/2 2:34

Practically all the exhibits were left in place nearly one hour after they had been released by the management, which was appreciated. The only bad feature in connection with the fair was the action of the visitors taking exhibits from Agricultural Hall to which they had no right. The property exhibited belongs to the exhibitor unless entered for a premium

that calls for the article to be left with the donor of the premium.

The executive board of the association met this morning to audit the bills and dispose of such other matters as needed immediate attention. Among other actions taken was one of a resolution asking the board of county supervisors to submit to the people of the county a proposition of the county purchasing the present location of the fair and making it something that every property owner will have an interest in.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

Be it resolved, by the executive committee of the Emmet County Agricultural Society, that we deplore and denounce the action of the judges and starters in their action in calling the last, or special race, a race, when to every person at the ground it was apparent that it was "pulled" or "fixed" and this association agrees that this will never be allowed on this association's ground again.

And be it further resolved, that we deplore the actions of some miscreants, were allowed to carry exhibits from Agricultural Hall, and this association will arrange for better protection in future.

William O'Neal, President
L. A. Lilly, Secretary
F. A. Jackson, Treasurer
James Bradley
W. E. Edgerton
Frank Voorheis

Several other matters relative to the future welfare of the association were discussed, but will be brought up at a later meeting.

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Fair Notes

The parade of all horses and cattle entered for premiums will be made a feature hereafter.

The exhibitors in floral Hall all report very busy time Thursday, all advertising and souvenirs being eagerly sought by the visitors.

A different arrangement for the placing of concessions will be made next year if present plans are carried out.

The money expended by the association this year for the erection of the new sheds for outside exhibitors was money well spent, as it induced the exhibitors to make a much larger display than they would have been able to do under any other circumstances. These outside exhibits attracted a great deal of attention.

In a talk with those who had exhibits of stock the fact developed that some of the exhibitors did not bring all they would have liked to this year for the reason that they were afraid of crowding out some one else. As it was, the sheds were crowded and did not allow the showing of the animals to the best advantage.

If the exhibitors could have overheard but one-half of the remarks of the visitors from different parts of the United States that were in attendance at the fair, praising the quality and size of the fruit and vegetables that were shown. They would have been more than repaid for the time and trouble it took to get the exhibit ready.