

## Board Cancels Fair for 1943

Urge Community,  
4-H Club Exhibits

Directors of the Midland Empire fair Tuesday voted to cancel the 1943 exposition tentatively scheduled for the second week in August.

The decision, however, left the way open for the staging of events by 4-H clubs, and community agricultural and livestock exhibits during the summer months.

Rockwood Brown, president of the board, issued the following statement: "The fair board at a meeting today decided to cancel the 1943 Midland Empire fair. Decision on this important matter has been delayed as long as possible in order to carefully canvass the sentiment of the community and comply with the desires of federal authorities charged with furthering the war effort. This decision was made after a full consideration of the present shortage of farm labor and the recent drastic regulations of the federal manpower commission, indicating the drain that will undoubtedly occur in nonessential war industries.

"The fair board recognizes the very important contribution to the prosecution of the war which is made by 4-H clubs, community agricultural and livestock exhibits and an effort will be made to give public recognition to these activities during the summer months. Should the war or treasury departments of the government desire to use the fairgrounds for any purpose, the fair board will make them available."

The Midland Empire fair has been held annually since 1935 under the direction of Harry L. Fitton. The fair was not held in 1933 and 1934.

## Brown Explains Why Midland Empire Fair of 1943 Cancelled

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