

Fair Will Stress Wartime Exhibits

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the determination to stage the war exhibit and fair this summer, Brown said that the army last fall surrendered use of the Great Falls fairgrounds, which it had leased earlier in the season, and expressed interest in the fair board's providing such types of amusement as fairs and exhibits offered as a "morale booster." The Great Falls fair board later announced its decision to hold a fair this year.

Members of the Midland Empire fair board, including Brown, Ole Kemp of Shepherd and C. M. Holness of Billings, vice presidents; Emmett Vaughn of Laurel and E. J. Maynard of Billings, directors, went to Great Falls in January to confer with the fair board and with representatives of the carnivals and night shows, but made no commitment at that time except to give the matter close consideration, Brown said.

At that time the Great Falls fair board established a circuit. Membership in such a circuit means a material saving in expense for entertainment, and assures a higher class of entertainment than if a fair board attempts to conduct a show alone, Brown explained.

It was decided to inject the patriotic element or war exhibit, as a morale-builder, Brown said, pointing out that "people in Montana have no immediate contact with or knowledge of army cantonments, maneuvers, war industries or implements of war except as they are brought to our attention through the press and screen."

As plans developed it was seen that the war exhibit would also give impetus to the purchase of war bonds and stamps, and a course of action in this regard was established at the conference of Governor Ford, Hubbard and Brown.

The Yellowstone county war finance executive committee, of which Vern Clark is chairman, at a meeting Tuesday afternoon, endorsed the project, and details of stimulating sales of war bonds and stamps will be arranged by the committee and fair board, Brown said.

Access to the fairgrounds after 6 p. m. each day will be admission free. The fair committee of the Commercial club, the county commissioners and retail merchants are cooperating with the fair board in the entire project.

Fair Stresses Wartime Machinery (continued)

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