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World's Fair Is Expected To Draw 70 Million Persons

The New York World's Fair is a billion dollar show, by far the largest extravaganza of all time.

Never before has so much money and energy been expended to create so many unusual and extraordinary exhibits, according to Jerry E. Fisher, Automobile Club of Michigan touring manager.

Over 70 million persons are expected to visit the fair during its two-year run—some 35 million each year. This is a sizeable group, but there's one consolation: Fisher points out—all won't be there at the same time. The fair closes Oct. 18 and will be open again in 1965 between April 21 and Oct. 17.

"Peace Through Understanding" is the theme. The fair's opening coincided with the bicentenary of the incorporation of New York City. But like New York itself, the fair is a celebration of man in his infinite diversity.

TO THESE ends, 58 nations, 26 states, 80 industries and 800 companies have erected 150 pavilions to display their heritage, culture, present products and hopes for the future. They spread across the 646 acres of the fair site, also the location of the 1959 World's Fair.

The fair grounds itself is divided into five sections, international, industrial, transportation, federal and state and lake amusement areas. Centerpiece of it all is the Unisphere, the 135-foot high globe of stainless steel. Affixed to its massive hoops are the continents and islands of the earth. Circling it are the orbits of whirling satellites. A network of waterways, promenades and parks with spectacular fountains separates the pavilion areas.

The emphasis everywhere is on information and exhibits that entertain. Gone are the days when exhibitors could expect to attract any large segment of the public to static displays of machinery, furniture, or charts and graphs.

NOT QUITE the whole world is compressed into the 90-acre International Area, but the pavilions of the nations represented make up a good cross section. The countries bring to Flushing Meadow their local customs, cuisine, characteristic architecture and national treasures.

In the Industrial Area surrounding the Pool of Industry are 200 firms, represented by 35 pavilions. Thirty house single concerns. The Pavilion of American Interiors, the Good Taste of the Public, the Food, the Better Living Building and the Hall of Education are used by multiple exhibitors.

The transportation section extends across 69 acres. Here are located the offerings of the auto industry's Big Three—General Motors Futurama, which covers eight acres; Ford Motor Pavilion, seven acres; and Chrysler, six acres.

The Federal and States area contains the exhibits of 24 states, New York City and the federal government. In the Florida Pavilion, trained porpoises cavort; Texas presents a 90-minute musical.

Largest and costliest of the state representations is New York's, with one of its three towers 200 feet high—the highest point of the Fair. The Federal Pavilion, in Federal Circle, is based on the

theme, "Challenge to Creativity." It presents the story of democracy in a striking steel and glass structure raised on four steel columns.

THERE ARE no girde shows and no midway in the Lake Amusement area, but there are such attractions as the John Ringling North World's Fair Circus, a \$3-million musical extravaganza; Dick Button's "Ice-Travaganza," and "To Broadway with Love," a 90-minute musical review of a century of American musical comedy.

There are a variety of ways to get about the Fair Grounds, Fisher said. One of the best is the Glider-

Ride which looks like a spanking new version of the survey with the fringe on top. Sixty-two of these 60-passenger, open-air vehicles will be soaring around the fair, taking tourists on sightseeing trips.

The "taxi of tomorrow" The Escortor, is still another way of getting about. This four-passenger vehicle with a chauffeur in the rear provides a more intimate tour of the fair.

Another hint of the future is the monorail, 40 feet above the ground that will make a mile-long loop around the Lake Amusement Area. The two-car trains will give visitors the well-known bird's eye view.

THE 80-PASSENGER trains are almost noiseless and vibration free, and you'll just hang there, like a cocoon in a tree, while the world whizzes by. In the near future, one may be speeding you around your local shopping center, in and out of congested cities or to and from airports.

Still another taste of tomorrow's transportation is the hydrofoil boat that will attract its share of fair visitors. The boats in the fleet look a bit like old Roman galleys without oars, but they operate on the same principle as airplanes.

When the boat engines reach a certain speed, up goes the boat and you're flying across the East River. The trip is noiseless. Moreover, there's a guarantee that you won't get seasick.

All in all, the fair is quite an undertaking to visit. It's been estimated that it would take 12 days to see everything the fair has to offer. Perhaps the most welcome place

on the grounds is the Simmons "rest alcove"—private roomettes Beautyrest Center. The top two that are rented to footcure fair floors of this building house 46 visitors for half-hour naps.

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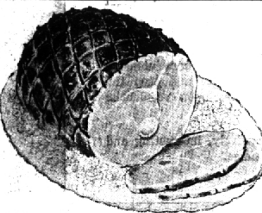
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Sly Farms was a real estate promotion of the 1850's. Full of orchards, it had great appeal. Charles Sly settled 160 acres along Maple across from Wing Lake School in 1824. It was much later that Martie Sly purchased the four corners at Franklin and Maple.

Harvey Vachon, who worked for the Slys, says that the original Sly cabin, which first stood close to the corner of Wing Lake and Maple Roads, is now a part of the brick home just west of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hertler's home at 4377 W. Maple. The cabin was moved to make way for an addition to the bigger Sly residence in 1906. He believes the larger Sly home was built in the early 1870's.

WHEN THE CABIN was moved, it was placed on its basement whose walls are two to three feet thick. Parts of the logs, with bark still on, can be seen inside the home.

The Sly property at the corner of Wing Lake and Maple had not been owned by anyone other than Slys until the Hertlers purchased the home in 1942.

Its early American atmosphere is carefully maintained, and Mrs. Hertler prizes a copy of the original land grant signed by John Quine Adams. The abstract notes the births, deaths and wills of the Slys, as well as the transfers of the property to the heirs.

Related Report—Many of the post spots in New York state are made it "Black Tie Positively" for the turn of the year events. The new "Shepherds", in New York's Drak Hotel, special "white-or-black tie" for the first three nights!