

# Seeing the Fair

The exercise for this summer will be How to See the Fair Without Actually Filing Bankruptcy. I mean fiscal-wise, the fantasy on the Flushing flats might prove a drain on the Sheik of Kuwait. The project cost about a billion dollars and the Fair people aren't worried about their investment as long as they get it back before the show closes two years from now.

The cheapest thing about the fair is the ride out from the city. As long as you take the subway it only costs 15 cents to the Fairgrounds. Remember to take the express. The local makes 19 stops on its way from Times Square. Remember that the nonstop to the Fairgrounds doesn't operate after three in the afternoon, when the trains are needed for the rush hour.

Don't try to cash a traveler's check larger than \$10, at the ticket window. If you arrive with a book full of twenties you can cash them at any bank or at the American Express building. The only trouble is that the banks and American Express are inside the gates, and you can't get inside the gates if all you have in your kick is a \$20 or \$50 traveler's check. What do you think this is, Europe?

## A GLIDE-A RIDE

The acreage in Flushing is approximately the size of Patagonia, or so it will seem the first time you set out from the Festival of Gas to make it to the Flume ride and Kiddyland. Some sort of transport will be needed. The cushiest of all, unless you've brought your own palanquin, is the Escorter, a streamlined, electrified version of the old Atlantic City stroller. Operated by Greyhound, the vehicle may be engaged as a taxi on a regular meter basis. It comes to \$9 an hour for two persons, with a dollar surcharge for each additional passenger up to four. There is a special rate of \$70 for eight hours. (For \$99 you can buy a Greyhound 99-day trip anywhere in the U. S. be-

Bus rides on New York World's Fair grounds cost 25 cents from stop to stop.



tween October and March.)

Of course everyone doesn't have to parade around in his own electrified stroller with a guide in the rear. There is also glide-a-ride service in long trains at 25 cents a ticket from stop to stop. Regular covered buses cruise the grounds, too. The fare is 25 cents a person between stops. Greyhound has also laid on a corps of walking guides who charge \$10 for the first hour, \$50 for eight hours. Despite the seemingly high cost, the tariff does not include carrying the client.

Many states and foreign countries make certain charges, too. New York State extracts 50 cents for anyone who wants to ride up in an elevator to get a view of the Fairgrounds. Hawaii shovels its visitors through a 25-cent turnstile entitling guests to a paper lei and look at Hawaii's past and present in placards and photographs. A seat in a theater showing continuous Hawaiian entertain-

ment costs \$2. Anybody's an adult who is over 12. Anyone who is under pays \$1.

The combined African nations also charge a dollar, a price which permits the stroller to learn the glories of such places as the Kingdom of Burundi, the Republic of Rwanda and Upper Volta, not to mention Togo, Chad and Mauretania. Lions, monkeys, and a tree house will be among the attractions. Other lions and monkeys are also available at John Ringling North's Circus, which charges \$3 to breach the gates. Florida gets \$2 for a look at a porpoise.

In the amusement area Dancing Waters offers 400 seats for 40 cents, a reasonable price even if you don't want to look at the display of gushing fountains. As a sign says, it appeared seven times at Radio City, was eight years in Las Vegas, seven times on the Perry Como Show, nine years in Mexico City and five years

at the Club Lido in Paris. It just may have been seen by everyone who has been conscious during the last few years.

## LOG FLUME RIDE

For 95 cents visitors can enjoy a damp thrill aboard the Log Flume Ride, an excursion in a reasonably exact facsimile of a hollowed-out log. A sign promises: "You Ride Hard and You Come Out Wet," a sure-fire pitch, especially to anyone with a hollowed-out head.

Care will have to be exercised at mealtimes so that Fairgoers are not hung somewhere between malnutrition and bankruptcy. Restaurants that offer more than hot dogs and pizzas and are still not elaborate salons are relatively rare. Wisconsin has one offering steaks at \$1.15, and the Hilton restaurant in the Better Living Pavilion is popularly priced. But over at the Swedes, the smorgasbord table costs \$6,

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