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Central Wash. Fair

Local History

'New look' at fair planned

Look for a "new look" at the 31st annual Central Washington Fair & Rodeo in Yakima, Sept. 26-30.

Greg Stewart, who took over as new fair manager on Jan. 1, reported Friday the new look will be apparent in the outward appearance of buildings and barns, the entertainment program and general arrangement of the grounds. Stewart said many decisions of a new look nature were made at a dinner meeting of directors Thursday in Robin Hood Inn,

attended also by general superintendents of major fair departments.

New superintendents were introduced and special recognition was given to veteran fair officials for long service. Premium lists and regulations were reviewed.

State Sen. Damon Canfield, Sunnyside, a longtime fair director, said \$37,350 have been received from state parimutuel racing funds for the fair. Of the sum, approximately \$30,000 is

reimbursement for money spent in premiums and awards at the 1972 fair.

Of the balance, about \$6,900 is for improvement of the grounds, with the fair required to put up a like amount. Stewart said the combined state and local building funds this year will go for a sewer lift station for grandstand and barn area, barn area drainage and improvement of lighting in the women's exhibit building.

Stewart said the budget is a

little over \$200,000 for this year — approximately equal to the expenses. He said the Fair Association has not cleared any money in several years but has made and paid for some substantial grounds improvements.

Stewart said the association is "non-profit," in that directors receive no salaries and stockholders get no dividends. Directors do receive mileage expense and \$10 per diem for meetings attended.