

**'Expohio 70' Lures 164,538**

## Record Crowd Launches Ohio's Fair At Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — "Expohio '70" packed in a record 164,538 visitors Thursday, that the 12-day state fair will enhancing hopes of officials draw more than two million people again this year.

Attendance Thursday topped by 24,336 last year's opening day crowd of 140,202.

Brilliant summer weather with temperatures in the mid-80s helped bring out the good crowd. Another factor was the appearance of British recording star Englebert Humperdinck, who performed before a jammed free grandstand.

The weatherman predicted more of the same weather today.

A highlight of Thursday's fair activities was the crowning of Annette Thieman, 17, of Minster, as Ohio FFA Queen. She moves on to the Queen of Queens contest Sept. 6 for the Miss Ohio State Fair title.

Cincinnati's Roger Bacon High School won the Marching Band Festival. The 110-piece band, directed by Wes Neal, received a \$1,500 cash prize, two band instruments and an invitation to provide halftime entertainment at professional football games in Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Field Local High School, Portage County, and Spencerville Local High School, Allen Coun-

ty, took second and third places, respectively.

Three Morrow County boys, Dick Wertz, John Lawyer and Dale Huvler, won the 4-H livestock judging contest.

The 4-H tractor driving event was captured by Carl Benrath of Columbus Grove, Putnam County. Steve Kinser of Pickaway County finished second and Lowell Miller of Fairfield County, third.

On tap for today's program, in addition to livestock judging and regular exhibits, were a balloon race, horse-pulling and pony-pulling contests, a 4-H horse show, junior fair barrow sale and square dancing.

Humperdinck continues performing at the grandstand, along with musician Doc Severinsen and the Dave Merrifield acrobats.

The Ohio Agriculture Council planned ceremonies today to enshrine four new members into its Agricultural Hall of Fame.

They included two living recipients, John A. Slipper, Ohio State University professor emeritus, and Samuel S. Studebaker, Tipp City farmer. Posthumous awards were designated for Dr. Edmund Secrest, first state forester in Ohio, and Cosmas D. Blubaugh, pioneer in soil and water conservation work.