

# State Fair to Have Plans Ready in Few Days for New Athletic Stadium

## Bowl With 80,000 Seating Capacity to Be Ready Next Year.

Plans for the financing and construction of a new athletic stadium at Fair Park with a seating capacity of 80,000 will be ready for disclosure within a few days, T. E. Jackson, president of the State Fair Association, said Monday.

Bonds will be issued, backed by the structure and its potential earning power from seat sales for football and other contests, under the finance plan being worked out. The stadium will not be tied in with the finances of the State Fair and the profits this year and succeeding years from the exposition itself will not affect in any way the stadium project.

While definite plans will not be made public until the State Fair Association directors and the stadium committee are ready to make their announcement, it is understood that the bonds will be offered on much the same basis as college stadiums are financed. Purchasers of bonds would be given the privilege of purchasing the choicer seats for athletic events if the college stadium financing plan is followed.

With a stadium comparable in size with the big concrete bowls of the North and East, Dallas would be able to draw important inter-sectional contests. The stadium at Southern Methodist University will take care of 24,000 by use of temporary seats, while the wooden stadium at Fair Park will not take care of much more than 16,000. Colleges with football teams with reputations are not willing to play except for a big gate, and Texas has not been able to offer this because it has lacked a large stadium. The University of Texas Memorial stands are the largest in the State, with 40,000 seating capacity.

During the summer State Fair officials discussed with city officials the projected stadium at Fair Park. The city is not expected to participate in the financing of the project, owing to lack of funds.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the State Fair Association will be held Dec. 10, Roy Rupard, secretary, said Monday. A meeting of the directors will be held shortly before that date to receive the annual secretary and treasurer's report, which is now being prepared.

A neat profit will be shown by the 1929 fair, in spite of an attendance cut down by bad weather during the last week, Mr. Rupard stated.

Plans for new buildings and improvements at Fair Park will be discussed by the directors. The fair is badly in need of a new manufacturers' building, a poultry building and boys' and girls' dormitories. The present Automobile and Manufacturers' Building would be turned over entirely to the automobile industry if a new manufacturers' building is erected.

New officers will be elected by the directors to be named Dec. 10 by the stockholders at a meeting of directors within ten days of the stockholders' meeting, Mr. Rupard said.