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The 1927 Fair Building occupied the entire block south of Eleventh Street and west of E Street, now named Glacier Avenue. The final Southeast Alaska Fair in Juneau was held in 1941, after which the building was appropriated by the U.S. Army Signal Corps (ACS). It was demolished in the 1970s to accommodate the Bill Ray Building. Juneau-Buildings-12; ASL-P01-0173,

BUILDING FOR FAIR WILL BE ERECTED HERE

July 22, 1927—The Southeastern Alaska Fair Association of this city will erect a fair building in the near future at a cost of between \$13,000 and \$30,000, it was announced today at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon by R.E. Robertson, member of the Association's directorate. A formal and detailed announcement of the Association's plans will be made shortly by J.F. Mullen President, he said.

In order to make possible financing of the project, a new company will be formed to take over the present buildings of the Association. The new organization will sell preferred stock bearing 6 percent interest, in sufficient quantity to fund the building. The site, several blocks in the Casey-Shattuck addition which are owned by the association, will be turned over to the company for common stock. It is the purpose of the directorate to finance in such manner as to make possible redemption of the preferred stock in as short a time as is possible.

Construction of the building, Mr. Robertson said, will be started within one or two weeks. It will be carefully planned so that it will not only be suitable for exposition purposes but also to make it available as an amusement area, having facilities for such sports as indoor track meets, baseball, basketball and tennis. It will thus fill a long-felt want, and have revenue producing possibilities throughout the year, Mr. Robertson said.

The facility will open this year on September 28. This is somewhat later than in former years. It is not expected that the building will be completed before September 15, and by delaying the fair until the end of the month, the equinoctial storm period will have passed.

Judge James Wickersham visited the fair, in the AB Hall on Third Street, in 1925:

September 20

The "Fair" has been going since Wednesday---a small amount of lady's work, a few rabbits; and some foxes, a sack or so of potatoes – onions, etc. and a small display of flowers, and a huge noise. "Chances" on an automobile, a boat, and other forms of gambling-- a blare of light and music, that's the "Fair."