



TWO BOYS (above) held on as they waited for the Twist Over to start moving while Jordan McHugh (right) tightened her safety belt before the ride.



and laughter to kids all ages

that if they would take it, lock, stock and barrel as it was, he would sell it to the Decatur County Amusement Authority for \$2,500.

“That was just one of the many times the Lord was looking out for us and provided just what was needed, when it was needed,” he said.

After returning to Oberlin and informing the authority about the offer, they asked Archie Hamilton, who had a trucking business at that

time, if he would lend them a tractor and a driver to go down and pick up the ride and bring it home. Gordon Railsback drove the truck and Mr. Lotker and County Agent Kent Reinhardt also went to help. After encountering several problems, they arrived in Oberlin at 2 a.m. the next day with the ride. It was 40 feet in diameter and would carry 20 people at a time.

Assembling the ride became quite a chal-

lenge, Mr. Lotker said, but with the help and ingenuity of Bus Page, who owned a filling station and body shop in Oberlin, and many other volunteers, they eventually got the ride put together.

The community of Jennings has faithfully been in charge of the ride since the first year and provided many volunteers to operate it. Stuart Euhus has taken care of the maintenance work

on the Looper over the years, Mr. Lotker said.

And though young people will not be able to ride the popular Looper this year, they can still enjoy the other rides, concessions, 4-H and open class entries and family entertainment when the Decatur County Fair opens on Tuesday, Aug. 5.



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