

Greyhound Hall of Fame opens at Abilene Sunday

ABILENE — The national Greyhound Hall of Fame will be dedicated here Sunday afternoon.

The \$400,000 building, located directly west of the Eisenhower Center on South Buckeye avenue, will contain the latest push-button electronics.

The museum section will feature a simulated greyhound racetrack, a coursing park, breeding farms and training facilities, all in miniature but with moving parts.

The formal dedication was set to coincide with the annual spring coursing week of the National Greyhound association, which also opens Sunday for 8 days at the coursing park west of the city.

Following ceremonies and open house Sunday afternoon, the Hall of Fame will be closed to the public until May 15 for completion of all the interior furnishing and displays, according to O. B. Bradley, Hall of Fame director. Bradley, a retired Air Force man, was appointed to the position the past winter and moved to Abilene in January from Olathe.

Among prominent out-of-town visitors

will be Keith Dillon, Olathe, president of the National Greyhound association; Pernine Palmer, Hollywood, Fla., president of the American Greyhound Track Operators association; John Hater, Tampa, Fla.; Al Ross, Denver; Ed Keelan, Raynham, Mass., and Al Binns, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The brief dedication ceremonies begin at 12:45 pm with music by the Abilene high school band in front of the Hall of Fame building.

Ken Guenther, Rapid City, S.D., a member of the Hall of Fame board of trustees, will serve as master of ceremonies when the dedication starts at 1 pm.

Mayor Jewell Isley will cut the ribbon to the building and Frank Roth, president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, will present the dedication plaque.

The public will be allowed to inspect the building from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The Hall of Fame was built jointly by the National Greyhound association and the Greyhound Track Operators association,

with assistance from Abilene area residents and businessmen.

The exhibits and displays were built and installed by Care Display, Inc., a new Kansas business located at Herington and operated by 2 men formerly of Detroit, Mich.

Started 10 years ago

Completion of the Hall of Fame is the culmination of a project which began 10 years ago and since 1963 a total of 18 greyhounds have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

To earn a place in the Hall a greyhound must excel as a racer, producer and coursing competitor. Any nominations must have been deceased for at least 5 years and it takes a unanimous vote of the board of trustees.

Those already having Hall of Fame status are Rural Rube, Flashy Sir, Real Huntsman, Traffic Officer, Lucky Pilot, Indy Ann, Gangster, My Laddie, Lucky Roll, Golden Sahara, Fern Nature, Upsidedown, Kitty Dunn, Beachcomber, Sunny Concern, Never Roll, Mixed Harmony and Rocker Mac.