

Prime Minister and Mrs. Smith expected before noon

THE Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith, is to open the big fund-raising fete at his old school, Chaplin, at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. He and Mrs. Smith are expected to arrive at the fete (where an all-day programme of events starts at 7.30 a.m.) shortly before noon.

Besides the sporting events and all the fun of the fair, a special attraction at the fete will be two "sing out" performances by the young Rhodesians who have caught on to "Springbok Stampede" idea and who have been enlisted and rehearsed by four of the young South Africans who stayed behind after their recent tour, in a Rhodesian version of the "Stampede".

The Rhodesian cast to perform here, gathered from all centres, is 100 strong and some 30 of its members come from Gwelo schools.

Two of the young South Africans, Hamish Scott and Marilyn Williams, have been in Gwelo this week making preparations for the arrival of the cast for "Sing Out Rhodesia", and they and their local helpers have had the task of finding accommodation for over a hundred young people in private homes.

A large number of the Rhodesian cast, including some from Gwelo, are going south during the school holidays for a training tour with Springbok Stampede.