

For Your Fourth of July Celebration

Parks Making Great Plans for Fourth of July Amusements

Manawa park is making extensive plans to accommodate the largest crowds of its history on the Fourth of July—next Thursday. Everything is in readiness, says Manager Carl I. Palm, for big events that day.

The bath house, now accommodating hundreds at a time, has been improved with an addition that will provide lockers for several hundred more swimmers. Sea-horses, barrel-like boats with horses heads, said by swimmers to be almost impossible to ride, have been added to the beach equipment. The big diving docks will accommodate dozens at a time. Four speedy launches, including the new Columbian, will voyage back and forth across the lake.

Flags will be used to decorate the park. Every booth, the big cafeteria, the lake shore dance pavilion, will be draped with flags and bunting. Extra help will be busy at all the concessions, caring for the crowds. Finn's hand will play concerts all afternoon and evening.

The road leading to Manawa park has been designated as a boulevard by the city of Council Bluffs. It has been rolled, oiled, cindered and otherwise improved until it is in fine condition. Many automobile parties from eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa are expected to join the other picnic parties at the lake that day.

The street railway company has assured Manager Palm that rapid car

service will be maintained from early in the day until late at night.

Prompted by requests for another prize waltz, to finally settle the title of premier waltzer, the management of the dance palace at Lakeview park announces that another contest will be staged, Tuesday night, July 2. This waltz will be conducted somewhat different than those in the past; differing in one respect, that of naming the contestants to remain in the final spell down. The public will be permitted to judge the winners all through the affair. Carl Lamp and his jazz band continue to please the multitudes that throng to the park for the clean fun that is offered. A special feature of some sort will be offered for the Fourth of July, the management, as yet, declining to disclose its nature.

Visitors at Krug park on the evening of July Fourth will be privileged to hear several speeches delivered by men prominent in Omaha's business life, as well as to hear the Kountze Memorial church choir of 50 voices sing many patriotic songs. The choir, under the direction of John S. Helgren, has been rehearsing its program for several nights and given musically inclined will be given a treat. All concessions at the park will be closed between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m. and thousands are expected to be present to hear the addresses scheduled as well as the choir. The following program has been arranged with Hon. W. W. Slabaugh, chairman of the evening:

Reading—"Declaration of Independence," R. M. Switzer.

Song—"The City of Freedom," Kountze Memorial choir.
Fifteen-Minute Address By An American of Foreign Birth, (In English)—Prof. Sarka Hrbka.
Singing of Patriotic Airs—Kountze Memorial choir.
Reading—"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," Henry H. Lovell.
Song to Be Selected—Kountze Memorial choir.
Fifteen-Minute Address—H. B. Fleharty.
Closing with the choir and attendance singing "America."

Omaha Men Attend Meeting of War Council at Kay See

A large delegation of Omaha men will go to Kansas City to attend a conference of the 14th district of the resources and conversion section of the war industries board.

The nation has been divided into 20 districts for the purpose of organizing industries for war work, to "get a line on" people not now doing war work, but capable of doing it; industries only partly engaged in war work which can increase their production of war materials, and industries employed on war work whose contracts soon will expire.

The head of this district is Franklin Crabbe, president of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be held at the Baltimore hotel. Those who will attend from Omaha are Fred Knapp, George H. Kelly, Robert Manley, W. L. Burgess, Ross Towle, W. J. Monahan, R. A. Leussler, A. J. Vierling and James Paxton. They were selected at a meeting of the Omaha Manufacturers' association.

Letters From Nebraska Soldiers in France Have Wealth of Interesting Data on Big Experiences 'Over There'

"We are too busy trying to do our part in helping to lick hell out of the kaiser."

Thus Bernard H. Eddy, with the quartermaster's corps in France, explains the omission of frequent letters from the boys "over there." In his letter to his friends in Fremont, where he formerly lived, he made the notation, and added:

"I am not willing to admit that I would like this as my life's business, but it has been a most wonderful experience for me, in spite of some of the unpleasantness."

Nebraska boys "over there" pay considerable attention to the war activities as performed by those left behind in this country and to a man they express in their letters back home a prayer that the "folks keep up the good work." One particularly interesting letter was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Huber of Beatrice from their son, Henry S. Huber. In part he wrote:

"It gives me great courage that you all are confident in us, and, for my part, I shall do my best. As the days roll by my best will change, and to increase my power will be my duty. One man's part is small, but be sure, and sometimes we might think it doesn't matter, but again we know that an army is made up of individual efficiency and so we must all keep up a stiff 'upper lip.' So to put up a good fight is the thing."

Thousands of letters were sent from soldiers in France to their mothers in America on "Mother's Day." Each expressed the tenderness the mother's remembrance brought to the boys in that far-distant land. There were innumerable letters, splendidly written, and one, in part, follows:

"Dearest Mother: Just a few lines to you, another, to let you know that I am in the best of health, and that I am thinking of you each moment of the day and dreaming of you at night."

"Well, today is set aside as mother's day, the day on which every loyal son and daughter should turn with respect to the dear old mother, and in some way make her feel that they are grateful for all the cares and worries that they have cost her. That may be possible for some children, mother, but I dare not attempt to thank you and expect to even partly repay for the trials and troubles, cares and worries that I have cost you."

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Special attention to automobile Parties.
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through my carelessness and negligence, nor will I attempt it.

"But I will devote a part of my life, at least, to making you feel proud of me, and have determined to shun all temptations that might in any way bring shame and disgrace on the sweetest and kindest, the truest and best of friends—my mother."

"May be you do not think I am a proud son today, to be able to write to my dear mother, but, believe me, I consider myself luckier to have a mother to whom to write, than to have all the riches and jewels of the whole world, and no mother."

"May God bless you on this day, and keep you safe and well until I return to you once more."

The letter was written by John P. Nachtigall, now "somewhere in France," to his mother, Mrs. Jacob Nachtigall, Beatrice, Neb.

Corporal E. McKeever, now in France, describes real fighting on the battle front in a letter to his parents in Long Pine, Neb. In the letter, he wrote:

"You asked me if the noise of the big guns make us deaf? No, I should say not. You get so mad that you don't hear them at all, but after it is all over and you get relieved, then you can feel the effects of it. You just lie down and sleep for a couple of days and nights and you are all right again—just like a new man."

"I had a detail one night and my bunkie and best pal were in front of me and another friend was walking behind me, just like walking down town, when a big German shell struck. We didn't hear it until it went off about six feet away and the concussion of the shell knocked me down and the other two still stood up. No one was hurt. Who says that one's days are not numbered? I believe that whenever your time comes, you will get 'bumped off,' and not before, and this proves it. I hope mine has a big number, for I would like to get a few more Germans."

One young Nebraska soldier, Dave Emery, well known in Fairbury, Neb., has been under shell fire, has escaped in a gas attack and has been bombed from aeroplanes. In a letter to his friends in Fairbury, he recently described his experiences. He wrote:

"At one time before we left the immediate front line, 'Fritz' sent some gas shells over our way for an hour and 45 minutes. We received the alarm in plenty of time to get our masks on and not a man suffered any ill effects. It, however, gives a fellow a kind of funny feeling when he realizes what is depending upon that little can of chemicals."

"I've been through about every thing now, but 'going over the top,' and imagine I'll have the pleasure(?) of that before it's over. Have been

gassed, under shell fire—and rifle fire—and been bombed from aeroplanes.

"Our last encounter was with the 'cooties' and they still come 'over the top' in mass formation with fixed bayonets. They're the cutest of all animals and are real fastidious. No casualties from this cause, however."

Life on the French front does not still the poetic nature. The proof:

THE FRENCH VAMPIRE.
It was a beautiful moonlight night
As we slowly stroked along,
That she told me to be careful
Of the wispy aren's song.

It was on the depot platform,
As the wheels began to grind,
Our parents said: "Remember
The ones you left behind."

Oh! Surely they never had traveled
In far away "Stoney France,"
They never had seen the people
They never had seen them dance.

They never had seen the wooden shoes
The way they fix their hair,
They never had seen "Home, Sweet Home"
And the animals quartered there.

Cease your worry, wives and parents
And the little sweathearts so true,
American boys boys don't fail for the stuff
That wear the wooden shoes.

It's the girl they left at home,
The one with cute little curls,
The one that is always so charming,
That real American girl.

The poem was written by Charles H. Russell, now in France, and was sent in a letter to friends in Hayes Center, Neb.

John J. Cobry, Omahan who has been "over there" for more than six months, has been one of the American soldiers who have been demonstrating the great American game, base ball, to the joy and surprise of the English citizens. Baseball, in the particular spot in England where Cobry is now stationed with the 25th aero squadron, was unknown until they arrived on the scene. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Mary Cobry, 2821 Davenport street, he said in part:

"Sixteen men from my company drove to a small town about three miles from here Saturday and endeavored to give a correct demonstration of the 'national pastime' for the English. It was the first ball game the majority of them had ever witnessed and they certainly showed their appreciation. So much so, in fact, that again next Saturday we go to a town of over 100,000 people to play another game. They intend to charge 6 pence a person, about 12 cents, and the proceeds will go to the Red Cross. We have plenty of enjoyment out of these games and the English do likewise."

Cobry for three months after his arrival "over there" was stationed at Ayr, Scotland, but recently his company was moved to a town on the English coast.

Navigation on Missouri Looms Up During Week

Navigation of the Missouri river between Decatur and Omaha boomed last week. The steamboat Scarab, owned by the Benton Packet company, Bismarck, N. D., passed Omaha enroute to St. Louis with a barge loaded with iron for St. Louis.

The Scarab also brought to Decatur two barges purchased by the Omaha-Decatur Missouri Navigation company. These are now being loaded with wheat and corn and one of them will be brought to Omaha by the steamer Silber.

SPEND THE 4th AT KRUG PARK

It's the Big, Clean Amusement Center of Omaha and Nebraska.

Plenty of Tables, Benches and Chairs for Your Picnic Parties.

Arrange to be there the entire Day and evening. Cast all cares aside and enjoy the day as you should.

Ride the Giant Coaster
Take a Trip on the Monoflyer
You'll Enjoy the Jeweled Merry-Go-Round

Drive a Horse in the Kentucky Derby
Three Bowling Alleys for Your Amusement.

Try a Game of Japanese Pool.
Fishing Is Good as the Fish Pond.

The Photographer Will Take Your Picture.

DANCELAND WITH THE BEST DANCE FLOOR IN THE STATE.
And the Finest Music, Will Be the Gathering Place of Thousands.

AMERICANIZATION FOURTH OF JULY KRUG PARK

Between the Hours of 7 and 8 P. M.

Kountze Memorial Choir of 50 Voices, Direction of John S. Helgren

Chairman of the Day, Hon. W. W. Slabaugh.

Reading Declaration of Independence, R. M. Switzer.

Readings and Addresses by Prof. Sarka Hrbka, Henry H. Lovell, Hon. H. B. Fleharty.

"America," Sung by Choir and Attendance.

Admission to Park, 10c



Hip! Hip! Hooray!!

"CELEBRATE" says President Wilson

The Place

Manawa Park

BATHING
Never better. My, how fine one feels after a plunge in the delightful water, at the sandy beach at Manawa.

BOATING
Cool breezes, wholesome recreation, restful and safe. Row boats, launches at welcome prices.

BAND CONCERTS! Yes, Sir!
you bet! And by Finn's Greater Omaha big brass band. Patriotic, lively and sweet.

PICNICS
Say, Shady Grove was never prettier, and it is cool and shady; with all free conveniences. Spend the whole day.

Anything Else
Roller coaster, roller skating, bowling, merry-go-round, miniature train and a whole lot of others.

PRICES We want to tell you about them. Not one cent increase over former prices.

Cafeteria and Soda Fountain
Certainly, and right on the lake shore. Prices very reasonable, service the best and quality the highest.

DANCING
in a pavilion and right on the lake shore, where cool breezes blow and Art Smith's orchestra plays the melodies.

COURTEOUS
Why, say, Manawa Park is the cleanest, best resort in the middle west. Quick, courteous service; everybody pleasant; everybody happy!

Street Car Ride
Rapid service all day and night; prices, 10 cents from Omaha, 5 cents from Council Bluffs. Cooling, delightful ride.

GOOD ROADS
Did you know the city street (Seventh) leading to Manawa Park is now the Council Bluffs boulevard? Oiled, cinder road all the way to the lake.

Have a Big Holiday
A Real Good Time

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Admission Free

for the Kiddies

All for Joy—Joy for All.

Today—Tomorrow—Every Day

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"Omaha's Joy Spot"

DANCING This Afternoon and Every Evening

Carl Lamp's **JAZZ BAND**

Lots of Sport Riding the Giant Jack Rabbit, the Old Mill, Ferris Wheel, Carrousel, Miniature Railroad, or Others.

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National Championship Motorcycle Races
Free-for-All Auto Races
And Amateur Bicycle Races

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Motorcycle Booster Tour for Grand Island leaves Omaha Motorcycle Club 6:30 P. M. July 3.