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THE BAXTER COUNTY NEWS

Program to Continue Today and Tomorrow

Beauty Contest, Square Dance and Boat Races Planned

President Truman's dedicatory speech at Bull Shoals dam was just the beginning of a three-day program which will continue today and tomorrow and end with a giant fireworks display tomorrow night at the Norfolk Dam.

Parade and Beauty Revue Here Today

Main event today will be a parade and beauty revue which will lead to the selection of "Miss Twin Lakes."

About 25 of north Arkansas' most beautiful girls will appear in the revue which will start with a parade led by the Mountain Home and Yellville bands starting at 1 p. m.

Selection of the girl who will be named "Miss Twin Lakes" will be held in competition at the Baxter Theater tonight following the regular feature which starts at 7 p. m.

Square Dance on Cotter Streets Tonight

At 8 p. m. tonight a square dance festival will be held on the main streets of Cotter.

Boat Races at Norfolk Dam Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon boat races, starting at 1 p. m. at the Norfolk dam, will be held under the sponsorship of the Oklahoma Boat Racing Association.

Among the racers will be Keith Schardin of Blackwell, Okla., who will bring his motor boat set the fastest record for D stock outboard runabouts.

Prizes in a fishing rodeo which opens at midnight, July 1, and closes at noon tomorrow will be awarded tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. by "Miss Twin Lakes."

The big three-day program will end tomorrow night with a giant fireworks display at the Norfolk Dam. Billed as one of the largest displays ever held in this area, the show is scheduled to start at 8:15 p. m.

Double Wedding Held in Strasser Home

A double wedding ceremony was performed Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock by the Rev. G. O. McMillan in the homes of Mrs. J. J. Strasser on the Henderson road, and the two couples being Miss Willie Mae Trimble and Gray King, Jr., and Miss Pauline Brobet and Dewayne Gragg.

Mrs. Donnie Z. Martin

Funeral services for Mrs. Donnie Z. Martin, 77, of Mountain Home, who died Saturday in a Little Rock hospital, were held Monday morning at the Arkansas cemetery with the Rev. Lee Anderson officiating.

Tommy Allen Bruce, who has been attending medical school in Little Rock, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bruce of Mountain Home.

Roadway Over New Dam Opened By President

The roadway over the Bull Shoals dam was officially opened yesterday when President Truman cut a ribbon and entered his car to be the first person to use the new connecting link between Baxter and Marion counties as a public highway.

McMath Rally At Harrison Saturday

A north Arkansas rally for Governor McMath will be held Saturday night at Harrison, it was announced today by his campaign manager, Henry Woods.

Stamp to Honor Shiras, Two Dams Likely in Year

(From the Arkansas Gazette) No action is anticipated in the 82nd Congress on a bill to name Bull Shoals Lake for the late Tom Shiras.

Top Newsmen Here

Nation's Attention Is Focused on Lake Area

Against a background of billowing clouds and blue lake, about 5,000 people was gathered before the speaker's platform, it was estimated by Lt. Carl Miller of the State Police.

Seymour Opens New Chris-Craft Agency

A new Chris-Craft boat agency has been opened at Henderson by E. R. Seymour of the Auto Marine Design Engineering Company.

Social Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 3 Salesville HDC, schoolhouse, 1:30 p. m.

MONDAY, JULY 7 Whiteville HDC, home Mrs. Howard Powell, 1:30 p. m.

TUESDAY, JULY 8 Shady Grove HDC, home Mrs. Tom Sanders, 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 Big Pond HDC, home Mrs. Richard Watters, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 10 Homemakers HDC, home Mrs. B. N. Sultzman, Mrs. Joe Bill Hucker, co-hostesses, 2 p. m.

FRIDAY, JULY 11 Gasville HDC, 7:30 p. m.

Ernest E. Cauthen

Funeral services for Ernest E. Cauthen, 57, of Burkburnett, Texas, who died Wednesday last week, were held at the Methodist Church in Cotter Saturday, with the Rev. W. L. Dicks officiating.

Ernest E. Cauthen was born August 6, 1894, in Camden, Miss. He was a veteran of World War One. Survivors include his wife, two sisters, and four brothers.

Thousands Here to Greet the President



—Ark. Gazette Photo

President Truman received an ovation from thousands of visitors and local citizens when he arrived in Baxter county yesterday for the dual dedication of Bull Shoals and Norfolk dams.

Good Catches Made Night Fishing

Continued hot weather during the past week kept many fishermen off the lakes during daylight hours, but night fishing continued to be popular.

Broiler Raisers To Make Plans For Association

Tentative plans for the organization of a broiler raisers association in Baxter county will be made at a meeting to be held in the Mountain Home Cafe here Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p. m.

Dinner At Cotter Honors Visitors To Dam Program

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Whitaker-Thayer

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Blasts Private Power Firms That "Fought Against Dams"; Says Ozark Region Needs More Projects

Mercury Climbs To 104 Degrees As Drought Continues

Temperatures reached 104 degrees Saturday, Sunday and Monday and a serious drought went into the 30th day yesterday.

Highway Clean-up Was Big Operation

A large crew of state highway employees has been working overtime for the past three weeks, putting the county's road system in shape for the day of the President's visit.

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The President of the United States officially dedicated the multi-million dollar Bull Shoals and Norfolk dams in ceremonies held yesterday morning at the Bull Shoals site.

Using the occasion to outline the power policy of the government, the president bitterly attacked what he described as the "selfishness" of private power companies and pledged his support of a broad river development program.

He declared that private power companies had fought construction of the dams "because they thought nobody should be allowed to produce power for themselves."

"I am very familiar to me," the president said, "as to how the private power companies are going to find out that they cannot stand in the way of what the people need in this country. And the sooner they find that out the better it will be for everybody concerned."

President Truman's address at Bull Shoals officially outlined the power policy of the government and this policy will be in the Democratic party platform this year, he told newsmen.

The Arkansas Power and Light Company, Truman said, built an expensive working model of a dam which "was supposed to prove that you could not have flood control and power in the same project. I hope the gentleman who built that model will come up here and look at Bull Shoals and Norfolk in operation. They will see how foolish they were."

Opening his address with a reminder that this part of the country is "very familiar to me," the president said: "I am sure you are all as impressed as I am by this huge dam here at Bull Shoals. And the one I saw over at Norfolk this morning is almost as big as this one. We are here to dedicate them to the service of the people."

"The American Medical Association and the 'real estate lobby' also came in for their share of criticism when the president told that private power companies had labeled the dams as socialism."

"The American Medical Association used this same slogan in its fight against a better health care program for the common man. The real estate lobby uses the same lying slogan in its fight against housing programs. In other words, every time we try to do something for the people, some special interest pops up and yells 'socialism,' he declared.

Governor McMath gives welcome address.

The President was introduced by Congressman J. W. Trimble of Berryville. Governor Sid McMath made the welcome address in which he said: "We in Arkansas are grateful to the administration and Congress for what has been done to harness our water resources and to protect our rich bottom lands from floods. Without dams our growing aluminum industry could never have been established."

He pointed to the resources of the state which can be developed with power from the dams and to the recreational opportunities afforded by the lakes created by the dams.

"We are proud to have President Truman, our friend and our neighbor here today," he said.

Gov. McMath was introduced by Senator J. W. Fulbright, who was the principal speaker. Other who were introduced were Claude Wickard, REA Administrator; Clyde Ellis, executive director of the REA; Roy Tackett, congressman; O. K. Armstrong, C. H. Moss, Wright Hitt, Douglas G. Wright, Southwest Power Administrator; Jack Holt, G. Wright and Henry W. Daylock.

Party Given for Mrs. Daniel Perkins

Mrs. Daniel Perkins of Pine Bluff was honored with a bridge party given last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Henry Bowman. Mrs. Claude Mayo won high honors. Harold Allen won second, and Mrs. Tom Shiras won the bridge prize. The honoree was presented a gift by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Hollingworth and Raahlynn Page of Odessa, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Hollingworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Nelson, here. Mrs. Hollingworth is the former Virginia Lee Nelson.

Bert E. Hensley of Andrews, Texas, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hensley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Williams were here for the dedication of the dam. Mr. Williams was project superintendent on the Norfolk dam and is now superintendent of jobs in the northwest. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keys.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Warren and son Jimmy, and Phyllis Hale of Conroe, Ind., were visiting their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Campbell of this place.

Following the program the President was entertained with a fish fry attended by several hundred persons.

Complete text of the President's address is printed on the back page.