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Memorial Celebration

In Honor Of

Sacajawea

The Bird Woman



Armstead, Montana

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Sacajawea Memorial

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"Dux Femino Facti."
("A woman led the deed."—Virgil.)



SACAJAWEA.

Foreword.

The people of Armstead have planned these simple pictures of past events in commemoration of the wonderful Indian girl Sacajawea.

With one exception every incident given took place in Beaverhead county.

If they serve to awaken a keener interest in local history or to bring these heroic characters closer to your lives we are repaid.

The events, costumes and even the words in most cases have been faithfully reproduced from "THE DIARIES OF LEWIS AND CLARK."

Program.

Music—Indian airs.....	By Band
Prologue.....	Dr. Garver
Dance—Spirit of Adventure.....	
Cloea Thomas, Dorothy Thomas, Frances Caldwell, Esther Thomas Nyla Metcalf, Marjorie Stevenson, Lorena Stone Doris White	
Historical Pageant.	
Winning the Shoshones—A Story of Sacajawea, the Bird Woman	
Episode I. Discouragements.	
Episode II. The First Indians.	
Episode III. A Successful Encounter.	
Mountain Song.....	Jean Bishop
Episode IV. Camp Fortunate.	
Owl Dance.....	Camp Fire Girls
Martha Stone, Mary Toan, Beatrice Bimrose, Berthana Selway, Geraldine Smith.	
Episode V. The Triumph.	
Finale.....	Entire Cast
Flag Drill.....	Miss Cheney
Flag Salute.....	Red Men
	D. A. R.
Song.....	Miss Ostrander

INTERMISSION

Address—Sacajawea.....	O. D. Wheeler
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MUSIC

Indian Airs.....	By Band
(Unveiling Ceremonies at Memorial Site, Armstead.)	

Cast.

Capt. Merriweather Lewis.....	C. A. Brigham
Capt. William Clark.....	J. G. Brickley
Sacajawea.....	Faye Scott
Chief Cammeahwait.....	R. H. Bronson
Other Chiefs.....	Joe Metlen
	Leo Groche
Lone Warrior.....	Parke Scott
First Young Warrior.....	Wesley Brigham
Second Young Warrior.....	Dellar Gordon
Other warriors.....	Frank Bulger
	Dale Metlen
	Croft Rhea
Indian Scout.....	Elmer Gordon
Second Scout.....	Harry Commons
Indian Hunters.....	R. Williams
	Harry Commons
Former Indian Suitor.....	R. Williams
Prairie Flower.....	Kate Knuchey
First Squaw.....	Mrs. Brickley
Second Squaw.....	Margie Mullen
Little Indian Girl.....	Murial Roe
The Boy Basil.....	Albert Grey
Squaws—Mesdames Farmer, Hall, Stinson, Gordon, Morrow, Misses Metlen, Guyaz, Mullen, Danzie.	
Drewyer, an explorer.....	G. A. Decker
C. Neal, an explorer.....	Smith Ames
Shields, a hunter with Lewis and Clark.....	J. W. Scott
York, a negro with Lewis and Clark.....	John Mullen
Indians, Explorers, Papooses.	

The History That is Recalled.

The Lewis and Clark expedition was officially organized to find the source of the Missouri river and what country lay beyond. They left St. Louis May 14, 1804. They journeyed up the Missouri by boat to its highest navigable point (now Armstead, Mont), crossed the continental divide, with horses, to the Columbia, descended this river, again by boat to the Pacific.

They were the first and only party red or white ever to cross the continent by water.

Among the Mandans in Dakota they found Sacajawea, the Indian girl guide, who contributed so largely to the success of the expedition. It was almost at this very site, on Aug. 17th, one hundred and ten years ago, that she rejoined her people and by establishing a friendship between the white and Red men, rendered inestimable services that insured the successful conclusion of the expedition; for except for the assistance, and horses, obtained from the Indians, Lewis and Clark could never have completed their unparalleled journey.

Episode I.

Discouragements.

THE TIME—Aug. 8, 1805.

THE PLACE—Near Beaverhead rock.

THE OCCASION—Lewis and Clark seek a quiet place to converse.

THE ACTION—The party is exhausted and discouraged. The river is growing so rocky and shallow that the men must drag the boats. To hoard their scanty stores they subsist on game, berries and the nauseating roots gathered by Sacajawea. All are weak, some violently ill. Three boats have capsized, crushing Whitehouse and ruining supplies. Charboneau sprained his ankle. Young Shannon is lost in the hills and Clark suffering from a tumor in his ankle. Unless they can obtain horses to transport their baggage they seem doomed to failure. Sacajawea enters and with inspiring words encourages them to go on. She recognizes a high point as the Beaverhead rock and tells them her people are near and will give them aid. With renewed hope Lewis selects McNeal, Drewyer and Shields and goes in advance to search for the Shoshones.

Episode II.

An Unsuccessful Interview.

THE TIME—Aug. 11, 1805.

THE PLACE—Shoshone Cove—(Now Horse Prairie.)

THE OCCASION—Lewis and his men preceding the main party.

THE ACTION—Scouting the valley for Shoshones they perceive a lone warrior of a strange nation coming down the plain. Lewis cries Tabba bone (white man) and attempts by the sign language to convey his peaceful intentions, but without success. The men failed to see a signal to halt. Frightened by their advance the savage leaped the creek and disappeared in the brush.

Episode III.

A More Friendly Encounter.

THE TIME—Aug. 12, 1805.

THE PLACE—Headwaters of the Lemhi.

THE OCCASION—Capt. Lewis proceeding on his reconnaissance.

ACTION—Lewis came suddenly upon three female Indians digging roots. One took to flight, but the others seeing no way of escape bowed their heads, awaiting the death they thought inevitable. Capt. Lewis sufficiently quieted their fears that they recalled their companion and conducted the white men to their village.

Episode IV.

The Arrival at Camp Fortunate.

THE TIME—Evening of Aug. 16, 1805.

THE PLACE—Two Forks—(Now Armstead.)

THE OCCASION—Lewis returning from the headwaters of the Columbia with some of the Shoshonees.

THE ACTION.—Captain Lewis expected to find the main party here, but the incredible hardships of navigation had delayed them. Lewis' situation is critical. He fails to win the confidence of the natives, who continue suspicions and distrustful. The whites are as bronzed as the red men. The latter exchange garments with the party in an obvious attempt at disguise. As a last resort the Captain gives the chief his gun bidding him defend himself with it if he believed he was to be betrayed. Fearing treachery, Cammeawait with five warriors sleep around Captain Lewis, while the others hide themselves in the brush nearby, each keeping his horse ready for instant action.

Episode V.

The Triumph.

THE TIME—Very early next morning, Aug. 17.

THE PLACE—Camp Fortunate.

THE OCCASION—Lewis impatiently waiting for the explorers and Sacajawea to help mollify the savages.

THE ACTION.—Lewis and the Indians have passed an uneasy anxious night, each fearing the other. Drewyer is early dispatched down the river with an Indian in quest of the boats. Shields is sent to hunt, while McNeil prepares breakfast from the last bit of venison. A cry is heard, announcing the coming of the white men. Sacajawea appears in the distance, followed by Charbonneau and Captain Clark, walking on shore. Sacajawea is overjoyed to find herself in her very band, from whom she had been kidnapped in her childhood. Among the women was Prairie Flower who had been captured with Sacajawea but escaped. Beginning to interpret in the council, she discovers in the person of the chief, her brother. All is now smooth sailing. Cammeawait's last doubts disappear. Friendly relations are established, horses and guides negotiated and pledges of loyalty obtained that to this day have never been broken. Most of the Indian woman's family had been massacred, but she finds and adopts her dead sister's little boy, Basil. A brave to whom she had been betrothed in her infancy came forward to claim her. The main body, terribly exhausted by the difficulties they have undergone, arrive with the boats. Camp is made. Surprising presents of lump sugar, mirrors, etc., are distributed and a few horses purchased. The chief takes Clark, Sacajawea and husband and others to his camp beyond the mountains, where he promised many horses. Lewis remains at Two Forks to prepare for the westward journey and cache superfluous baggage during their absence.