

Ice Harbor Day Committee  
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Committee appointments for the Ice Harbor Day celebration have been completed, and general plans for the June 1st three-part program are moving ahead rapidly, chairman W. D. Ray, Walla Walla, and vice-chairman Byron Baker, Pasco, announced today.

The program will get under way in Pasco at noon with a luncheon at the Pasco High School. At 2:30 p.m., the general public and visiting dignitaries will attend concrete placing ceremonies at Ice Harbor dam. Final event on the program will be a reception and dinner at the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla.

Gordon McRae, vice president of the Seattle-First National Bank, Pasco, has been appointed treasurer for the Ice Harbor Day celebration committee; and Al McVay, manager of the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce, has been named secretary. Other members of the executive committee are: E. S. Johnston, president, Pasco Port commission; William Vollmer and Earl R. Lovell, Walla Walla Port commissioners; Darrell E. Pepiot, and Del C. Isaacson, commissioner and manager of the Pasco Port commission; and Howard Bessire, manager, Walla Walla Port commission.

Representing the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, as liason to the executive committee are Colonel Myron E. Page, Jr., District Engineer; Colonel William F. Hart, Jr., Executive Officer; and William M. Zink, Administrative Officer, all of the Walla Walla District.

The Inland Empire Waterways Association is represented, advising the executive committee, by Herbert G. West, Executive Vice President; and Leora Anderson, administrative assistant.

Nine committees have been formed to plan the June 1st program and to make detailed preparations for the Pasco luncheon, public ceremonies at the Ice Harbor site, and the reception and dinner at Walla Walla, chairman Ray said. Committee assignments cover transportation, traffic control and parking, entertainment at the dam, facilities, public address system and recordings, decorations at the dam, luncheon at Pasco, reception and dinner at Walla Walla, and publicity.

Committee chairmen are:

Transportation: Gordon E. Matthews, Walla Walla, and Kermit Krueger, Pasco.

Traffic control: Jerry Tooley, Pasco, and William F. Craig, Walla Walla.

Entertainment at dam: Ted Myrick, Pasco, and Frank Stewart, Walla Walla.

Facilities: Virgil Sparks, Walla Walla, and Don Walch, Pasco.

Public address and recordings: Dick Woods, Pasco, and Jack Keating, Walla Walla.

Decorations at dam: Don Anderson, Pasco.

Luncheon at Pasco: Bob Worley, Pasco.

Reception and dinner at Walla Walla: Howard Bessire, Walla Walla.

Publicity: Bill Howard, Walla Walla, and Jack Criswell, Pasco.

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The Ice Harbor Day ceremonies June 1, which will mark the pouring of the first concrete at Ice Harbor dam on the Snake River, will be held inside the cofferdam area, Col. Myron Page, Jr., Walla Walla district engineer, Army Engineers, told the executive committee at a meeting here Friday.

The original plans had placed the audience further from the river in the vicinity of the office buildings.

The contractor has agreed to the change which will permit the audience to get a close view of the work. The contractor will also suspend work for the ceremony. The ceremony at the dam will start at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 1.

There will be ample parking at the area, according to William F. Craig, Walla Walla, co-chairman of the committee on traffic control and parking.

Virgil Sparks, Walla Walla, told the committee that the speakers stand, used at the recent celebration at The Dalles dam, will be brought to Ice Harbor by Tidewater Shaver barge lines.

The Camp Hanford military band will be available for the event, according to Frank Stewart, co-chairman of the entertainment committee. The invocation will be by the Rev. Rudolph A. Anderson, Pasco Methodist minister and the benediction by the Very Rev. Hugo Pautler of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Walla Walla.

Col. William Hart, executive officer of the Walla Walla district, told the Chamber of Commerce industrial committee Friday, that the first concrete would be poured in the spillway section of the dam. He said the contractor's batching plant is nearly ready for the operation.

A public luncheon will be held in Pasco at noon Saturday. This is sponsored by the Pasco Chamber of Commerce and the Pasco port district.

An invitational dinner will be held in Walla Walla Saturday night.