

# LAKE CELEBRATION ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS

IDEAL WEATHER PREVAILS UNTIL LATE IN THE EVENING—RAIN PUTS STOP TO DANCE—NO ACCIDENTS

The Fourth of July celebration at Red Willow Lake attracted one of the largest crowds ever gathered in eastern North Dakota with the possible exception of the state fair. There is no way of determining the exact number of people who spent the day at the lake, but estimates as to the number of cars on the grounds run as high as 2500.

The influx of automobiles began late in the morning and the grounds were crowded by noon. Everyone for miles around the lake was present and towns fifty or sixty miles away were represented.

The entertainment, under the auspices of the Red Willow Lake Park association was begun with a speech by Iver Acker, of Hillsboro, state's attorney of Trall county. Mr. Acker was introduced by State's Attorney John Sad of Cooperstown. The orator of the day spoke upon patriotic subjects, tracing the history and achievements of the United States from the Revolutionary war to the present date. The lake association was fortunate in obtaining Mr. Acker as his address was well received and he was interrupted many times with loud applause.

The Cooperstown band was in attendance and entertained the large crowd with excellent renditions of all types.

At three o'clock Binford and McHenry crossed bats on the ball field at the lake and the big crowd was entertained with a good exhibition of the national game. The game was called in the sixth inning with the score standing at 10 to 1 in favor of the Binford club.

Immediately after the ball game ended the water sports were pulled off. Swimming and diving contests, boat races and tub races filled the time before supper and were witnessed by a large crowd. The greased pole contest for swimmers evoked much merriment among the spectators.

Dancing on the newly completed pavilion on the old playground was begun shortly after the water sports came to a conclusion. The music was furnished by the Binford orchestra, assisted by Victor Nelson, of Cooperstown. Rain ended the dancing at 11 p. m.

The concessions on the lake park grounds did a rushing business throughout the whole day and late in the afternoon none of the stands had supplies enough to supply the visitors.

Despite reports that are circulating at this time, no accidents marred the day and everything came off in better shape than could be expected, considering the crowd to be handled. A corps of efficient ground police did good work in preventing confusion on the crowded grounds.