

FREE PAGEANT TO BE A FEATURE OF BIG ENCAMPMENT

Pageant Will Be Presented on Evening of August 13th, at Juab County Fair Grounds; To Feature Nephi Founding

One of the outstanding activities of the Blackhawk Encampment and Homecoming to be held in Nephi August 13 to 16, will be the presentation of a mammoth pageant depicting the early visitations to and settlement of Salt Creek, later called Nephi.

This program will officially open the big celebration and will be given the evening of August 13 at the Juab County Fairgrounds with more than 250 people taking part.

Features of the pageant will be a chorus of more than 100 mixed voices that will sing all numbers during the performance; the presentation of the coming of Father Escalante and his meeting with the Indians; the visit of the Reed-Donor party which went through the valley on its way to California; the coming of Parley P. Pratt and his party to make exploration of this valley for colonization; the coming of the 17 wagons that contained the 75 souls that spent the first winter, that of 1851, in Nephi. A number of specialties in Indian and pioneer dances and the presentation of groups depicting the education, home life and cultural growth of this city will be given.

Special bleachers to accommodate the pageant chorus and outstanding lighting effects are now being provided. An amplifying system is to be installed for the musicians and readers that will carry the program over the complete fair grounds. Social bleachers to accommodate the vast throng that is expected, are being provided near the west grand stand at the grounds. No admission is to be charged for the program which will be given by the citizens of Nephi as their program for the celebration. Thirteen other camps of the Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers and Indian War Veterans have been invited to give a program at the four day celebration and a number have already responded and will be present.

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Postal cards have been sent to 132 singers of Nephi to join the Pageant chorus and help put this program over in fine style. The first practice will be held next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the stake tabernacle. Frank Wanlass will direct the chorus. The numbers, in most cases, are familiar ones to the older singers but will require a number of practices in order to put this part of the pageant over in fine style. The program and pageant committee urgently request that every person who has received an invitation to be a member of the chorus will respond and help make this an affair never to be forgotten in Nephi. Remember, this work cannot be done by a few, but requires the whole hearted support of everyone who is asked to take part.

Committees that have been chosen to supervise the Pageant and Programs by chairman LeRoy Whitehead are as follows: Music, Viola Ockey, chairman, Thomas W. Vickers and Loren Kendall. Information, Sadie Howard, chairman, Franklin Greenhalgh and Edna Cazier. Personnel, Gwen Downs chairman, Ed. V. Downs and Raymond Bailey. Specialties, Lorna Kendall, chairman, LaMarr Hawkins and Duane Peterson. Others will be called in as the work progresses.

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