

Winter Haven Opening Attracts Thousands



GOVERNOR LUTHER YOUNGDAHL is shown during dedication ceremonies at Winter Haven Sunday afternoon as he paid special tribute to Rev. Edward C. Ramacher, founder; and Mrs. "Ma" Bernick, who crocheted the flag and donated it to Winter Haven. (Times photo)

Youngdahl Speaks At Dedication of Winter Playground

A crowd of funseekers estimated at 15 thousand was present at Sartell over the weekend to assist in the dedication and grand opening ceremonies of Winter Haven playground.

After a colorful parade through the village in bright Sunday afternoon sunshine, Governor Luther Youngdahl raised an American flag in front of Sunset Lodge and called the occasion "a great and distinguished event in the history of our North Star state."

"Never have I seen such a wonderful spirit of teamwork and community cooperation displayed, as went into the construction of this beautiful playground," the Governor said. "It is a splendid example of the cooperation we would like to see throughout the state, the country and the world."

Governor Youngdahl paid special tribute to Rev. Edward Ramacher whose vision and courage inspired the project's workers and to Mrs. Anna Bernick who made the flag he raised. Called "Ma" Bernick by the villagers she has known for 40 years, she came to the United States from Yugoslavia.

Sartell's Mayor Gallus introduced the Governor at the foot of the flagpole Sunday afternoon.

Reigning over the weekend celebration was Winter Haven queen Betty Anne Thommes, an 18-year-old telephone operator from Little Falls. She was crowned Saturday night in Sunset Lodge by Alice Anderson, St. Paul's Winter Carnival queen.

Queen attendants were Katherine Sartell of Sartell and Ruth Fisher of Avon.

Mayors Speak

Father Ramacher spoke at the Sunday night program in Sunset Lodge to thank all who had worked to build the program.

"With these two Central Minnesota playgrounds, Winter Haven and Winter Wonderland, we want to show other communities across the country that it can be done," Father Ramacher said.

"Selling youth is one of my jobs," he said, "and I plan to continue promoting wholesome family recreation throughout the country. This playground at Sartell is just a beginning and credit for its success should go to those who worked on it and to the 50 man board of directors who run it."

Mayors Math Malisheski of St. Cloud and Eric Hoyer of Minneapolis also spoke during the Sunday night program. They were introduced by Cedric Adams, master of ceremonies.

As the two hour show closed Sunday night with five selections by the Aquatennial quartet, Father Ramacher and the other directors began clearing the lodge floor for tonight's opening of the roller skating ring at 8 p.m.

E. L. Stockinger of St. Cloud was master of ceremonies for the Saturday night program at which all queen candidates were introduced and the winner announced.

A packed lodgeful of approximately 150 guests were present. See Page 2, No. 6

Doctor Goes On Trial For Murder

Manchester, N. H. (AP)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander today went on trial for murder in the "mercy killing" of a woman cancer patient he could not heal.

The 41-year-old country doctor—wearing a faint smile of confidence—quietly took his seat in the tiny courtroom as the selection of a jury began.

Within an hour three jurors had been accepted.

Among the veniremen promptly excused was Paul Wormwood of nearby Bedford after he told the court Dr. Sander was his family physician.

With the doctor was his wife, who left a sick bed to be by her husband's side in a trial that has stirred international feeling.

Dr. Sander is charged specifically with giving air injections to Mrs. Abbie Borroto, 59-year-old Manchester housewife dying of cancer, to cut short her suffering.

Superior Court Judge Harold E. Westcott solemnly explained to the prospective jurors why they were called and told them Dr. Sander had pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of murder.

Then Judge Westcott gave an indication of the type of questions they would be asked—but he made no mention of "mercy killing."

Among them: "Do you expect to gain or lose anything by the result of this case?"

A total of 145 veniremen, with seven women volunteers among them, marched under escort to the courthouse.

Spectators Banned

a.m. Sander and his wife walked into the courtroom only a minute before. They took chairs—side by side—just behind their defense lawyers with the bar enclosure. Sander wore a double-breasted blue suit. Mrs. Sander wore a green jacket and gray skirt and gray hat.

At the defense counsel table were Louis Wyman, chief of defense counsel and three assistants—Ralph Langdell, Robert Booth and William Starr.

State Attorney General William L. Phinney, boyhood friend and college classmate of Sander who will

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15 Held After Bloody Riot in CIO Union Row

New York (AP)—Fifteen men faced court today after a bloody battle which broke up a meeting of "rank-and-file" members of the strife-torn CIO National Maritime union.

An armed band of 30-odd men battered its way into Tom Mooney hall Sunday, police said, to raid a meeting of 200 rank-and-filers being held upstairs.

The rank-and-filers, opponents of Union President Joseph Curran, were meeting to discuss what they call Curran's "anti-democratic lead-