

LARGE THROUNG CONGREGATES AT RIVER TO STAGE BIG CELEBRATION

Free Barbecue Is Served
At Noon by Kingman
Officials.

KEYNOTE SOUNDED

Charles P. Squires, of Las
Vegas, Walker Young,
Principal Talkers.

Las Vegas, Nevada, and Kingman, Arizona were brought within a scant 110 miles of each other today as the Old Trails highway was officially linked with the Arrowhead Trail by the way of Boulder Dam.

This outstanding event was solemnized by the gathering of the largest throng ever to congregate at the dam site at eleven o'clock today, when Kingman extended the hand of friendship across the Colorado River to Las Vegas, permanently cementing a bond that has during the past few years by a common interest in the great Boulder Canyon project.

IT WAS ESTIMATED at noon today that the anticipated crowd of 1,700 had been somewhat eclipsed, as the crowd gathered around the free barbecue lunch, prepared by the Kingman group, but an accurate count was impossible.

The keynote of the occasion was sounded by C. P. Squires, veteran Las Vegas newspaper publisher, while Walter R. Young, construction engineer on the project, brought the greetings of the federal government in a well-appointed address.

Free ferry service was maintained throughout the day by James Cashman, owner, and several hundred cars made the trip across the river as his guests.

THE GREAT AMERICAN Legion drum corps, twenty strong, led the parade of Las Vegas to the scene of the celebration and returned late this afternoon.

The new highway cuts 70 miles from the distance between Kingman and Las Vegas over the old route, and brings the Kingman-Las Vegas-Los Angeles distance within a few miles of that over the Old Trails highway by the way of Needles.

There were some 700 persons from Arizona present and during the fete the Cashman ferry transported visitors across the river free of charge. One couple fell into the water on one trip, but were not hurt.

THERE WERE 58 California and Arizona cars brot over to the Nevada side of the river and it was estimated that the entire throng numbered about 2,000.

Prominent visitors included Judge L. D. Roote, of Kingman, who was one of the speakers, and Colonel Henry D. Lindsey, first national commander of the American Legion, who came here from Delaware with Colonel Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, both of whom were the guests of former governor, James G. Scrugham.