



# THE CASTLE PARK BANNER

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, August 19--Program by the three playclasses in the Amphitheater. 8:15 P.M.
- Saturday, August 20--Dance, children 8:00-9:00 P.M.; adults 9:00-12:00.
- Sunday, August 21--Vespers, the Dance Dune, 8:00 P.M. Dr. Marion de Volder, Hope Reformed Church, Holland, as speaker. Soloist--Mr. Renfro Sproul.
- Monday, August 22--Dance Dune Dancing Class for teen-agers, 8:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, August 23--Dance, children 8:00-9:00 P.M.; adults, 9:00-11:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, August 24--Movie shorts 8:00 P.M., Castle lawn.
- Thursday, August 25--Rotary Club luncheon, the Castle, 12:10 P.M. "Little Ravinia" Concert, 8:15 P.M., the Dance Dune.
- Friday, August 26--Dune Supper, the Dance Dune, 6:30 P.M. "Castle Capers" presentation, the Amphitheater.
- Saturday, August 27--Dance, children 8:00-9:00 P.M.; adults 9:00-12:00.
- Sunday, August 28--Vespers, the Dance Dune, 8:00 P.M. Dr. Marion de Volder, speaker. Miss Sarilone Johnson, soloist.

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J. Brown Mantle; Roy Nobel; I.M. Pease; and Jerry Holder. Junior committee member is W. A. Butler, Jr.

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CASTLE PARK HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE--SPECIAL TO THE CASTLE PARK BANNER!

Hurry! Hurry! Stop right up--hear all about it--the biggest show coming to Castle Park! 'Sound exciting? It is! That's right, the big show is coming to Castle Park, and it's not the circus--although this show does boast a big circus tent and lots of bustling activity.

What is it? The 33rd annual Castle Park Horse Show. This show will climax the resort season for the year. The Castle Park Horse Show is the oldest amateur show, and by far, the biggest, in the Middle West. The show annually attracts hundreds of the finest riders and horsemen from surrounding states. This year it will be held on Wednesday, August 31, beginning at 9:00 A.M., with the smallest riders competing, and progressing throughout the day to the more accomplished horsemen. The afternoon events begin at 1:30 P.M. after a recess for lunch.

The committee for this year's show has already announced the name of the hunter and jumper judge. He is Mr. George Webster from Tryon, North Carolina. They have also selected twenty-six pieces of silverware for trophies, which will soon be on display in the lobby of the Castle.

The general committee for the show consists of the following members: Secretary, Carter W. Brown; Henry Boersma; C.P. Brown; Mrs. A. Brown, P.T. Choff; Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald;

CASTLE PARK IN 1920

"Of my first visit to Castle Park in 1920 I still have very vivid recollections. I arrived by train to Grand Rapids and then by another train to Holland, and finally by Interurban to Castle Park--a full day's trip. My hostess met me at the station just outside of the Park with a boy and a cart to carry my bags, and we proceeded by foot to her cottage. Few families in those days had more than one car, and that remained in the city with the "head-of-the-house", so during the week an automobile was a rarity around the Park.

One of the incidents which I recall was going by Interurban to Jenison Park and thence by launch across Lake Macatawa (Black Lake then) to the foot of Angel's Flight, where we ascended the high dune in a cable car. On the top was a pavillion with music and refreshments. This was a real treat for visitors.

Again I remember going to Jenison Park to meet the Chicago boat, which brought the husbands and boy-friends for the weekend, an event looked forward to all week.

Everybody ate at the Castle in the Old-Timers' Room, the only dining-room there was then. Dinner must have been served early, because so many things seemed to take place in the long evenings. One of these was the annual water carnival. We all sat on the banks of the dune at the Castle Beach and watched the young people perform in swimming and canoe events. It was a gala occasion.

Every morning it was the task of the younger members of the household to take the thermal jug down to the pump in front of the Castle and get the day's supply of drinking water. Often this was repeated again at night.

Of course, there was no electricity! Who ever thought of wanting city luxuries in a "back-to-nature" paradise?

When it came time for guests to depart, and the Castle vehicle drew up in front to take them to their train, the resorters gathered on the lawn and sang a farewell song to them, the echoes of which rang in their ears all the way home."

--"Almost" An Old Timer  
(This was contributed in response to our request for Castle Park reminiscences from you adults--we hope many more of you will contribute your favorite anecdotes. Just put them in Box #84 at our Post Office by next Wednesday.)

"JUST A-WEARYIN' FOR YOU".

Dear Paradise,  
Dear Castle Park,  
Where children play  
And dogs can bark,

The Pearly Gates  
Would hold no lure,  
If of a cottage  
I were sure.

--Shelley Aagesen

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The bleachers are being put up for the big Horse Show on Wednesday, August 30. They are north of our play-field. We hope there will be more seats and more people to fill the seats.

--Sarah Livezey  
Laurie McLean

SMALL FRY PRESENTATION

Our three play classes are giving a program Friday in the Amphitheater. Our program will include a short skit, an exaggerated typical day at Castle Park. Come and see your children perform.

--Melinda Nix

### INSECT NOISES

The loud, buzzing noise that we hear in the daytime is made by the cicada. People call them locusts or day-flies, but the true locust is a grasshopper.

We also hear crickets in the daytime. Grasshoppers make a dry, scratchy sound with their wings. Most insects "sing" at night. At sundown the cicadas stop and the Katy-dids begin. The snowy tree crickets sing a high sweet song, and the tone changes with the temperature. Higher notes are sounded when it is warm and lower notes when it is cooler.

Many insects can't make any sounds, as moths, butterflies, ants, praying mantis, walking sticks, etc. If they can't make any noise, how do they "talk" with each other? Some, like the fireflies, flash lights; others, like many butterflies and moths, have scent glands by which they attract their mates.

All insects have six legs, even though you have to hunt for these legs. Caterpillars (of moths and butterflies) look as though they had more, but only six are true legs and the rest are prolegs.

(By Susan Livezey, Mary Louise Oehl, Susan Woodward, and Angela Romell in interview with Mrs. Roy Nobel.)

### THE MARSHMALLOW ROAST

Monday night all the play class gathered around a campfire down on Castle Beach for a marshmallow roast. We were surprised to find that Mrs. Carr had come down to play the guitar for us. We sang lots of songs such as "Davy Crockett", "White Coral Bells", and "Home on the Range". It was a lot of fun, and thanks, Mrs. Carr.

--Melinda Nix

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expects to be out of service in January. Peggy and Jim Robertson are here too with children.

### THE "CASTLE CAPERS", 1955

Attention, all you Castle Parkers! Sit back and prepare yourselves for a blow! The "Castle Capers" of 1955 are just around the corner. Yes, one week from this Friday, on August 26, the show is to be given.

The production manager is Amby Holford, and on the staff are Mrs. James Bromner, Mrs. Helen Livezey, and Mrs. Robert Carr.

The opening number will be a mixed chorus production. The second act will be a beauty contest, purposely to select "Miss Castle Park of 1955". The contestants will be some of our lovely young Castle Park beauties. Following the Beauty Contest will be an act put on by the playclass group of youngsters. Fourth on the program, the well-known and popular Sally Brown will put all her talents into a novelty act.

The show continues with a short skit put on by the Pixies and concludes with several selections from "Carousel" to round out a fabulous show. You all come!

--Lucy Costen  
Curt Ratcliff

### THE FRONTIER PARTY

Last Friday, after the Duno Supper, everyone was all excited. Guess why? The Frontier Party! We set up all the booths, and then the fun began. We had a fish pond and a penny toss and gambling. We had a very good square dance caller, and that made some of the big success. We raffled off a big ham, which Dr. Hampshire won. There was a runner-up small ham, and Mrs. Burko won that.

The Frontier Party was a big success.

--Melinda Nix

### CASTLE PATTEN

Did you know that Margie and Johnny Robertson are here now with their family. He is with the Air Force in Spokane, Washington, but

Note the one cent stamp and the simple address. I guess everyone would have known who he was.

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