

### Legion Convention Begins This Week End At Carolina Beach

Carolina Beach—The Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Coast Guard, and various and sundry bathing beauties will help 12,000 Legionnaires blow their tops and spud the ocean

bottom when the North Carolina Department of the American Legion convenes here June 14 through 17.

And 10,000 people will eat free fried fish (sans tools) and hush puppies, and dance in the light of a Carolina moon. . . . and \$1500 worth of improved postwar fireworks.

According to announcement by Bill Farmer, chairman of the Convention committee, arrangements for the four-day event are virtually settled. Accommodations have been arranged for 12,000 Legionnaires who are expected to be joined by many more North Carolinians and tourists in their celebration.

Saturday, June 14, will be devoted to registration and a hilarious dinner party for the 40 at 8. Sunday afternoon some 40 of North Carolina's prettiest young girls, each representing an American Legion post in their local community, will compete in the beauty pageant to select "Miss American Legion." The girl winning the crown will receive a \$500 summer wardrobe. She will be crowned Sunday night at a coronation ball with past National Legion Commander Harry Stevens of Warsaw, officiating.

Sunday night and again Monday night the famous Camp Lejeune Marine band, a 60-piece organization, will play public band concerts on the Carolina Beach strand. Several huge public squares have been set aside for street dancing Sunday and Monday nights also.

If plans mature, Monday will be the noisest. If not the biggest day Carolina Beach has seen since the Federal fleet bombarded old Fort Fisher just below the strand back in Civil War days. At least one aircraft carrier, "some" destroyers, and a variegated selection of landing craft, et cetera, bearing from 800 to 500 ex-Marines, will "invade" Carolina Beach from seaside. Just what forces will constitute the beach defenses has not been revealed, but there is a rumor that much ammunition (nicely un-projectiled) stored up for an atomic-bomb world war will be used by both sides.

Most spectacular of the attack techniques possibly will be the Navy demolition squad work on the bottom of the ocean beyond the surf. Working under the water, the squads will plant explosives used in real war to demolish port installations and defenses. Just before the landing operations, the charges will be set off, and most of the waters of the immediate part of the Atlantic Ocean will make a curtain of fountains the length of the beach.

Another spectacular demonstration aimed at showing actual war-time operations will be an exhibition Monday of the Army Air Forces Air-Sea Rescue Units. This newest branch of the AAF will use helicopters and self-inflating life rafts to simulate rescues of sea-crashed airmen. Tens of thousands of spectators will line the beaches to witness this thrilling demonstration.

During and after the attack, a drill exhibition detachment of the 82nd Airborne Division will put on a demonstration of mechanized equipment, to which may be added a full demonstration of parachute dropping if winds and weather are accounted safe over the narrow strip of the Carolina Beach mainland.

At midnight Monday, during intermission of the street dance which is scheduled from 9 p. m. till "fireworks, generally described as "possibly beautiful but certainly loud," will be set off on shore and from boats anchored at sea if weather permits.

Tuesday at high noon, 10,000 plates of fish caught off Carolina Beach, fried by coastal cooks who often eat their own cooking, and garnished by helpings of hush-puppies,

will be served on the strand. There will be no eating tools, only a plate of fish and hush-puppies, and, possibly, something to drink (soft) with it.

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farm; thus, the threshers' records provide the best basis for county grain statistics for program planning usage. The source and usage is within the county itself. Operators must

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