



Official Dedication Program

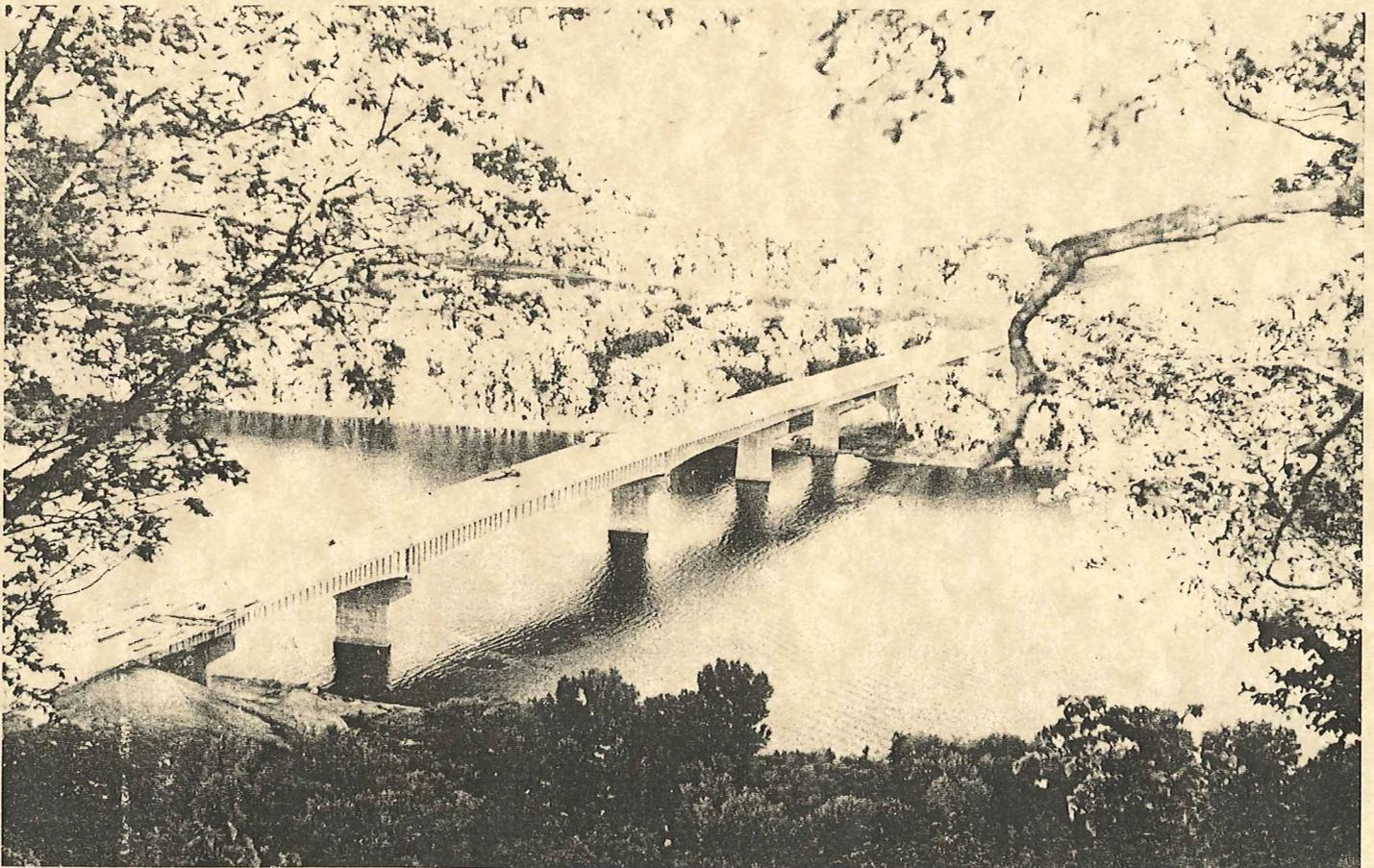


Marking the Opening of the New INTERSTATE 90 BRIDGE and APPROACHES

OVER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
BETWEEN WINONA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AND LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

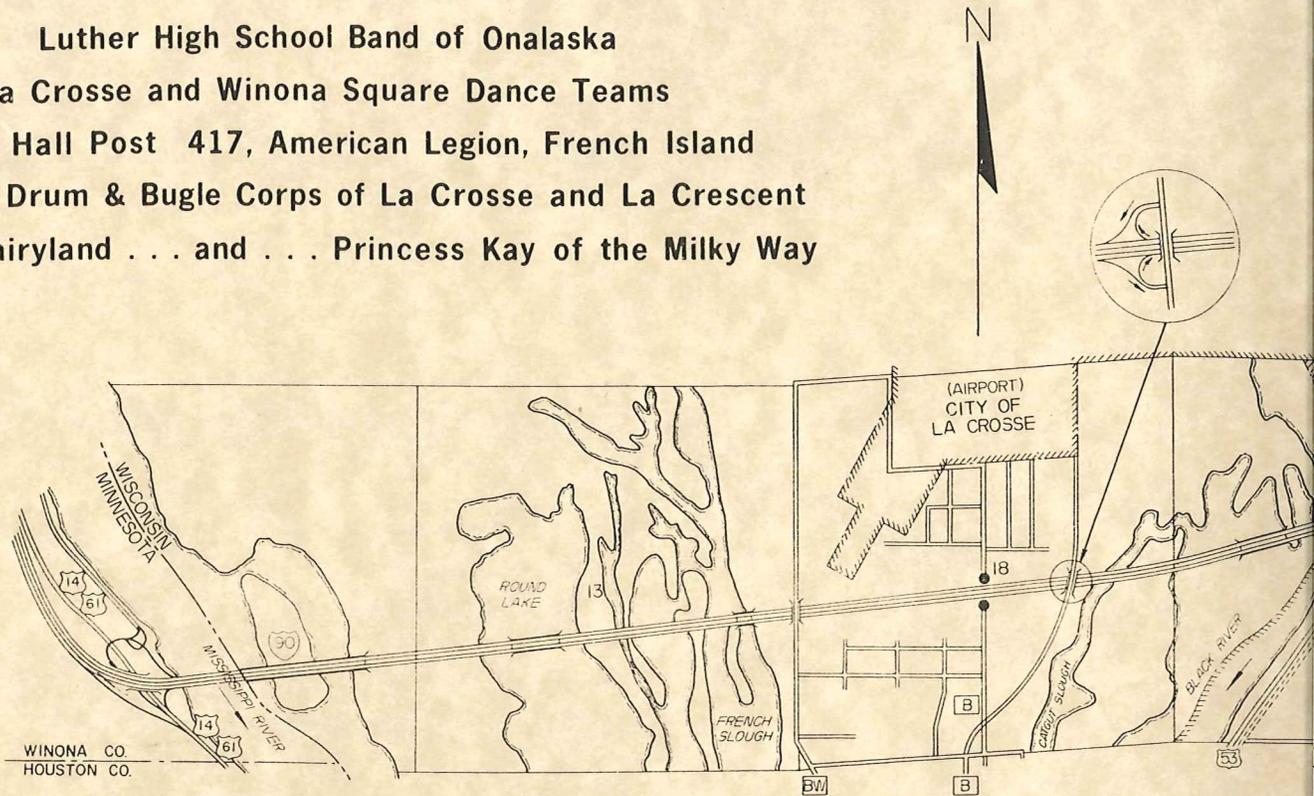
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1967

(Columbus Day)



PRE-CEREMONY PROGRAM 1:15 P.M.

Luther High School Band of Onalaska
La Crosse and Winona Square Dance Teams
Homer Hall Post 417, American Legion, French Island
Blue Star Drum & Bugle Corps of La Crosse and La Crescent
Alice in Dairyland . . . and . . . Princess Kay of the Milky Way



Construction Highlights

This new section of IH 90 represents the culmination of more than seven years of work in the two states at a total cost of nearly \$30 million for right of way, engineering and construction.

Work on the overall bridge and highway complex was begun in 1960 with the awarding of a contract to build the structure carrying IH 90 westbound to Minnesota 61 and to the Dresbach Dam road. Work on the major bridge contract was begun in November, 1964, together with two bridges over railroad tracks on the Minnesota side.

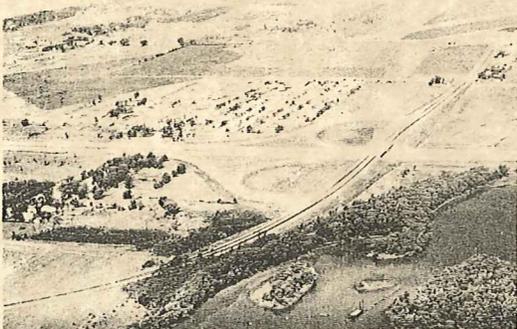
The main bridge stretches 2,497 feet over the main channel of the Mississippi and lesser waters between Minnesota and Wisconsin shorelines. It has 12 spans supported by 11 piers and rises to a height of 80 feet so as not to interfere with river boat and barge traffic.

Work on the Wisconsin side was begun in 1963 for the development of 6.5 miles of IH 90 roadway and related projects. There are a total of 18 bridges for waterways, railways and intersecting roadways.

The IH 90 route proceeds, west to east, through the *French Island Interchange* for CTH "B" (the La Crosse Airport road), the *USH 53-STH 35 Interchange* (for the Great River Road) and the *STH 157 Interchange* (for a relocated highway that will be developed ultimately as an expressway serving Onalaska and La Crosse). The new route ends with a temporary connection to and from USH 16 east of Onalaska.



Wisconsin's Great River Road, STH 35 and USH 53, is connected to IH 90 at this interchange between the Black River and a railroad yard (view from east to west).



The French Island Interchange between IH 90 and CTH "B" provides access to and from the La Crosse Airport (view from south to north).



The Honorable Warren P. Knowles
Governor
The State of Wisconsin

Greetings . . .

We are pleased to join together on this memorable occasion.

History is being made here today as we dedicate this great new highway facility to public service.

The bridge and its approaches, in Minnesota and Wisconsin, create another important link between the economic and social life of our two great states. It will enable people, goods and services to flow back and forth with greater ease, convenience and safety. It opens up vast new scenic vistas along the mighty Mississippi River and our respective state boundary lines.

Truly, this bridge contributes to a higher and more gracious standard of living for our highly mobile society. We all should be proud today—and feel even greater confidence in the future well-being of our states and the nation.



The Honorable Harold LeVander
Governor
The State of Minnesota

Facts About This Project

The bridge and roadways being dedicated today are key links in the development of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

This new facility is the culmination of more than seven years of work by the Minnesota and Wisconsin highway departments and the cooperating highway construction industry. It opens the way for further additions to the Interstate 90 route in both states during the years to come . . . thereby linking La Crescent to Winona and La Crosse to Tomah, and thence from coast to coast.

It should be noted that the Interstate System is the largest single public works project ever undertaken by man. It is presently contemplated for completion in a 16-year period, 1956 to 1972. However, completion will be delayed perhaps as much as three years because of lack of financing to cover increasing costs of added mileage, improved design and rising construction costs resulting from increases in labor, equipment and materials expense combined with difficulties of construction in urban areas.

The total cost nationwide of the Interstate System is presently estimated at close to \$50 billion for a 41,000-mile network of highways from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

When completed, the Interstate will provide service to most state capitals and cities of more than 50,000 population. It will comprise only about one per cent of the nation's total road mileage, yet will carry 20 per cent of all traffic.

In life, property, equipment and fuel savings, it will pay off double its cost almost upon completion, and over its longer life will return the investment perhaps 10-fold.

JOHN R. JAMIESON

Commissioner

Minnesota Highway Department

W. R. REDMOND, Chairman

B. O. BINNEY, Vice Chairman

V. L. FIEDLER, Secretary

Wisconsin State Highway Commissioners

Program Participants

(From left)

Wisconsin's Alice in Dairyland; Minnesota's Princess Kay of the Milky Way; J. R. Jamieson, Commissioner, Minnesota Highway Department; V. L. Fiedler, Secretary, Wisconsin Highway Commissioners



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Princess Kay
Picture not available



Prime Contractors

The IH 90 Bridge over the Mississippi river:

Industrial Construction Division, Allied Structural Steel Company, Minneapolis

The IH 90 roadways and related work:

- L. G. Arnold, Inc., Eau Claire
- Jos. D. Bonness, Inc., Wauwatosa
- J. F. Brennan Co., La Crosse
- Century Fence Co., Waukesha
- John Dieseth Co., Fergus Falls
- H. S. Dresser & Son, Inc., Winona
- Dresser-Keller, Inc., Winona
- Egan-McKay Electrical Contractors, Minneapolis
- C. S. Ehringer, Kansas City
- G. H. Griffith Construction Co., Caledonia
- S. J. Groves & Sons Co., Minneapolis
- H & H Electrical Co., Rochester
- Hector Construction Co., Caledonia
- C. W. Houle Landscaping, St. Paul
- A. Kertzman Dredging Corp., La Moille
- Kibbey Engineering & Construction Co., Minneapolis
- Kluck Construction Co., Stevens Point
- La Crosse Dredging Co., La Crosse
- Nelson Construction Co., Black River Falls
- A. Overgaard, Inc., Elroy
- The Parker Co., Appleton
- Pertzsch Const. Co., and I. H. Pertzsch, Onalaska
- H. F. Radant, Inc., Eau Claire
- Ferd J. Robers Co., Burlington

Arrangments for dedication made by civic leaders of La Crosse, Onalaska, La Crescent, Winona and area towns in cooperation with respective state and county highway departments.