

Snow Carnival At Brainerd to Begin with Ball

Brainerd — The second annual Snow Carnival opens here next week with the Queen's Coronation Ball at the Brainerd armory on February 11. The queen contest this year was extended to include Crow Wing, Morrison, and Aitkin counties.

The three day event will run through Feb. 13. The event is sponsored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The search for queens is taking place now. All girls wishing to enter, must have their applications in to the queen committee by Feb. 9. Girls must be at least 18 years of age and graduates from high school by Sept. 1, 1955.

The girl selected as queen will not only reign throughout the carnival here, but will be sent as Brainerd's entrant in the Miss Minnesota contest scheduled in Minneapolis on May 14. Winner of the Miss Minnesota contest will be sent to Atlantic City, N. J., to compete in the Miss America contest.

The ball at the armory will begin at 9 p.m. with the dancing continuing until 1 a.m. During the evening the queen will be crowned. She will continue in her royal position during the year.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, the first daytime event will begin. This will be a parade through downtown Brainerd. At 2 p.m. there will be a children's skating race at the Norwood skating rink. Five races for children, ages 5 to 15, will be staged. First and second prizes will be awarded in each race.

At 3 p.m. the committee hopes to stage a "Jalopy" race on the ice at Lum park. There will be skiing during the afternoon at French Rapids ski hill and a skating party at the Brainerd golf club in the evening.

Sunday will feature skiing com-

petition at the French Rapids hill. Handled by the Brainerd Ski club, prizes will be given for the many skiing events.

The ice fishing contest will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, at Lum park. It will be open to young and old alike. The following prizes will be given: for the first fish caught, a \$45 spinning rod and reel; for the largest fish, a three-horse power motor; door prize a 17-jewel watch. Many other smaller prizes will be given.

The carnival will wind up festivities with a skating show at the Norwood rink at 6 p.m. Sunday. Concession stands featuring pop, coffee and other refreshments and food items will be placed at all sites of the various events throughout the weekend.

Farm Returns in '54 up Over '53

Washington (AP) — An Agriculture department report showed Thursday that despite a general decline in farm product prices in 1954, returns farmers received for many commodities averaged higher than in 1953.

Farm prices as a whole averaged 5 per cent lower in 1954 than in 1953.

But average prices received for wheat, cotton, corn, peanuts, crude pine gum, soybeans, hay seed crops, hogs, potatoes, hops, grapefruit and pecans were higher than in 1953.

The report said wheat farmers—plagued by a record high surplus of their grain—received an average of \$2.05 a bushel last year compared with \$1.99 in 1953. The highest average price ever received for this grain was \$2.35 in 1947, a post-war year marked by a serious world shortage.

Corn averaged \$1.46 a bushel, 2 cents more than in 1953 but 42 cents less than the record high of \$1.88 in 1948.

Hogs, a major source of farm income in many states, averaged \$22.10 for 100 pounds last year compared with \$21.60 in 1953 de-