

# Labor Day once festive occasion

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Speeches were traditional for the day and the 1925 version of Labor Day was no exception. Charles Fox, the ex-president of the State Federation of Labor, addressed the holiday crowd. It was not reported how long he spoke, but his speech was followed by a picnic where food was both catered and carried in potluck-style.

At 1:30 the holiday crowd was entertained by the City Band and the Girls' Drum Corps, followed by a baseball game and a "fat man's race." Next on the schedule was a "battle royal for boys," (whatever that was) bicycle races and horseshoe pitching.

A LATE AFTERNOON event was an old fiddlers' contest. As a special evening event the unions had rented movies. They showed a double feature consisting of *The Rainbow Trail* and a Mack Sennett comedy, *Cupid's Boots*.

In 1925 the Burch Tire and Accessory Co. located at 125 South College ran an ad for "Labor Day Specials." They offered automobile inner tubes ranging in price from \$1.65 to \$3.25.

Among the holiday crowd were one group of Bloomingtonians who were not all that enthusiastic about the holiday as the day wore on to its conclusion. Labor Day marked the end of summer freedom for school children.