

STATEN ISLAND PLANS FETE FOR BOARDWALK

Opening Saturday of \$2,000,000 WPA Structure to Be Marked by 8-Hour Program

Richmond Borough President Joseph A. Palma will formally open to the public at 2:30 P. M. on Saturday the new \$2,000,000 Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk in Staten Island. Constructed by the Works Progress Administration along a mile and a half of the island's south shore, from Fort Wadsworth to New Creek, and fronted by a new beach 200 feet wide, the boardwalk was commenced eighteen months ago.

A civic celebration has been planned for the dedication, which will take place at the Fort Wadsworth end of the boardwalk. Mayor La Guardia, Lieut. Col. Brehon B. Somervell, New York City Works Progress Administrator, and Mr. Palma will be the principal speakers and will head a parade of thousands of persons to the boardwalk.

After the dedication there will be an eight-hour free entertainment program. This will include a marathon race, a beauty contest, sports program, aquatic carnival, vaudeville, symphony music and fireworks.

Sponsored by Borough President Palma and authorized by President Roosevelt, the new boardwalk was built on a right of way to which property owners donated land at the request of Mr. Palma, so that the right of way cost the city nothing. Rising ten feet above the sand, the boardwalk is a five-lane promenade, forty feet wide.