

Baytown-La Porte Tun Tuesday, September 2

Texas' Largest Tunnel To Open At Our Doorsteps, Bringing Growth and Prosperity

Once-In-a-Lifetime Experience Set For Tuesday At 4 P. M.

When the ribbon is cut and the Baytown-La Porte Tunnel is dedicated Tuesday, September 22, we will all bid a fond farewell to the picturesque Morgan's Point Ferry, and we will welcome a new mode of travel.

Though the Charles D. Massey ferryboat was considered quite modern and fast enough in 1933, it has outlived its usefulness. Life is moving faster today, so we necessarily have to eliminate all traffic slow-ups, thus the Baytown-La Porte Tunnel replaces the Morgan's Point ferryboats.

A tunnel beneath the channel was dreamed of as far back as 1919 when E. T. Boyle, owner of the La Porte Chronicle, wrote that "someday a tunnel would be built under the channel." That dream has come true 34 years later, following much work by far-sighted citizens who saw the possibilities this tunnel would bring to this rich industrial area.

In addition to the laborous hours of planning this project took, it was necessary to seek the aid of Harris County, Houston-Harris County Ship Channel Navigation District, the State of Texas and the Federal Government in order that the project be financed.

chairman of the State Highway Commission when the tunnel was approved, will be an honored guest and will give the response during the program. Dr. John Eichorn, pastor of the La Porte Community Church, will give the invocation.

Others who will take part in the program include Edward J. Cade, president of the La Porte Chamber of Commerce, Lloyd T. Jones, president of the Baytown Chamber of Commerce, and Nelson McElroy, manager of the Baytown chamber.

Morgan Named Father Of Channel

Commodore James Morgan has been rightfully named the father of the ship channel. It was through his efforts that a channel was dug through Morgan's Point peninsula.

James Morgan received Morgan's Point through a Mexican Land Grant.

as Spillman Island was a part of the peninsula.

Commodore Morgan, who owned several ocean-going ships at the time, made the trip up Buf-

Bayou to a certain point upon several occasions, but found very difficult and dangerous. He realized the amount of ship he could do if he could get the Bayou with ease, as there was a lot of building going on the upper end of the Bayou, Harrisburg and Lynchburg