

'County Friends' Invited To First Public Moslem Rite

Sheikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal last night invited his "friends in Dutchess county" to attend the Moslem ritual ending his faith's holiest month of the year—Ramadan. It will mark the first time the public in America has been invited to attend the religious ceremony, he said.

The prayers and feast are scheduled on the former Harry Talbot place off East Hook road in the Town of East Fishkill on May 23, at 10 a.m. The property has been purchased by the Sheikh's Islamic Mission of America, New York City. Plans are to establish a Moslem community on the 130-acre tract.

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DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN, Moslems fast in the day. They can eat nothing, drink nothing, nor smoke from sun up until after sun down. At the end of Ramadan, May 23, there is a ritual and feast.

Sheikh Daoud said prayers will

last about one-half hour. The ceremony is scheduled by the lake on the East Fishkill property.

In the ritual, the Moslems face their old world Mecca—just as they do during the seven prayers offered daily.

Sheikh Daoud said he hopes buses will be able to transport his followers from New York City to the East Fishkill tract for the ceremony. He had no estimate on how many persons would be present.

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THE FEAST, to which the public also is invited, includes the serving of stewed lambs and chickens, as well as oriental dishes.

The prayers and feast of Ramadan are not to be confused with dedication ceremonies for the property on Memorial day, said the Sheikh. The dedication is scheduled at 2 p.m. on May 30, and the public is invited to that event, too.