

Beauty Accented At '71 Festival

The accent is on beauty for the 68th annual Pumpkin Show — beautiful girls, parades, floats and displays.

Miss America 1971, Laurie Lea Schaefer of Bexley, will be on hand Thursday marking the first time a reigning Miss America has ever visited the "greatest free show on earth."

Miss Schaefer is to arrive in time for the Baby Parade at 3 p.m. and will stay through the Parade of Bands and Drill Teams at 8 p.m.

A press conference will be held by Miss America at 4:20 p.m. at the Circleville Chamber of Commerce office. Miss Schaefer is a graduate of Bexley High School and of Ohio University. Her talent at the Miss America Pageant was semi-classical singing and she plans to continue voice lessons and start graduate work in radio and television at Ohio State University.

PUMPKIN Show officially starts 2 p.m. Wednesday with the playing of the Foresman Chimes in the Pickaway County Court House tower by Jack Lauderdale, the invocation by the Rev. John W. Glick and the opening remarks by Mayor Richard Gerhardt, who by virtue of his office is the president of Pumpkin Show Inc.

During the four-day festival a total of 56 bands will march in the seven parades. There are 3,549 musicians in the combined bands.



**MISS AMERICA
LAURIE LEA SCHAEFER**

The Circleville High School band, a 143-member marching unit, directed by Gary Dean traditionally leads all parades. The largest band making its appearance will be the 275 piece Circleville Junior High Band directed by Clifford Kerns.

The Adelphi Community Band, oldest such organization in the state, will be in the parades and will give concerts. Large high school bands coming to the Pumpkin festival are Groveport-Madison, 159 members; Miami Trace, 140 members; Fairfield, 173; Nelsonville-York, 116; Lemon-Monroe 124.

The first really big event comes just an hour after the opening ceremonies. It is the Little Miss Pumpkin Show parade and judging.

Little Miss Stephanie Jones will relinquish her crown and end her year's reign at about 8 p.m.

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Crop Subsidy Boost Slated

Production Cuts Being Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration plans to boost farm crop subsidies next year by as much as \$1 billion in a new drive to curb production of corn and other livestock feed grains.

Most of the increase will be used to pay farmers for taking more cropland from production. Direct subsidy payments based on grain raised on remaining acres also will be boosted.

A record 1971 corn crop of 5.4 billion bushels, nearly a third more than last year, is the main cause. The huge crop has led to depressed grain prices and has helped dim hopes for a

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