

RECORD CROWD TO WIND UP BIG SHOW TONIGHT

Visitors Start Arriving Early As Clear Skies Cover Circleville

20,000 JAM STREETS

Biggest Outpouring Sees Band Parade, Fiddlers Contest Friday

A record-breaking crowd was expected to jam downtown Circleville, Saturday, for the windup of the 40th annual four-day Pumpkin Show.

The stream of rural residents began pouring into Circleville early Saturday and the arrivals steadily increased in number as the hours passed. Most of them planned to remain until the end of the Pumpkin Show.

Clear skies and delightfully cool temperatures are expected to stimulate the attendance.

Robert G. Colville, treasurer of Pumpkin Show, Inc., estimated Friday night's attendance at 20,000. He and other officials of the organization voiced gratification at the outstanding success of the 1946 Pumpkin Show despite Thursday night's rainfall and the chilly weather Friday.

Highlights of the fourth and final day of the Pumpkin Show were to be four contests, scheduled to begin at 3 p. m. Saturday on a platform erected in front of the courthouse, to determine the champion pumpkin pie eater, hog caller, corn husker, and flour blower. Cash prizes were to be awarded to the winners.

Music throughout the afternoon and evening was to be provided by the Adelphi band, Amanda high school band, and the Lincoln high school band of Gahanna.

The old fiddlers' contest Friday night in front of the courthouse attracted more than 2,000 spectators. There were a dozen contestants and the winners were: Roy Wilson, Circleville, first prize, \$15; Albert Koch, Chillicothe, second prize, \$10, and Mr. Huston, Laurelville, third prize \$5.

The contest was in charge of Don Henkle and the contestants were judged by James Mowery. Square dancing on the contest platform followed the competition.

Just preceding the fiddlers' contest a parade of bands was staged in downtown streets and after the parade two of the bands proceeded to the football game at the Circleville High School athletic field and the others played at various places downtown.

Bands taking part in the parade were the Wilmington high school, Circleville high school, Columbus Elks, Columbus Eagles, Columbus American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, and Bloce Post Drum and Bugle Corps, Columbus.

Following the parade the Wilmington and Circleville bands marched to the football game.

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