

More Halloween parade entries sought

More entries are wanted for the 1971 annual Halloween Parade, according to William Hamm, president of the Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce.

Most preparations for the annual parade are complete, Hamm said, but the number of entries in the parade is down considerably from last year. The parade will be held at 8 p.m. next Saturday, Oct. 30.

Hamm said entries in all classes last year totalled about 180, while only 100 entries have been received thus far this year.

Float entries have been very slow, Hamm said, and only 14 band entries have been received, compared with 18 or 20 last year.

Deadline for entering the parade, except for mummies, is Monday, Hamm pointed out that Monday is a legal holiday,

meaning entries should be mailed today in order to be received in time.

Gerald T. Long, Chamber executive vice-president, said the chamber is encouraging children to enter the mummer division of the parade.

Mummies do not need to fill out an entry blank, but must report to the Armory in city park at 6:30 p.m. for the mummer judging.

Mummies must have masks on to be judged, Long said.

Six prizes ranging from \$10 for first place to \$2 for sixth will be awarded in each of four categories: beautiful, comical, grotesque and original.

Every child who marches in the parade in costume will receive a large candy bar after the parade, Long said.

Float judging will be done at 6 p.m. in the park, and five prizes ranging from \$25 for first

place to \$5 for fifth place will be awarded in each of five categories.

The categories are community service (youth), community service (adult), religious, original and special.

The special category is for float entries from outside Ross County.

The Halloween parade queen judging will be conducted at 6 p.m. in the Chamber office and the winner will be crowned at 7:30 at the reviewing stand in front of the courthouse.

The queen will receive a \$25 prize, the first runner up \$15 and the second runner up \$10.

Fourteen marching units have been entered in the parade so far, Hamm said. Marching units will compete for four prizes ranging from \$15 to \$3 in each of three categories: appearance, originality and precision.

The Chamber is requesting

that buses be parked on Riverside Street instead of in the park, to avoid interfering with the floats, Long said.

The parade will start at 8 p.m. in the city park, travel east on Water Street to Mulberry Street, south on Mulberry to Main Street, west on Main to Paint Street and north on Paint Street back to the park.

Hamm will be parade marshal, and O. O. (Pink) Overly will be honorary parade marshal. Heading the four divisions of the parade will be: first division, William Brown; second division, Paul Miller; third division, Wayne Shupe; and fourth division, Allen Hamburger and Eugene Tomastik.

Master of ceremony duties will be shared by Bill Spahr, Bob Barnhart and Grace Nussinger. Kenneth Tatman is the chamber's parade committee chairman.

James Scott is in charge of

securing judges for floats and marching units, Esther Hess is in charge of the mummies and, Morgan Ballentine is responsible for securing judges for the queen contest.

A groundbreaking for the Retics include a carnival in the park Tuesday through Saturday and a downtown auto show Thursday through Saturday.

Beggars Night hours will be observed 6-8 p.m. Thursday and the annual UNICEF collection will be 4-6 p.m. Friday.

The Downtown Associates, Inc. Nick Avenue sewage treatment plant improvement has been tentatively scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday.

U. S. Rep. William H. Harsha has been invited to attend the groundbreaking and ride in the Halloween parade.

The Adelpi Band is tentatively scheduled to perform at the groundbreaking and to give concerts at the parade reviewing

stand at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

the show and have donated the will draw the name of the winner of the car to be given away in connection with an auto show at 3 p.m. The drawing will be in front of the courthouse. Ross County auto dealers are staging this year's parade is being car.

This year's parade is being sponsored by contributions from businesses, industry, clubs and individuals, Hamm said.

He explained that staging the annual parade costs about \$1,100, and that the Chamber of Commerce concentrated its expenditures this year on industrial development efforts.

For a time it looked as if this year's parade would be in financial difficulty, Hamm said, but letters requesting assistance were sent to individuals and businesses, who responded well enough to finance the parade.

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