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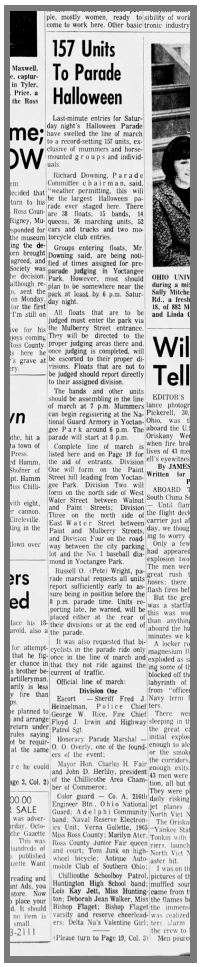

157 Units To Parade Halloween

Last-minute entries for Saturday night's Halloween Parade have swelled the line of march to a record-setting 157 units, exclusive of mummers and horse-mounted groups and individuals.

Richard Downing, Parade Committee chairman, said, "weather permitting, this will be the largest Halloween parade ever staged here. There are 38 floats, 15 bands, 14 queens, 36 marching units, 52 cars and trucks and two motorcycle club entries.

Groups entering floats, Mr. Downing said, are being notified of times assigned for preparade judging in Yoctangee Park. However, most should plan to be somewhere near the park at least by 6 p.m. Saturday night.

All floats that are to be judged must enter the park via the Mulberry Street entrance. They will be directed to the proper judging areas there and, once judging is completed, will be escorted to their proper divisions. Floats that are not to be judged should report directly to their assigned division.

The bands and other units should be assembling in the line of march at 7 p.m. Mummers can begin registering at the National Guard Armory in Yoctangee Park around 6 p.m. The parade will start at 8 p.m.

Complete line of march is listed here and on Page 19 for the aid of entrants. Division One will form on the Paint Street hill leading from Yoctangee Park. Division Two will form on the north side of West Water Street between Walnut and Paint Streets; Division Three on the north side of East Water Street between Paint and Mulberry Streets, and Division Four on the roadway between the city parking lot and the No. 1 baseball diamond in Yoctangee Park.

Russell O. (Pete) Wright, parade marshal requests all units report sufficiently early to assure being in position before the 8 p.m. parade time. Units reporting late, he warned, will be placed either at the rear of their divisions or at the end of the parade.

It was also requested that bicyclists in the parade ride only once in the line of march and that they not ride against the current of traffic.

Official line of march:

Division One

Escort — Sheriff Fred J. Heinselman, Police Chief George W. Rice, Fire Chief Floyd J. Irwin and Highway Patrol Sgt.

Honorary Parade Marshal — O. O. Overly, one of the founders of the event.

Mayor Hon. Charles H. Fair and John D. Herlihy, president of the Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce.

Color guard — Co. A. 216th Engineer Btn., Ohio National Guard; Adelphi Community band; Naval Reserve Electronics Unit; Verna Gulette, 1965 Miss Ross County; Marilyn Aker, Ross County Junior Fair queen and court; Tom Junk on high-wheel bicycle; Antique Automobile Club of Southern Ohio.

Chillicothe Schoolboy Patrol, Huntington High School band; Lois Kay Jett, Miss Hunting-ton; Deborah Jean Walker, Miss Bishop Flaget; Bishop Flaget Varsity and reserve cheerleaders; Delta Nu's Valentine Girl;

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