

## Parade officials call 1969 event 'one of the best'

Favorable weather and nearly 160 units combined Wednesday night to make Chillicothe's 1969 Halloween "one of the best ever seen in the community," parade officials said today.

Parade Marshal William Hamm expressed satisfaction with the "smooth operation" of the 1½-hour parade. He noted all junior and senior high school bands in city and county schools took part.

There were 12 marching bands in the parade, Hamm indicated, including the Adelphi Band and an Ohio University-Chillicothe group on a float.

Roberta Riley of Unioto High School was crowned Ross County queen of the 1969 parade.

Miss Riley was crowned by the 1968 Ross County Halloween Parade queen, Sue Anne Knisley. First runnerup was Connie Lykins, the Adena High School representative, and second runnerup was Susan Huffman, Chillicothe High School.

Other contestants in the queen contest were Jackie Miller, Bishop Flaget High School; Rebecca Oney, Huntington; Mel-

ody Dotson, Paint Valley; Mary Martin, Southeastern, and Julie F. Branham, Zane Trace.

Other attractions in the parade included the Forestettes Baton and Drum Corps, groups of youngsters 12-14 years of age from Cincinnati, and Sue Granger, queen of the Bainbridge Festival of Leaves.

The attendance was estimated in the thousands as spectators were reported standing four or five deep all along the parade route.

Judges for the queen contest, a part of the program sponsored by the Lions Club, were Lyle Benman of Bellbrook, governor for District 13, Lions International; Harold Spittler, Cedarville, and Daniel Cole of Marietta.

Hamm said, "As in all things, a few problems developed and an evaluation meeting will be held next week to discuss them. One problem is that youngsters dash in front of vehicles to get pieces of candy thrown from floats.

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