

Parade On Friday Is Successful

Crisp, cold and clear weather provided a suitable setting Friday for the eighth annual Hillsboro Christmas parade. Hundreds of people flocked to the downtown area to view the parade, which featured 115 units of various kinds.

"The Christmas Spirit of Bygone Years" was the theme of this year's parade, and a float entered by Foster's was judged the best in keeping with the theme. Entitled "Home For Christmas," the float featured several people in old-fashioned attire gathered around a fireplace with a decorated Christmas tree beside them. The float also won the trophy for the most original entry, and was second best self-made float.

A float featuring a Revolutionary War flag and a cross, entered by the Bainbridge Church of Christ, was named the winner of the judges' special award and was also selected as the most patriotic entry.

Another double winner was the entry of Cub Scout Pack 57, which took trophies for the best youth float and most humorous entry.

Trophies were presented to the entries judged best in 11 categories, and raffles went to the second-place prize winners.

Other winners included a Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra float, best self-made float and second most humorous; Junior Mothers Club, best social club entry and second best original; United Department Store, best rental entry; Marshall Church of Christ, best religious entry; Elks and Emblett Club, best fraternal entry; Hillsboro Press Gazette, most unusual; Highland County Extension Homemakers, second best social club entry; Highland County Fair Queen float, second best rental entry and second best patriotic; Danville Church of Christ, second best religious float; Cub Scout Pack 7, second best youth entry; Eagles and Auxiliary, second best fraternal entry; and Jean's Flowers, second most unusual.

Marching bands from Hillsboro, Greenfield McClain, Whiteoak, Lynchburg-Clay and East Clinton High Schools participated in the parade, as well as a community band from Adelphi.

There were also several drill teams in the line of march.

Miss Ohio State Fair, Becky Lawrence, of Marion, rode on one float, and there were various other festival queens and attendants.

In addition to the Highland County Fair Queen and her court, the Hillsboro High School Homecoming court rode in the parade, as did the Adams and Ross County Fair Queens, the Leesburg Derby Day queen's attendants, Miss Fall Festival of Leaves and Miss Parade of the Hills.

More than 30 horses carrying members of the Highland Trailbreakers and the Klip Klip Kibb were among the featured units. The mounted units also included a llama.



ONE OF the main attractions of any Christmas parade is Santa Claus, and he occupied a prominent spot near the end of Friday's parade. Santa stayed around after the parade to hand out treats to hundreds of youngsters.



THIS FLOAT depicting a Christmas Eve church service was judged the best religious entry in the parade. It was entered by the Marshall Church of Christ, and featured various members of the congregation.

Ohio Rep. Bob McEwen, Hillsboro, up at the intersection of High and Main Streets.

Santa Claus arrived at the rear of the procession. He stayed around at a special trailer on the court house lawn after the parade passing out various goodies to many youngsters.

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