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American tradition, Bennett said, "Every town had one to meet the stage coach . . . meet the train and to play at ceremonies like Memorial Day and the Fourth of July."

The band continues on the same course today. Its members attend special functions in and out of the area as well as traditional parades. Its members, however, are no longer linked to just the village. They represent six counties in southcentral Ohio as well as two other states — Louisiana and Illinois.

Joining the band from Louisiana is Merrill Junk, and from Illinois is John Cryder. The oldest member is Ray Connett, 95, of Piketon, while the youngest to mark time is Dean Redd, 17, of Sugar Grove.

Bennett has played with the band about 25 years, but considers himself just a youngster. Hinton and his brother, Curtis "Dave" Hinton of Laurelville, have belonged to the band for the last 60 years.

To commemorate the band's 100th anniversary, members traveled to

Washington D.C. in 1980. "We celebrated with a concert on the capitol steps," Bennett said.

Hopeful that the 25- to 30-member band will be going to Washinton D.C. again, Hinton said he's already contacted a bus driver. It seems Jerry Noble, who lives outside Adelphi and operates a transporation service, has left Jan. 20-22 open on his calendar.

"We're as good a group as there is around . . . we'll hold our own (in Washington D.C.)," Bennett said.

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