

# Festival turnout good despite weather

PIKETON—The seventh annual Dogwood Festival in Piketon was ruled a success in spite of a damp Friday and Saturday and a chilly Sunday.

Festival officials based their judgment on the number of people who bundled up and toured the pioneer exhibits at the Pike County's first seat of justice.

"Even though weather hurt attendance somewhat, our crowd was about 12,000,"

Charles Osborn, festival general chairman, said. "Many people said they thought it was the best parade we've had and we had good response from craftsmen.

"We're going to meet Wednesday night to start planning for next year when we hope to have even more outdoor craft demonstrations. We also added some youth attractions this year, like pony

rides and a rock group which the kids seem to like."

The highlight of the weekend was the Sunday parade during which the Chillicothe All-City Junior High School Band marched off with the "best band" trophy and Pike County Farm Bureau, RFD No. 1, the "best float" award.

Throughout a weekend of craft demonstrations and musical groups featuring mountain, bluegrass and country tunes was capped by two concerts Sunday afternoon. The Adelphi Community Band, the oldest of its kind in the state, performed first under baton of 86-year-old Raymond Connett of Piketon. This was followed by a street concert by the Bicentennial Community Concert Band, directed by Wilber Aldridge and Luther Bolen.

Don Boots, Pike County deputy sheriff, repeated his win in the fiddlers' contest, as did Gary Romanello of Minford for banjo.

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