

8000 Persons Throng to Bainbridge for Seventh Annual Blossom Time Festival

A throng estimated at 8000 persons jammed Bainbridge's main streets Sunday for the village's seventh annual Blossom Time parade.

During the day hundreds of visitors crowded into the Cradle of Dentistry museum, churches and historic homes, and business places for the "open house" climax of the four-day festival.

Approximately 35 organizations and business firms were represented in the parade which was headed by Ellsworth Davis, of Hillsboro, grand marshal, and the Circleville American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps and Color Guard.

The Bainbridge, Piketon and Seaman High school bands and the Adelphi Community Band took part.

Represented in the parade were the State Highway Patrol, Stevens & Brown, Girl Scouts and Brownies, Bainbridge Fire Department, several antique automobiles, 4-H Clubs, Drummond Implement Co., Rebekah Lodge, Ingle Greenhouses, Buckskin Valley Schools, Buckskin Junior Garden Club, Paint Valley Grange, Boy Scouts, Future Farmers of America, Cub Scouts, Carmean Boats, Rhoten Chevrolet boats and motors, Darbyshire Hardware, Crosley Appli-

ances, McClure Farm Supplies, Bob Armstrong Farm Lime, the Redmen's lodge, and the Mt. Victory Riding Club.

Miss Barbara Rea, Bainbridge High school sophomore, reigned as festival queen for the second consecutive year.

Following the parade, the platform program included invocation by Rev. Foster Holt, welcome by Col. Stewart Giffin, Mayor of Bainbridge; entertainment by Sally Flowers and Tex Wheeler, Columbus television stars; a brief talk by Paul Sherlock, of the Ohio Development & Publicity Commission; and benediction by Rev. Homer Swearingen.

William P. Frey was master of ceremonies.

Mayor James Clyburn, of Greenfield, was among the platform guests.

The festival was sponsored by Luther Giffin Post, American Legion, of which Raymond E. Knisley is commander. Jack Bartram was general chairman, and Oran Post had charge of the parade.

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