

McClain High Band Heads Bainbridge's Sixth Annual "Blossom Time" Parade

The McClain High school band, featuring Barbara King, acrobatic dancer, was the leading musical unit in the parade held in connection with Bainbridge's sixth annual "Blossom Time" festival, Sunday.

The event drew a crowd estimated at 8000 people, and was sponsored by Luther Giffin Post, American Legion. William P. Frey, former Bainbridge mayor, was general chairman.

Thirty-three organizations and business firms were represented in the parade.

Miss Beverly Rea, Bainbridge High school freshman, was crowned as festival queen, and she and her attendants rode on a beautiful float decorated in white, pink and purple.

David A. Bowman, of Cincinnati, an author and former newspaperman, was the principal speaker for the platform program. He spoke of Ohio's historic prominence in the nation. He was introduced by Mayor Stewart Giffin. Vocal entertainment was provided by the Chillicothe UCT quartet and Billy Scott, Columbus t-v performer. Revs. Foster Holt and Norman Ward gave the invocation and benediction.

Approximately 250 persons visited the Dental Museum, and Ingle Greenhouses drew a large number of visitors. Taking part in the parade were the following:

Marshal, Elzworth Davis, of Hillsboro; Color Guard of Luther Giffin Post, American Legion; McClain High band and Barbara King; Queen's float, bearing Miss Beverly Rea and attendants, Eileen Meldick, Darlene Hall, Margaret Kinzer, Betty Leedom, and Susan Shasteen; Clover Club 4-H; Boy Scouts; Baum's Dairy; Girl Scouts; Buckskin Junior Garden Club; Buckskin FHA Chapter; Bainbridge Garden Club; Bainbridge FFA Chapter; Hillsboro Gift Shop; Southern Ohio Boat Club, seven cars towing boats; Piketon High school band; Darbyshire Hardware; Philomathean Club; Drummond-Pontiac; old Ford automobiles representing Gragg's Country Store; Rhoten Chevrolet, of Greenfield; Paint Valley Feeds; Ingle Greenhouses; Adelphi Community band; Drummond Implements; Orville Brown, Realty & Feeds; H&H Welding; Henry M. Stanley posts; Ford tractor; McClure Warehouse, hill-billy troupe; Stevens & Brown Motor Sales; riding club; Greenfield Riding club, headed by Mr. and Mrs. H. O. (Pete) Wilson in spring wagon; conestoga wagon owned by late Sen. J. B. Mallow, Frankfort, and drawn by oxen team.

General Collins To Inspect 37th

Camp Polk, La. (INS) — Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, will inspect the Ohio National Guard's 37th Infantry Division on May 12 at Camp Polk.

General Collins' visit coincides with the start of the final week of individual training for division personnel inducted into federal service last January.

At the end of the 16th week, the division will observe Governor's Day in honor of Governor Lausche who will visit the 37th on May 16.

Steam Railroads In Ohio Get Freight Rate Boost

Columbus (INS) — The state Utilities Commission has granted steam railroads operating in Ohio a six per cent increase in freight rates on all shipments but coal and certain other items.

The commission granted no hike in coal hauling rates and allowed only a three per cent boost in rates for grain, grain