

**Open House celebration. (Gazette photo by Marcus Orr.)**

## 's Hospitality Abounds as Open House Attracts Thousands to Bainbridge

**By MARCUS ORR**

Hospitality at its best, yes, even surpassing the widely heard-of Southern hospitality, was felt Sunday by literally thousands who accepted the "open house" invitations of the citizens of Bainbridge. Just how many thousands attended the village's fourth annual Open House festival is hard to say. None of the officials would venture a guess, but to traffic officers it seemed "there must be a million."

"Blossom Time in Paint Valley," the theme of the celebration, was a powerful magnet. Cars crammed all highways leading to Bainbridge. Visitors saw blossoms, too—flowering dogwood and early summer flowers and budding trees. Those who arrived early and traveled some of the 150 miles of the Paint Valley Skyline Drive enjoyed an even greater fill of scenic grandeur. The weather was "made to order" for the event.

Downtown festivities began with a parade at 2:30. Dan DeLong on his high wheel bicycle seldom misses a parade in these parts and he was in the vanguard of the Bainbridge procession, even ahead of the state highway patrol escort and Grand Marshal John Woolbridge Scott.

The American flag and the American Legion colors, flanked by a soldier and a sailor were followed by the snappy Circleville American Legion drum and bugle corps and the Veterans of Foreign Wars colors.

**Queen Crowned**

A decorated amphibious vehicle of the Navy Recruiting office preceded the queen's float which paused at the bespangled reviewing stand for brief coronation ceremonies.

The queen, Miss Beulah Everhart, was attended by a court composed of Jean Stanley, Marjorie Houseman, little Alma Jane Benner, Betty Radcliff and Norma Everhart.

**Bagpiper Plays**

Additional musical attractions in the parade were the Bainbridge high school band, a Scottish bagpipe player, George Craig of Stoutsville, who rode on a float; the McClain high school band of Greenfield, Fikeston high school band, and the Fairfield high school band of Leesport. The spirited Adolph band, Ross county's only organized civilian band, was located permanently at the reviewing stand.

There were dozens of commercial vehicles and new autos in the parade, contrasting with several antique cars, a Conestoga wagon belonging to J. B. Mallow, Frankfort, the old Bainbridge band wagon, and horsemen from the Mt. Logan Riding club, Chillicothe, the Greenfield Riding club and Jamestown Riding club.

**Boat Reel Offers Contrast**

An old, hand-drawn boat reel contrasted with the new Bainbridge fire trucks and trucks of the Hoover Fire Equipment Co. Among the many floats were: Future Firemen of Bainbridge, Philomathean club, chartered 1894; Ingle flowers, Girl Scouts; Walley's store float of the old woman who lived in a shoe; Paint Valley Grange, Vocational Agriculture classes, Bainbridge Garden club, Upper Twin Valley in 1828; Knisley Electric, the Old Fishing Hole, Paint Valley Garden club, Methodist Youth Fellowship, the treed coon, Eagles, Forestry department, the Seven Caves, Wendy's taxi and others. Commercial vehicles included:

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### 3 Escapees From Mental Hospital Held

Three young patients of Spring Grove hospital for the criminally insane at Catonsville, Md., who stole a car from in front of the Pure Milk Co. on East Main street Sunday night have been apprehended but a fourth patient still is at large.

The captured trio, Lonnie King, 21, Marshall Ragan, 24, and Randolph Bryant, all of Maryland, were stopped by state highway patrolmen on Route 23 south of Lucasville and are being held there.

The men said a companion, John Hedrick, is believed to be in this vicinity, driving another stolen automobile with Florida license plates. How long the four patients have been missing from the Maryland hospital or how they escaped is not known.

**Mrs. Massey's Car Taken**

Mrs. Rebecca Massey, of the Richmond Dale pike told police she parked in front of the Pure Milk Co. when she returned minutes later, the auto, a 1941 Plymouth sedan, was gone.

Later, when the three youths, King, Ragan and Bryant, were apprehended in Lucasville, they told state patrolmen all four of them arrived in Chillicothe in a black 1940 Chevrolet car with Florida tags. They left by way of Route 59 east and drove to Londonderry where the three got out. Hedrick, the only patient still at large, continued on and the others hitchhiked back to Chillicothe and took Mrs. Massey's car.

Authorities at the Spring Grove hospital will be notified of the arrests, police said.

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### Autos in Bump When He Broke for Dog

When Arthur H. Reed, 37, of Wellington, suddenly applied his brakes to avoid hitting a dog on Route 59 near Walnut Creek bridge Sunday evening, his truck was struck from the rear by the auto of Clark D. Banfill, 27, of Londonderry. Slight damage resulted and neither driver was injured, the state patrol said.

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### HERMANN'S SPECIAL SALE

Hundreds of ladies' shoes at sale prices.—adv.

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### Wind Rain Take Toll of 25, at Least

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The furious three-day storm which killed at least 25 persons and cut a wide swath of destruction has blown itself out but the flood damage continues mounting in Minnesota, North Dakota and across Canada to Winnipeg.

New York and New England caught the dying licks yesterday of the wind which had been rolling eastward from the midwest since Friday.

Unexpected squalls lashed the northeast and left 30 boatmen dead or missing in lakes, rivers and along the coastline of New York and New England.

At least 10 of the dead or missing were in upper New York state, seven in New York City, and Long Island Sound, and three in New England. About 40 other persons were rescued in the New York area as hundreds of small boats were flipped over by gusts of wind which measured 65 miles an hour.

The worst of the flood was at Winnipeg, Canada, where the Red river had overflowed hundreds of blocks of the city and forced more than 4,400 persons from 2,600 homes.

Crookston, Minn., was hit yesterday for the second time within two weeks by a flood of the Redlake river. About 500 homes were evacuated and all electrical power and gas in the flooded area was ordered shut off.

Residents of Grand Forks, N. D., where the Redlake empties into the Red River, were warned also to expect another flood. A crest of 44 or 45 feet was expected there by tomorrow.

The weather continued uncomfortably cool throughout the flood area. More rain, snow and some sleet were reported in Wyoming, North Dakota, Montana and western Nebraska and South Dakota today.

Some parts of the wheat belt where moisture is nearly always welcome, also reported showers and thunderstorms today.

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### FALSE ALARM

Three fire companies responded to a false alarm hurried in from Box 52 at Western avenue and Water street at 2:20 a. m. Monday. The box was believed to have been pulled by a school child.

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