

of North Paint Street in the half block south of water. The street also has begun. (Ozema Photos)

Junior royalty to reign at Laurelville

LAURELVILLE — A little Miss and Mr. Fireman will be crowned in a 7:30 p.m. ceremony tonight to highlight the second day of the Laurelville Centennial Celebration and tenth annual Firemen's Festival.

The crowning will be followed by a concert by the Adelphi Community Band.

About 1,500 persons turned out for the opening night of the festival Tuesday night, according to Fire Chief Lynn Summers.

Chief Summers, who also serves as pastor of the Laurelville Church of God, said the attendance broke all previous records and was about 300 more than turned out for opening night last year.

Following an invocation by the Rev. Mr. Summers, the opening night program consisted of a Sing-Along which lasted about 1½ hours with about 500 people participating.

"It was the first time we ever tried this," the Rev. Mr. Summers said adding, "It was so well received that we have been requested to have another one next year."

The sing-along consisted mostly of religious and spiritual songs.

During the evening, pie and coffee were sold by members of the Hayes United Methodist Church. Various church groups will provide food and refreshments nightly.

The Rev. Mr. Summers said the Nolan Amusement Company of Zanesville is providing midway rides. While the rides Tuesday night were strictly for youngsters, the firm plans to set up an adult ride tonight.

About 250 persons visited the antique displays which have been set up for the five-day festival.

Because of the festival being combined with a centennial celebration, Laurelville men have been encouraged to wear beards. Any Laurelville man has not grown a beard for the occasion will be sent to a jail which has been set up on the midway. He also will be fined \$1. Any Laurelville man not growing a beard must purchase a badge which will exclude him from sentencing, the Rev. Mr. Summers said. All Laurelville firemen will be wearing their firemen's uniforms, he said.

On Thursday night, a Miss Volunteer Fireman of Laurelville will be selected in a 7:30 pageant to be held on a stage which has been erected at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets.

A pie-eating contest for youngsters from six to 18 is scheduled for 9 p.m. and will be followed by a program of music by the Ross County Jamboree.

On Friday, Flippo the Clown of WBNS - TV, Columbus, will present a one-hour performance at 8 p.m. This will be followed by a country and western music show at 9 p.m.

Four bands are scheduled to participate in the 6:30 p.m. parade Saturday, the Rev. Mr. Summers said. The bands are Zane Trace and Southeastern High Schools of Ross County, the Adelphi Community Band and the Laurelville High School band.

An 1889 hand-operated fire pumper from Johnstown is also to appear in the parade, according to parade marshal Sam Ebert.

Other Saturday events will be a pony pulling contest at 1 p.m. at the Laurelville hall diamond, a bicycle parade at 2:30 and a country and western music show at 3:30.

Following the parade, the Adelphi band will perform and a beard judging contest will follow at 8 p.m. Square dancing on the Foodtown parking lot will conclude the festivities.

Kingston teacher seeks mayor job

Ralph William Arledge Jr., 21, Route 4, was arraigned on two drug charges filed last November and postponed entering a plea on a third charge filed in December in Municipal Court. He wants to obtain a bill of particulars from the prosecutor before entering a plea for Arledge.

He indicated he will probably enter an innocent plea and ask



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