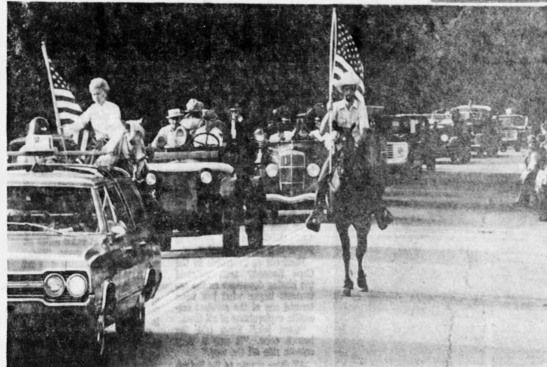


Fire units lead parade

A large crowd watched as the final parade of the Laurelville centennial celebration passed through the village Saturday evening. Nineteen fire units led the parade, which included floats, three bands and other marching units. The fire units and color guard are entering the town square in left photo, and a portion of the crowd in the square is in right photo.

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3,000 see Laurelville centennial finale

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LAURELVILLE -- A record-breaking crowd estimated at more than 3,000 turned out for the annual Laurelville Firemen's Festival parade Saturday night to climax the festival and village centennial celebration. Although threatening skies and rain prevailed earlier in the day, the sun was shining for

6:30 p.m. parade, which consisted of 36 units. The parade included Laurelville and Zane Trace High School bands and the Adelpi Community Bands. Queens and courts appearing included Laurelville Firemen's Festival queen Lynn Hankinson, Circleville Pumpkin show queen Vanessa Hattfield; Tarlton Queen Debbie Penwell; and Little Miss Tarlton Lynn Wiggins.

Fire Chief Lynn Summers said 19 pieces of fire equipment were entered in the parade. Other features included: antique cars, a marching unit from Logan Elm under the direction of Elaine Canterbury, a one-man band, a buggy of Hugh Poling, an antique wagon of David De-fer, and Starkey's Stage Coach from Whisler. Receipts are still being tabu-

lated, but Chief Summers said the number of pies sold at a coffee and pie booth this year was up five times the amount sold in previous years. Proceeds from the booth and other concessions will go toward equipment and operating expenses of the Laurelville Volunteer Fire Department.

Following the parade, the Laurelville Department was presented a certificate for firemen having completed an industrial fire lighting course. The certificate, awarded by the Ohio Industrial-Sweepston, Route 2, Kingston, Commission, was presented to Chief Summers by Captain William Mitchell of the Chillicothe Fire Department.

Judges for the beard contest were: Willis Dickens, Logan; Robert Justus, Circleville; Richard Bowers, Lancaster, and Ray Benner, Chillicothe.

Chief Summers said the 1972 laurelville firemen's festival is scheduled for the third week of July, with an old-time festival theme.

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