

PIONEER DAYS

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An event for children was the Sack Race with three races held, by age group. First places went to Amy Riger,

Doug Taylor and Bryan Schenck.

A lot of good food also was served on the weekend with stoves fired up at St. Mark Lutheran Church and Whitestown United Methodist Church, the Whitestown Legion on Saturday and at the Lions Club Building on Sunday. Hearty meals were served and no one could leave town hungry.

Saturday evening a large crowd convened at the old Whitestown School gymnasium where Col. Noble Ratts conducted an antique auction. Items on sale were diverse and included a set of shoes for an ox and a slot machine lamp as well as a great deal of furniture and fine glass and chinaware.

In addition to all the other action,

quarter midget qualifications were held at the track west of town with crowds of young racers and their families camped at the track. One-hundred twenty nine were entered in the races which continued on Sunday until rain halted the races. Winners will be announced in Tuesday's edition of The Reporter.

Early Saturday evening a large crowd was at the park to hear the Speed Capital Chorus perform. And the Saturday's events concluded with a dance in the park where Sounds of the South performed.

Sunday's fine morning and afternoon weather seemed just made for Pioneer Days and the activities were started

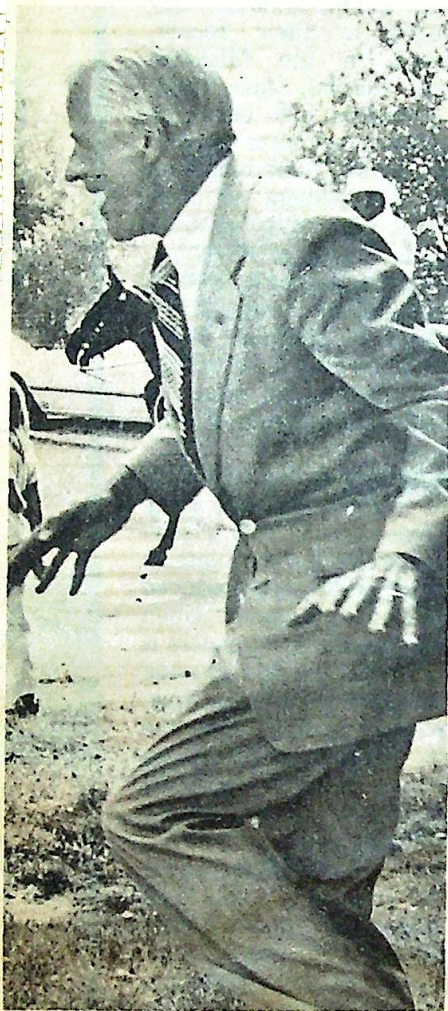
with a Community church service in the park.

Many churchgoers stayed for the day with the kiddies enjoying a romp in the hay where toys and candy had been hidden.

Members of Gleaners Extension Homemakers Club presented their First Ladies Pageant to a good crowd.

The Spincter Brothers Sky Divers had some bad luck on their first parachute drop with all 12 sky divers missing the park and landing about a mile south of town. However, they were undaunted and later in the afternoon all landed in the limits of the park or the adjacent cornfield.

Hand-clapping and foot stomping



IN THE RUNNING is Lt. Gov. Robert Orr who appeared in the Pioneer Days parade, going the full route of the parade greeting constituents and shaking hands.

music was a highlight of Sunday afternoon when Ken Speck of WIRE radio and Gary Haven entertained. Speck then emceed the Oldtime Fiddlers contest won by Lowell Denman.

At the close of the day it was announced that L. Eugene Smith had won the half of beef and Mrs. Myron Crane was the winner of the afghan.

A good time was had by all thanks to the hard work and preparation of many persons including Mary Frances Hardin, Delma Snow, Shirley Cline, Ed Hine and Bob Mills. Mrs. Hardin also noted that John Hancock and Whitestown Lions Club set up the electricity for the tents.



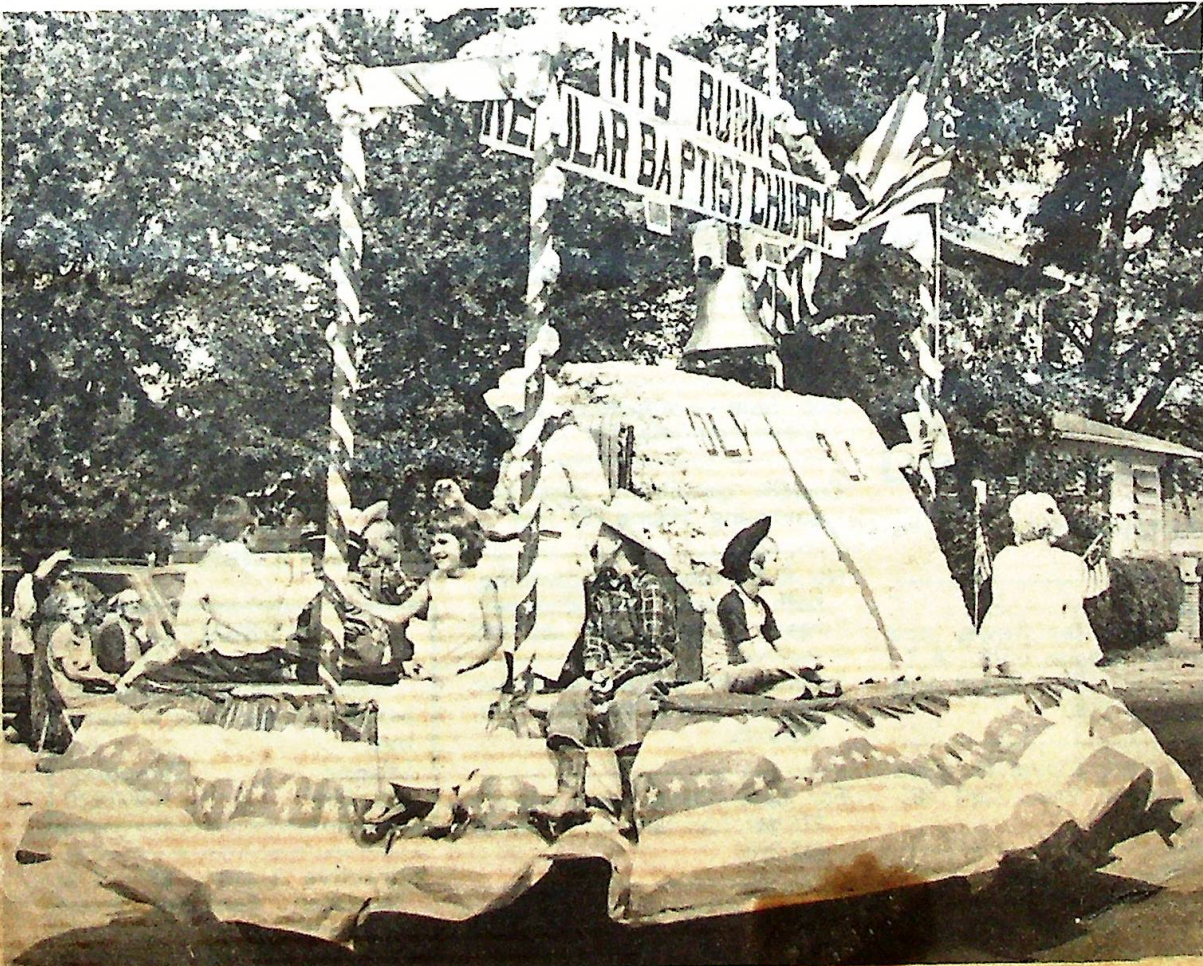
LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL BAND captured first place in the parade at Whitestown Pioneer Days Saturday. (Reporter Photos)

Pioneer Days starts with parade

through town



THE BILL OF RIGHTS was featured in the float entered by the Whitestown Baptist Church. The float won first for them.



MTS. RUN CHURCH'S colorful red, white and blue float won first in the miscellaneous category in the Pioneer Days parade.

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LOWELL DENMAN won a handsome trophy and money for "fiddling around" in the Oldtime Fiddlers Contest.

Over 60 units in parade Saturday kicking off Whitestown Pioneer Days

One of the highlights of the Whitestown Pioneer Days this weekend will be the parade Saturday on Main Street. The event will get underway at 10:30 a.m. with over 60 units entered and bands from Lebanon High School, Lebanon Middle School and Zionsville High School to provide music for the event. Units will assemble at the Bill Walker farm at the south edge of town. Among dignitaries participating in the parade will be Seventh District Congressman John Myers.

Immediately following the parade the Pioneer Lassie will be crowned. Vying for the honor are Pam Schrock, Dawn McPeak, Mary Allen and Kathy Hammerle.

Also to be named are the Best Dressed Pioneer and winner of the Beard Contest.

At 1:30 p.m. a series of contests and games will get underway at the Lions Club Park. This includes Husband

Calling, Hog Calling, Rooster Crowing contests, Sack Race and Egg Toss, running until 4 p.m.

At 6 p.m. there will be an antique Auction at the Ratts Auction Center in the Old High School Gym.

The Community Dance will get underway at 9 p.m. with music provided by the Sounds of the South from Roachdale. This six-piece band is widely known in the area, having played at various functions and on many occasions.

Prior to Saturday's activities, which also will include Quarter Midget Race Qualifications at 10 a.m., the rides will open at 5 p.m. in the park on Friday.

Sunday's Pioneer Days will begin with community church service at the park at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Dale Beutler of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in charge.

A Hay Stack Hunt is set for 12:30 p.m. The Quarter Midget races will start

at 1 p.m. in the Town Ball Park.

Also at 1 p.m. a Variety Show will be presented featuring First Ladies of the White House, Gleaners Home Extension Club members in authentic reproductions of period costumes, followed by Ken Speck and Gary Haven at 2 p.m. and an Old Fiddlers Contest at 2:30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. an afghan and one half of a beef will be given away after which a Watermelon Eating Contest will be held.

There are 35 booths to be set up — exhibits to include homemade candies, crafts, collectibles, antiques and other attractions. Most will be in tents in the Lions Club Park. Also, visitors are urged to visit the Fire Station where the Town History will be featured.

In addition a balloon ascension is planned and the Sphincter Parachute Team will be appearing on Sunday with two jumps, weather permitting. The

contest, which is part of the annual Whitestown Pioneer Days held in September. This year each contestant for Pioneer Lassie must write an essay titled Why I Want To Be Pioneer Lassie. The essay must be no less than 200 words in length and no more than 300 words.

The Pioneer Lassie Contest is open to any single girl residing in Perry-Worth school district in grades seven through 12.

Mrs. Gene Baker will serve as judge of the essays. To insure impartiality no name is to be on an entrant's essay. Judging criteria will be originality and composition. Also grammar, spelling and neatness will be taken into consideration.

The four entries judged most outstanding by Mrs. Baker will be presented at the May 25 meeting of Whitestown Community Center.

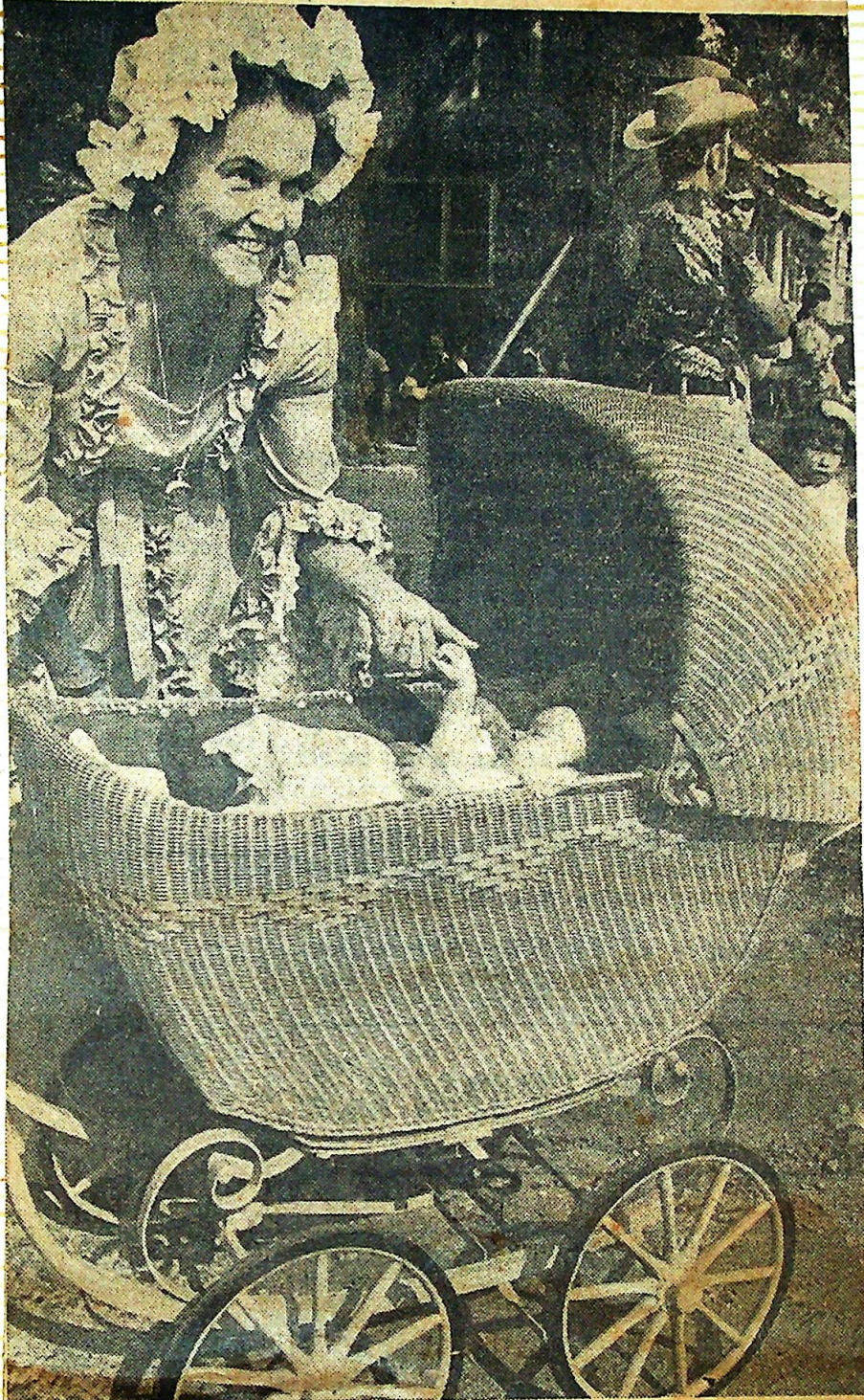
Further rule information will be posted by the first of May at Citizens Bank in Whitestown and the Whitestown Town Building.

jumps are scheduled for 12:30 and 3 p.m.

During the two-day celebration, sponsored by the Whitestown Community Center with support of businessmen, merchants, and organizations, home cooked meals will be served. Saturday noon the dinner will be at St. Mark Lutheran Church and Saturday evening the Whitestown United Methodist Church will be serving the dinner. Also, all day Saturday the American Legion Post 410 of Whitestown will have a fish fry.

In addition Saturday and Sunday the Whitestown Lions Club will serve sandwiches and feature games at the Lions Club Building.

An added attraction on Saturday will be free skating at the skating rink which has been renovated and is under new management. Steve Fisk, manager of the Holiday Skating Center, said persons may skate from 1 to 10 p.m.



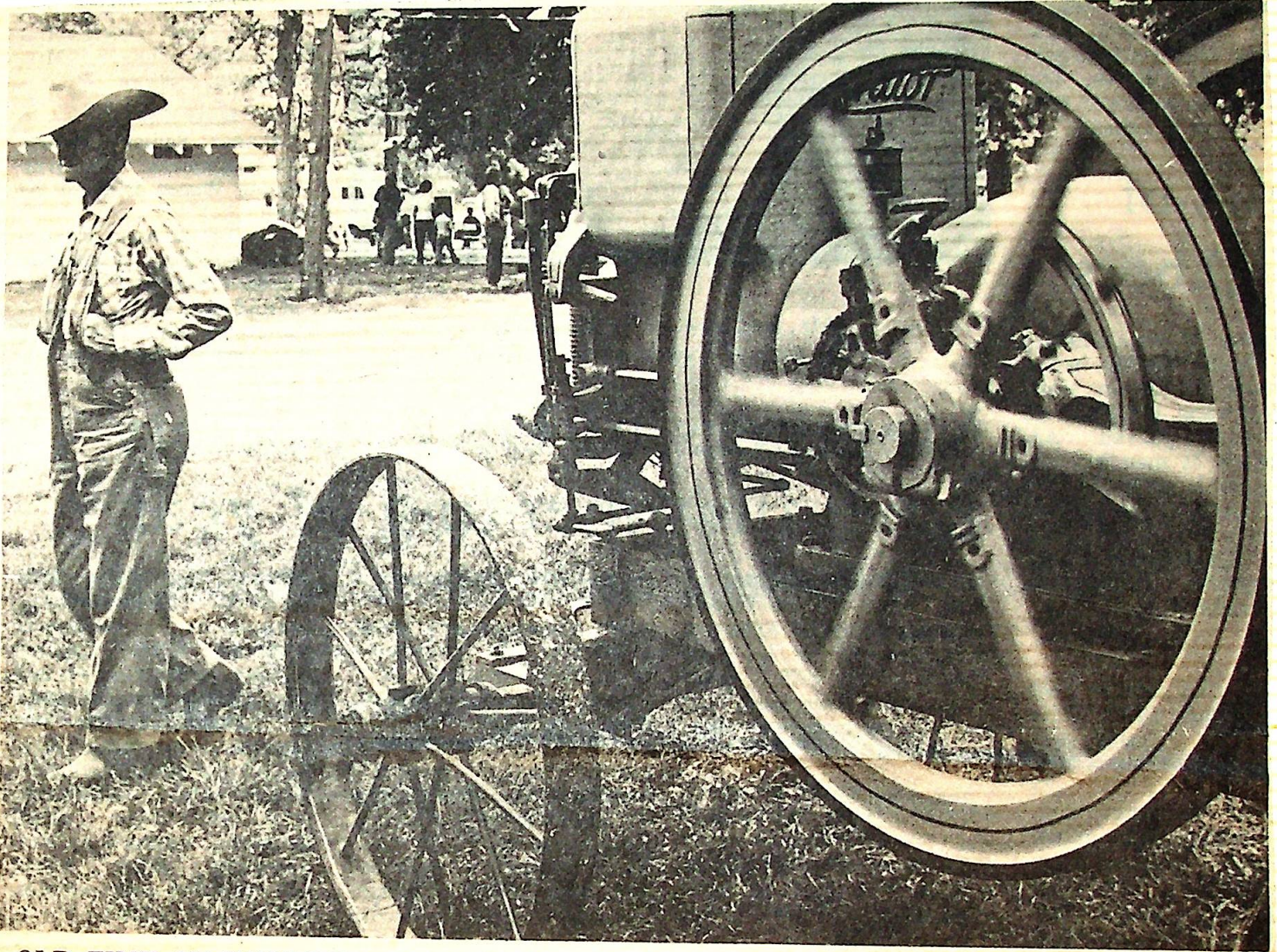
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WHITESTOWN, Ind. — Mrs. John Isenhour, Lebanon, clad in pioneer finery, pauses after Whitestown's Pioneer Days festival parade Saturday with her granddaughter, Jessica Sue Gail McClaine. — The NEWS Photo, William Palmer.



A GOOD TIME was had by young and old alike at the sixth annual Pioneer Days.

Scenes from Whitestown Pioneer Days



OLD TIME MACHINERY was on display at Whitestown Pioneer Days, This old gentleman, looking like he stepped out of the past, seemed to

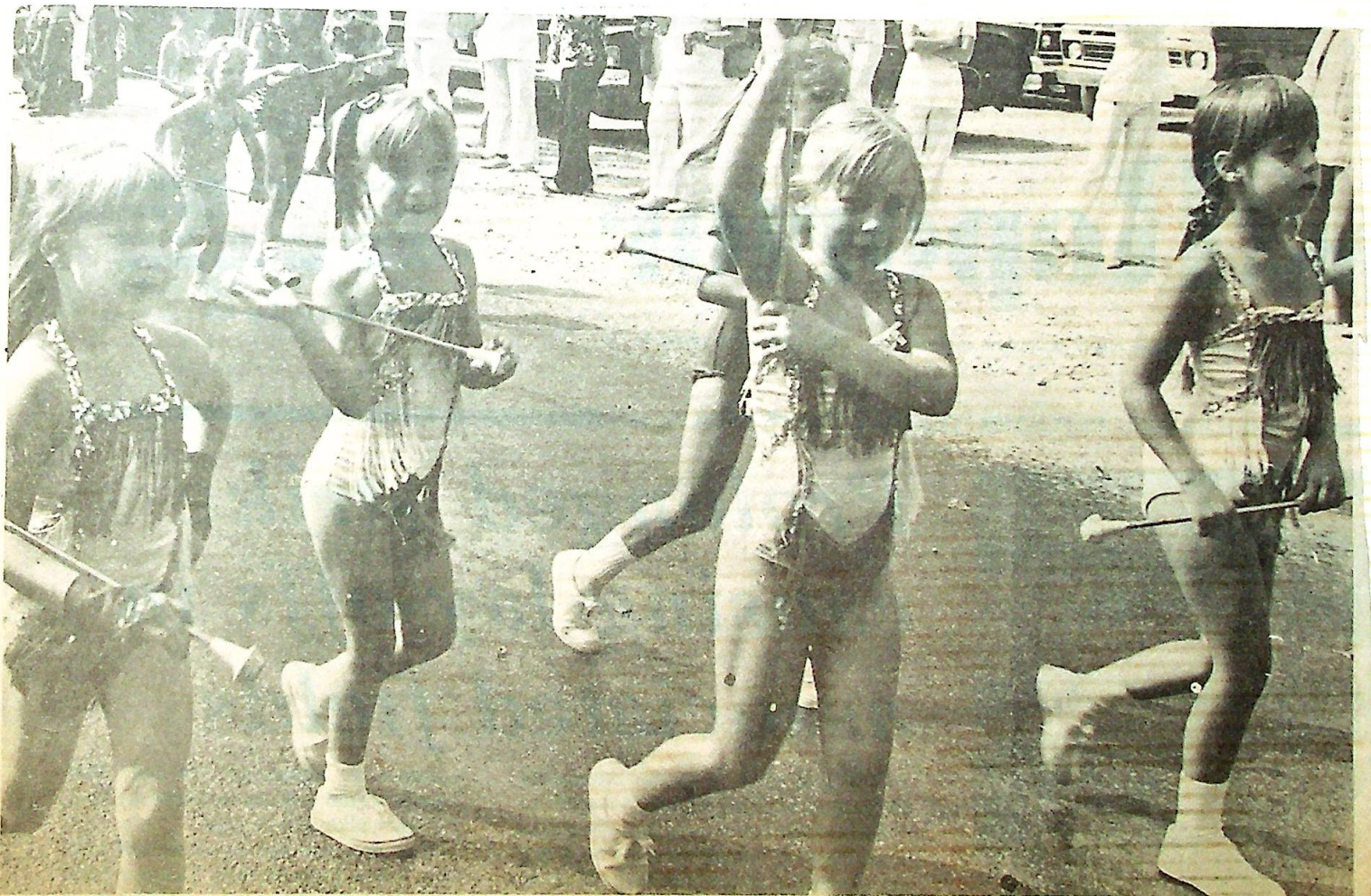
be familiar with the operation of the antique farm equipment.

(Reporter Photos)



JAMBALAYA JAMMED by all the entrants in the oldtime fiddlers contest was a highlight of the

show. Ken Speck (left) emceed the contest and kept a lively pace.



TINY TWIRLERS got their act together for the parade in Whitestown.



WHAT'S A PARADE WITHOUT HORSES?
The Pioneer Days Parade featured many horse units.



WASHINGTON'S TRIP across the Delaware featured an outboard motor spewing a mist of water according to

the float builders from St. Mark Lutheran Church.

(Reporter Photos)



MODERN DAY PIONEERS lined the streets of Whitestown and joined in the fun of Pioneer Days.

Whitestown Lassie contest deadline is Tuesday

The Whitestown Community Center has announced that the deadline for entering the Lassie Contest is May 11. Persons may sign up at the fire station from 7 to 8 p.m.

Girls entering the contest are to write an essay telling why they want to be a Lassie contestant. The essay is to be no more than 300 words and no less than 200 words.

Chairman of the Lassie Committee is Mrs. Shirley Cline. Persons with any

questions may call Mrs. Cline at 769-6496.

The winner will reign over Pioneer Days in Whitestown.

Whitestown Pioneer Days chairman seeks parade entries

Mrs. Ralph Cline has been named parade chairman for Whitestown Pioneer Days which will be held September 18 and 19. The parade will be staged at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, and Mrs. Cline said today she will accept entries of all types. She may be contacted by phone, 769-6496.

The Pioneer Days features a variety of events including antique displays, contests, square dancing, dinners and other activities.

Mrs. Cline added that a parade marshal is yet to be named.

The winner of the Lassie Contest will be announced at the May 25 meeting of the Whitestown Community Center, which started the two-day celebration and continues to head the planning with support from various organizations, churches and individuals. Six entered the contest, which included a written essay.



JUMP AND FALL DOWN was the name of the game at the sack race held at Lions Club Park.



FIRST LADIES make last minute adjustments before presenting a pageant. Here Mrs. Phil Sherman assists Mrs. David Garver.

Plans underway for Whitestown Pioneer Days; Easter Egg Hunt set

The dates of September 16-18 are set for the Whitestown Pioneer Days, which will have as its theme this year "A Salute to Our Ancestors." The event will be held at the Lions Club Park and many new games and activities are being planned.

Initial arrangements for the annual community affair, which attracts hundreds, were made during this week's meeting of the Whitestown Community Center. Elected vice president was Ed Hine and Mary Frances Hardin was retained as secretary. Serving as parade chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hunt.

The Pioneer Lassie Contest,

one of the features of the three-day celebration, will be held in the same manner as last year with each girl required to write an essay of at least 200 words, and no more than 300, on Why I Want To Be Pioneer Lassie.

These essays must be turned in by the contestant, in person,

with no name on the essay at the April 26 meeting of the Community Center at the Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

Plans also were made for the community's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at the Lions Club Park.

Pioneer Days to be held in Whitestown Lions Park

Parade entries are still being accepted for Whitestown Pioneer Days to be staged September 18 and 19 with the theme being Great Events in American History.

Pioneer Days is being held in the Whitestown Lions Park this year, instead of in the downtown area. Of course, the parade on Saturday will be through town.

Booths are to be set up in tents and booth space is still available.

Also, program books with pictures and history of Whitestown are just back from the printer and are available from committee chairmen or at Hendricks Telephone Corporation office. In addition pre-sale ride tickets also are available at the Hendricks Telephone Corp. or from Mary Frances Hardin, Shirley Cline or Delma Snow.

This is the sixth year for the two-day festival, promoted by the Whitestown Community Center with backing from organizations, churches and individuals.

A new feature attraction this year is the appearance Saturday at 8 p.m. of the Speed Capital Chorus. The group is coming to Whitestown following an engagement at Clowes Hall in Indianapolis. They are members of the SPEBSQSA, Inc., and Charles Carey of Whitestown is a member of the group and has been instrumental in getting the group here for Pioneer Days.

Mrs. Cline is heading the parade details and may be contacted at 769-6496.

Persons seeking booth information may contact Mrs. Hardin, phone 769-3531.

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HESTER HARDIN, (left) was named Whitestown Pioneer Lassie Saturday following the Pioneer Days parade. Congratulating her is her mother Mary Frances Hardin, who serves on the Whitestown Community Center Board, which sponsored the three-day event. Hester, 16, is a student at Lebanon High School and was chosen by a penny vote collected in containers throughout Whitestown.
(Reporter Photo)

Whitestown Pioneer Days well attended

Storm clouds disappeared and the sun broke through delaying the Whitestown Pioneer Days parade just one half hour Saturday with the Whitestown American Legion leading the procession.

Marching through mud puddles from the early morning storm, the Lebanon High School Band was awarded first place for their efforts in the band competition.

The first place award for the float entries was awarded to the Whitestown Baptist Church with second going to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and third to Job's Daughters.

WIBC Radio's Harry Andrews was on

hand with his special homespun commentary on the parade. Andrews turned over the commentary to Mrs. Mary Frances Hardin of the parade committee, who presented awards with parade marshal Judge Paul H. Johnson Jr.

Sherry Hull, Norma Willoughby, Jayne Quinn and Hester Hardin stood nervously on the platform as Mrs. Hardin announced the winner of the Whitestown Pioneer Lassie contest - Hester Hardin. There was a brief pause in the awards presentations as Mrs. Hardin gave her daughter Hester her personal and tearful congratulations. Hester, 16, is a student at Lebanon High

School. The girls were selected as contestants on the basis of an essay each composed on why she would like to become the Whitestown Lassie. The selection was made by a penny vote collected in containers in various areas of Whitestown.

Six men proudly displayed their Pioneer beards and Tim Franklin was selected by judges for first place with his neatly trimmed black beard. Judge Johnson declined invitations to enter the contest with his beard, but did act as a judge in the competition.

Many fun contests took place during the three-day celebration. Contests and winners were: Shoe hunt - Libby Hardin

and Shannon Young; Watermelon eating contest - pre-school winner John Giles, grades 1-3 Mike Smithes, grades 4-6 Lisa Lewis, grades 6-senior high Linda Marling and the adult winner Robert Abraham; Three legged race - under 9 years winners Christy Clemens and Tracy Fields, 10-14 Susan Elkins and Angie Clark, adults Robert Abraham and Gary Veatch; Bubble gum blowing winner Mike Schmahil; Sack race - 10 to 14 years Brad Schrock; Water Balloon contest Brad Schrock and Mike Prescott.

On Sunday special prizes were offered and the winner of a micro-wave (Continued on page 14)

Plans progressing for Whitestown Pioneer Days

Mrs. Mary Frances Hardin announced today that advanced ride tickets for the Whitestown Pioneer Days are available at the Hendricks Telephone Company or from Delma Snow.

The Joytime Amusements will be in Whitestown Friday, Saturday and Sunday during Pioneer Days, Sept 15 - 17. Tickets are now 3 for \$1, but will be 50¢ per ride during the celebration.

Sharon Walker is heading plans for the parade and still taking entries. She may be contacted at 769-6379. The parade will be staged Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m. on Main Street in Whitestown where all festivities will be held with ex-

ception of the horse show.

Also, booth space is still available. Mrs. Hardin is handling this feature of the celebration and said she is anticipating 40 to 50 booths, exhibiting everything from hand carved wooden furniture to jewelry. "We have some surprising entries and more than ever," she commented. Those wishing to have booths may call Mrs. Hardin at 769-6121.

Four girls are vying for the honor of Pioneer Lassie to reign over the festivities. Votes, 1¢ each, are being taken, with canisters at various businesses throughout the community. The votes will be counted Sept. 11 to determine the winner.

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oven was Darlene Wilson of Lebanon. Jerry Rogers of Whitestown won an afghan.

In a tractor pulling contest Sunday winners in the 30 cubic inch modified class were Gene Clark, first, Kevin Tucker, second and Charlie Blankenship Blankenship, third place.

In the 950 stock class Jack Willey was awarded first place, second Steve Bishoff and third Mark Humphrey. In the 950 modified first place went to Don Clark, second Larry Woodard and third Vince Adams. The 1050 stock class winner was Mark Humphrey, second Dana Naffe and third Steve Bishoff. In the 1050 modified the winner was Larry Ab-

bott with second going to Don Clark and third Tim Hollow.

Other activities enjoyed over the weekend celebration included a Saturday night street dance, a ham and beans meal sponsored by the Lutheran Church, Horseman's Horse Show, Chicken and noodles meal sponsored by the Methodist Church and many booths featuring antiques, woodworking crafts and jewelry. A variety show was well attended on Sunday afternoon with hosts Ron London and Roger McAllister.

Though the rainy mornings discouraged some, parade chairman Sharon Walker and committee members Mary Frances Hardin and Delma Snow were pleased with the Whitestown Pioneer Days turnout.

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