

Crowd Of 50,000 Jams Dwight For Street Parade

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next month. Chenoa and Gardner, who have already celebrated their centennials, were also generously represented in neighborly gestures.

Except for forced interruptions by passing trains, the parade moved smoothly and with perfect timing, thanks to Leo Beiswanger, parade chairman, whose committee labored for weeks with the herculean task of bringing it to perfection, and once under way, spacing the exhibits in a manner to give variety, tone and surprise.

By combining the observance of American Legion Hospital Day, usually held in June, with Sunday's

event, the Centennial committee was able to draw upon a larger field for the gala street show. American Legion drum and bugle corps units turned out in large number, among them state and national champions, while other veteran organizations made their contributions in the way of color guards, novel exhibits and the displays.

The Hospital Day observance was carried out with a program beginning at 1 p. m. on the platform in front of the U. S. Veterans' hospital, where Cong. Leslie Arends of the 17th district, was the principal speaker. Tribute was paid to the disabled veterans of all wars, and for those confined within the hospital, provisions were made to enjoy the program and to look as the procession passed on the street below.

Despite the record throng, the day was unmarred by accidents or any untoward incidents.

Emergency Station

In any case, adequate prepara-

tions had been made for any emergency that might develop, with a control station set up in the park opposite the hospital, with Roy Pearman of Streator the operator. Five mobile units were scattered throughout the city, moving here and there, alert to whatever situation developed. Calls in turn were relayed to the control station, where an ambulance was within seconds' call.

Operating the mobile units were Ben Gilbert, John Overocker, Lee Jones and Warren Camp of Streator, and Bob Callahan and Francis Duffy of Ottawa.

Only one emergency was reported, with an ambulance on the scene 90 seconds after a young woman fainted along the parade route. She was given immediate medical attention by Dr. Miller of Streator and Barbara Hammond, R. N., who were assigned to the Schultz Ambulance of Streator.

Late in the evening, with the drum and bugle corps contest at

Oughton Field, the services of Dr. Miller and Mrs. Hammond were pressed more extensively, as members of units participating collapsed from the intense heat. Thirteen of those in the various groups fell on the field and were removed by ambulance to the hospital. All recovered without ill effects.

Winners in the contest were: Senior Division: 1, Skokie Drum and Bugle Corps; 2, Kewahee Black Knights; 3, East Alton Girls Drum and Bugle Corps; 4, Chicago Heights.

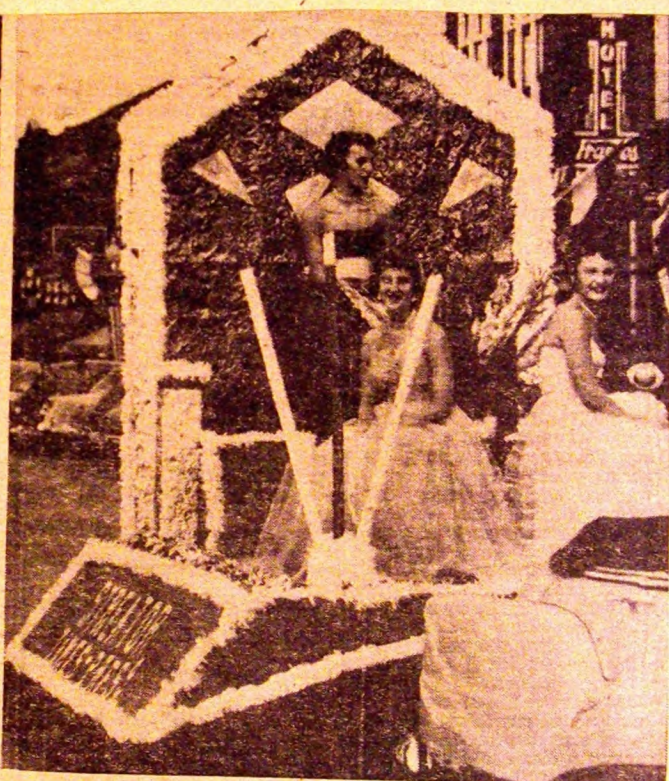
Jr. Division: Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps; 2, Grenadiers Drum and Bugle Corps; 3, Flanders Lancers Drum and Bugle Corps; 4, George L. Giles Post, Chicago, Drum and Bugle Corps.

Otherwise the day was without incident in the way of mishaps or disturbance. Edward C. Dickler, general chairman of the Centennial Committee expressed both pleasure and amazement at the outcome, and was generous in his praise of local

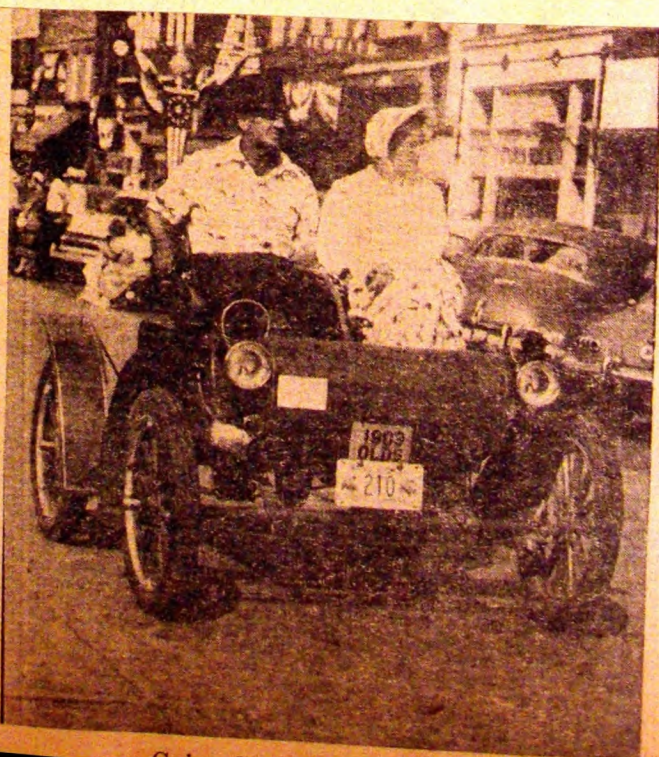
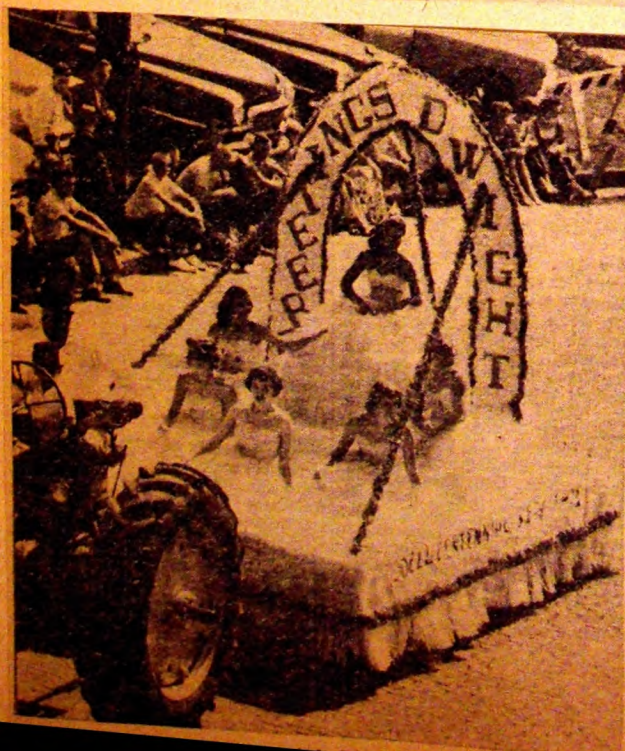
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