

Weather permits Labor Day gala

Thousands jammed the parade route Monday morning in spite of threatening skies to view the annual Labor Day parade. There were exceptionally colorful floats this year and seven colorful area high school bands. Horses and ponies pulling carts and carrying riders always seem to be a crowd pleaser and Gibson county shriners as well as Evansville shriners appeared to be crowd pleasers with their routines on mini-type bikes.

Miss Debbie Stevens, 16-year-old senior at Princeton Community high school was named Miss Labor Day of 1971 in a beauty pageant held at the Gibson county fairgrounds

Sunday evening. Debbie is head Tigerette with the marching band at PCHS and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clifford Stevens, 830 N. Gibson St.

First runner-up was Carol Wade of Haubstadt who is a 17-year-old senior and a pom-pom girl in her school's marching band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wade.

Third place in the contest went to Spicy Morrison, a 17-year-old senior at Princeton Community high school. Spicy was also selected by the girls in the contest for the "Miss Congeniality" title. She is the daughter of the Lowell Morrisons, Hight Chapel Road, Princeton.

Activities for the long holiday weekend actually got underway Friday evening with a grandstand show featuring "Retha and Her Brothers." Other weekend activities included the high school band program Saturday evening, a religious program Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. Frank McCandless of Princeton and Rev. Herschel Long of Winslow.

The religious program was followed by pony races conducted by the Southern Indiana

Pony association. The beauty pageant Sunday night followed a talent show at the fairgrounds.

The talent show for amateurs under 12 years of age was won by the Kruse sisters. Susan Boost was second and the Celestil choir placed third. A band, "Eclipse of Time" from Evansville, won first in the over 12 years of age division followed by Cindy Greenly and Karen Riddle of Oakland City.

Union speakers appeared on the platform at the fairgrounds at 9 a.m. Monday with other dignitaries who viewed the 10 a.m. parade along with judges. Kings Mine won the float division of the parade followed by Lynn ville Mine and Emge's float. Enos Mine won the uniform division and Ayrco Mine, Arthur, Ind., won the attendance with 51 of their 84 members present.

The rains held off at the Labor Day celebration at the fairgrounds Monday, until 2 p.m., just as the western horse show began. Members of the Francisco Saddle club, sponsors of the show, and entrants, continued on with the show in spite of mud and lots of water. Monday was the first day in many a year that rain actually interfered with the Labor Day celebration.

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