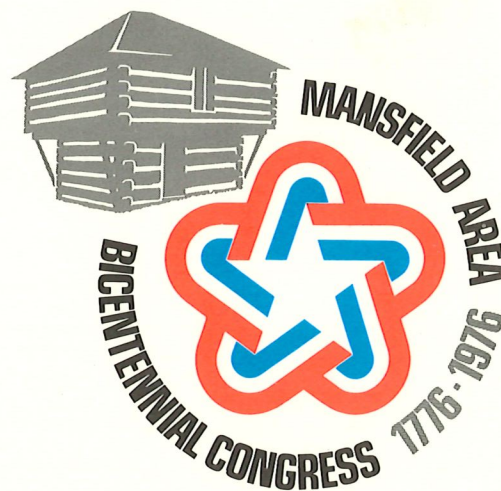


January 27, 1976



Dear Bicentennial Parade Prospect:

The highlight of Richland County's Bicentennial celebration will be a parade in Mansfield on Saturday, July 3, 1976. Other cities and organizations in the county will also be celebrating America's birthday with special events that weekend. But the county parade should be the biggest, most memorable event of all with everyone participating.

The broad theme, "Our American Heritage," affords considerable opportunity for creativity in parade entries which will be in the following categories:

- 1--floats
- 2--marching bands
- 3--marching units
- 4--drum and bugle corps
- 5--color guards
- 6--drum major and majorette corps
- 7--costume groups

We hope your organization will give special consideration to entering a float. To assist in planning and building floats, a clinic will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 2 in Room 122, Richland Community Service building, 35 North Park Street, in Mansfield. Parking is available in the municipal garage. It will cover float design, construction, cost and practical dimensions and size.

Awards will be made for each of the seven categories listed for entries. An entry form is enclosed and should be returned as soon as possible, but no later than June 6. Additional entry forms are available at the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce, 33 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. Because funds for the Bicentennial celebration are limited and there is some expense involved in the parade, we are asking that each parade participant pay a \$5 entry fee to help pay for prizes and the clinic on float construction.

The parade will start at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, July 3, from the corner of Park Avenue West and Brickman Avenue and end in the square in downtown Mansfield. All participants will be notified of their number in the order of march 30 days before the event.

If you have any questions, please call me at 522-7111 during the day, or 756-5526 at night, or write to me at 1105 Briarwood Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44907. Please send the entry form to the same address.

You are encouraged to participate in Richland County's celebration of America's birthday. You can make it a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Polhemus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "P".

Joe Polhemus
Parade Chairman



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
RICHLAND COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PARADE

2:30 p.m., July 3, 1976



Organization or Individual _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CLASS OF ENTRY:

_____ Float (indicate theme below)

_____ Drum & Bugle Corps

_____ Marching Band

_____ Color Guard

_____ Marching Unit

_____ Costume

_____ Major or Majorette Group

_____ Political*

_____ Commercial*

_____ Other (please describe) _____

* Welcome; however, no sales messages will be permitted, merely identification of sponsoring organization.

Number of persons in entry _____ Approximate Size _____

Description of entry: theme, costuming, weight, height, or other pertinent details

\$5 ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED - Please make check payable to Mansfield Bicentennial Congress.
Entry fees to purchase awards and certificates for participants.

Deadline on Entry, JUNE 3, 1976

Float Clinic - March 2, 7:30 p.m.
Richland Community Service Center
35 North Park Street
Mansfield, Ohio

Return to: J. B. Polhemus
1105 Briarwood Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

_____ person responsible for entry (print or type)

_____ address

_____ city

_____ state

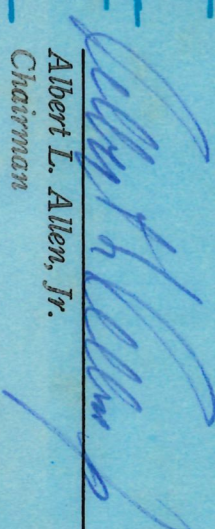
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July 3, 1976

Presented by the
Mansfield Area Bicentennial Congress
for your valued participation
in the

Richland County Bicentennial Parade


Albert L. Allen, Jr.
Chairman


Joseph B. Polhemus, Jr.
Parade Chairman

Speas was told not to bring his French fries to the parade. Mrs. Carver said concession stands will be set up on the Square instead of along the parade route on Park Avenue West. Polhemus said the person responsible for the concessions should be responsible for the clean-up.

Zimmerman said the Park Board must grant approval for any stands on park property. There will be four or five units around Central Park. It was suggested that the man in charge be given a map to establish the places for his units. Barrels should be available for the collection of paper cups and other trash. Most litter should be collected by the concessionaire.

Baird will be on the reviewing stand and wanted to review the floor plan. Lumadue will provide microphones for the stand.

At 6 a. m., the "no parking" signs will be posted along the parade route, according to Zimmerman. At noon, the flatbed trailer for the reviewing stand will be put in position by Colonel Moorman.

All persons invited to sit on the reviewing stand have been notified, and the Committee is awaiting their answers. A police officer will be assigned to the reviewing stand for security.

The question of television coverage through Channel 2 came up. The TV channel said it does not have the equipment to film the parade.

Slides are being taken of the parade, and Polhemus is trying to arrange for somebody to take movies of it.

Polhemus said this should be the last meeting of this Committee. He thanked everybody for help and cooperation.

GROUP: _____

REPRESENTED BY: _____

BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS

PLEASE RETURN BEFORE NOVEMBER 27, 1974 TO:

MR. ALBERT ALLEN, JR., CHAIRMAN
Bicentennial Congress
33 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

MANSFIELD AREA BICENTENNIAL CONGRESS

