

RICHLAND COUNTY BICENTENNIAL EVENTS 1975

April 18 - "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" was made at 4 p.m. on this date, with an impressive reenactment of that event as the formal beginning to the Mansfield Area Observance. Ralph Ruggles, our 20th century Revere, received the proclamation from the modern "John Hancock", Freeman Swank, chairman of the Richland County Commissioners, and rode to Lexington where the welcoming celebration included cannon firing, singing and other events on the village square. Ceremonies on the portico of the Richland County Administration Building (courthouse) including fife and drum corps, remarks by Joseph Polhemus, chairman of the event, and patriotic songs by the OSU singers led by Marianne Cooper. Others assisting in various ways were Percy Hall, Eagle Scout Cooper, Albert Allen, Jr., Terry Wolf, Arthur Touby, Bob Walsh, J. Gilbert Baird, Peter Zimmerman and Dr. Wray Smith.

Other general events coming are:

April - May - Planning of 200 trees at the County fairgrounds by the Kiwanis Club.

May 14-20 - Freedom train in Cleveland.
May 17 - Armed Forces Day Observance.

June - Start of series of displays in downtown stores and area shopping centers.

June 14 - Flag Day observance, Elks Lodge

June 19 - American Folk Festival, sponsored by the YWCA.

May - September - Red, white and blue flower gardens.

September - "Up With People" concert. Rotary Club.

All Holidays - Flag display downtown and West Park Shopping Center, Exchange Club.

September - Tour of historical sites, Richland County.

Crafts Fair in Central Park. Bicentennial float in Labor Day parade.

October - Ohio Air National Guard observance, salute to the Minutemen.

November - Festival of Faith (freedom) with Revolutionary War era authority as speaker.

December - Patriotic emphasis at Fine Arts Ball.

George Gund collection of western art at the Art Center.

YOU ARE NEEDED

The Congress earnestly desires a full mailing list of those vitally interested in helping to celebrate the local Bicentennial. If you would like to be on the list for this paper and other information, please send your name and full address to: Bicentennial Congress, 33 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, 44902. Although medals may soon be available, and membership cards, plus the Bicentennial pin, are being developed, if you should like to make a contribution of any size toward the many expenses being incurred, please send the same to the above address. And THANK YOU!

NEWS NOTES -

A complete map is now available showing the location of all cemeteries in Richland County. Considerable work needs to be done in maintenance and cleaning of the sites. Mrs. Mary Jane Henney, DAR, was assigned this project. New emblems will be placed on the graves of veterans where needed.



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