

Ashland Festival Draws Big Crowds

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ASHLAND — The toy balloon workshop at the Ashland Balloon Festival got its first real work out last night as visitors stood in a line nearly a block long for hours to watch operations. Production never caught up with demand.

Ashland's flower show and other special displays reported record crowds yesterday and last night as the weather cooled. Refreshment stands also were doing more business.

Ernie D'Aamato, balloon sculptor, had a big following of youngsters all day yesterday and last night. After the stores closed last night, there was street dancing to the music of Riley Norris and his 16-piece band from Mansfield.

GOVERNOR'S DAY

Today's Governor's Day program was to start at 9 a. m. with music by Mansfield's Madison High School Band and the Bellevue High School Band.

Gov. James A. Rhodes was to give a welcoming address at noon at the No. 1 Bandstand, Center and Main Sts., before the main parade at 2 p. m. Parade lines were to form on West Main St. in all areas around Brookside Park,

and the line of march was to proceed east on Main St., down Cleveland Ave. and up Third St.

Other morning concerts were scheduled by the Mansfield, Willard, Crestline, Mapleton and Defiance High School Bands and Dayton's 661st Air Force Band.

ANTIQUE CARS

An antique car parade was to start at 1:30 p. m.

Visiting queens were to be introduced at 4 p. m., when the Al Koran Shrine Band was to give a concert. Ashland's Enchores male quartet was to appear at 4:30, when children's balloon games were to be held.

Entertainment this evening will include General Motors Previews of Progress show in McDowell Auditorium, Crescendos Dance Band concert, Sir George and his Dragonettes, a bait casting exhibition by H. F. "Doc" Wellman and Chuck Danfort.

Ashland's Sweet Adelines — women's barbershop quartet — will be at stand No. 1 at 6 p. m., while Lon Hall's dance band plays at stand No. 2. The Crescendos and Sir George will start the evening program, and at 7 p. m. Ernie D'Aamato will entertain the youngsters again at stand No. 2.