

Corn Festival Parade To Be Spectacular Event of the Day

**First Division to be Lead by Swanton School Band
Followed by School Groups
and Floats**

HORSE SHOW NEW FEATURE IN LINEUP

**Line of March to Move Promptly at One o'Clock,
According to J.A Weir,
in Charge**

The spectacular parades which have been one of the main features of previous Corn Festivals will not surpass the one planned for this year. The parade will be in charge of Capt. J. A. Weir, who will lead it throughout the line of march. According to Mr. Weir the parade will begin promptly at one o'clock and all float and displays must be in line at that time, next Thursday, October 4th, ready for the whistle to blow.

Some changes noted elsewhere in the paper: the free entertainment stage will be located on the Koepfer lot, the cafeteria will be moved from Dodge St. intersection to Broadway in front of the old Hallett Hotel block. The German Village will be on the depot grounds instead of in the old noodle factory and close by will be a hot dog and hamburg stand. The bandstand will be on North Main. Everyone will want to remain to the end as they may be the winner of the nice new maroon colored car.

SWANTON CORN FESTIVAL

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Some of the entertainment:
Donkey Baseball Games
Fulton Co. Orchestra
Swanton School Band
148th Infantry Band
Sob Busters (6 rube musicians)
Red Ted the Wonder Dog and Clowns
German Bands Horse Show and
Dance to begin a 9 in the Athletic
Hall (Opera House).

First Corn Festival Was Held Here in Year 1908

The first Swanton Corn Festival was held in the year 1908 and was an event sponsored by the merchants of the village as a good will gesture to the citizens of the community. Everything was free. It was just a day of fun and frolic for everyone. The merchants defrayed all expenses.

Jake Lochbihler, deceased, the first president of the Commerce club, was master of ceremonies for that first event twenty-six years ago. For several years the Corn Festival was put on in the same manner, and for a few years was dropped entirely. In 1918 a festival designated as Soldier's Day was given and later the idea grew into erecting a monument, or building a new

library as a memorial of the World War soldiers.

Finally the thought of a Memorial Park was advanced and Mr. L.N. Pilliod organized a group to purchase the first parcel of land which was added to and is now what citizens of Swanton and surrounding vicinity proudly boast as Swanton Memorial Park, with a beautiful landscaped entrance, ball diamond, tennis courts and playground.

After twenty-six years the 20th Corn Festival is rededicated to the spirit of cooperation of its citizens as motivated the first day back in 1908. May they continue with as much success in the years to come.