

STROUD SHOW SUCCESS

The Best Yet
RECORD ATTENDANCE

INCREASED ENTRIES IN
SEVERAL SECTIONS

THE JAZZ BAND PARADE

Stroud's sixth Show created many new records, notable amongst which were the material increase in the attendance and the great success of the Jazz Band contest. Entries, too, were well up to expectations, there being increases in the agricultural, handicrafts, and honey sections. A prolonged period of comparative drought had the effect of somewhat reducing the number of horticultural entrants, but the figures gave every reason for gratification.

The total entries were as follows:—

Horticulture (excluding Gardens)	582
Agriculture	162
Domestic and Dairy	118
Honey	75
Handicrafts	410

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The attendance—these notes are written before the official figures are available—will in all probability aggregate over seventeen thousand, no fewer than 11,000 paying for admission on the day as compared with 7,000 last year. There were as many as 800 in the Carnival, including members of the Jazz Bands.

HARD WORKING ORGANISERS.

To some small degree this greatly increased attendance was due to more favourable weather—the conditions on Saturday apart from one shower which passed almost unnoticed were ideal—but in the main it can be traced to the ever-growing popularity of the Show.

The Carnival, the traditions of the horticultural section, the growth of the agricultural and handicraft sections, and the excellent ring programme were all features which have contributed to this growth, but most of all the foundations of success must be attributed to the painstaking efforts of the hard-working organisers. With Lady Marling as president, Major K. B. Godsell, D.S.O., M.C., as chairman, Capt. J. S. Robertson as vice-chairman, Mr. W. R. Payne as hon. treasurer, and Mr. S. Handcock as secretary, the Stroud Show Society is particularly happy in its band of principal officers, and the team is a hard-working one.

The chairmen of the various committees, who are to be congratulated on the successes achieved, were as follows:—Mr. R. B. Martin (agriculture), Major K. B. Godsell (horticulture), Mr. J. S. Mackney (carnival, entertainments and publicity), Mr. O. J. Leach (ground), Mr. S. Cockett (dairy), Mr. Gwilym E. Jones (handicrafts), Mr. U. F. Cook (honey), and Mr. W. F. Brown (trades exhibits).

Mr. Mackney proved an admirable ring-master, and besides this he had worked enthusiastically for weeks beforehand in his triple capacity as chairman of three important committees.

There were eleven cups for competition and the prize-money again aggregated between £300 and £400.

The Jazz Band Contest again attracted a large number of entries, and this section was undoubtedly one of the features

great expense to present an exhibition which was worthy of any show in the country. They were also very indebted to the chairmen of the various committees and to the members who had in recent weeks, put in so much hard work to ensure the success of the event.

Finally, he was sure he was voicing the sentiments of all of them when he said how pleased they were to have Lady Marling there as their president that day (applause). He knew they all very highly appreciated Lady Marling's courage and fortitude in carrying on the work so ably performed for so many years past by her late husband, Sir Percival Marling (hear, hear).

THE CARNIVAL.

"If Stroud has done nothing else it has put jazz bands on the map," was one of the many comments made on the fine carnival procession. Whilst this may be over-stretching the mark no one will question that the bands made this year's carnival.

Since the jazz band craze was initiated by Messrs. Holloway Bros. two years ago this section has shown a steady growth until this year the competition was so keen that for months bands have been rehearsing in preparation for July 24th.

The carnival as a whole was as fine as ever, and while the tableaux and jazz bands showed an increase on last year, there appeared to be a drop in the pedestrian classes.

CROWNING OF THE QUEEN.

An hour and a half before the procession was due to leave the Hospital the public had begun to take up their positions in Rowcroft, whilst a little later the crowd was dense around the Subscription Rooms for the crowning of this year's Carnival Queen at 1.15 p.m.

lated the winning lady on her success and at the same time sympathised with those who had not been successful and hope they would have better luck next time. He wished the carnival all the success it deserved and also the show, which, he hoped, would be one of the best ever held and that it would be looked upon as one of the best in the country.

The Queen having been crowned, she and her attendants moved to her car and headed by two mounted police and the Brimscombe and Thrupp British Legion Band, and followed by the Chairman of the U.D.C., the procession proceeded to Stroud Hospital to join the carnival.

THE PROCESSION.

The bugles to the accompanying row of drums of the 5th Gloucesters heralded the approach of the carnival procession and the crowds lining the streets of Stroud craned their necks and made just effort to get the best possible view.

The effort was worth while. To begin with, there was a thrill and an urge to get out of the crowd and march with the passing of the drums. It gave the carnival a brilliant start.

They were followed by the Brimscombe and Thrupp British Legion Band and the Queen's carriage and her retinue, and then the remainder of the procession.

There were many fine and original efforts and one of those which gave rise to the greatest comment was the destroyer, H.M.S. Regent, constructed on a heavy motor lorry (or, at least that is what we concluded, for scarcely single portion of it was visible). The fine entry of Regent Motors (Cheltenham) seemed complete in every detail, even to the extent of an aeroplane on deck. They were deserved winners of the decorated commercial vehicles class.

Another good entry in the nautical line was the launch entered by Lindy Blick, of Nailsworth, winner of the tableaux class. This, too, was very complete.

Challenge

	Open
Class	Prize
FINE FOLIAGE PLANTS	Major F
ROCK and ALPINE PLANTS	4. 11
FRUIT	Mr. Robe
	Cottag
BEST GARDEN	Sir I
BEST ALLOTMENT	Mr. G.
HIGHEST AGGREGATE	Chamb
	Agricult
HORSE, MARE or GELDING	Sir
SHORTHORN DAIRY COW	Sir
	Jazz
SENIOR (Adult)	Mrs. I
JUNIOR (Adult)	Mrs. I

The pedestrian classes were good, too and amongst those which were particularly attractive were the tiny Grenadiers Guard, portrayed by Tony Mills, Selsley; an imposing figure of a R Indian (F. Nash), a miniature batt cruiser (John and Tony Laver, Roolmoor) and a Coronation entry by Dore Aldridge, of Minchinhampton.

Carnival officials were: Mr. Al Paul (chief marshal), Mr. M. J. Bennet (hon. sec.), Mr. J. S. Mackney (chairman), Mr. G. A. Bennett (assistant sec

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