

Hey, turkey — it's time for your parade

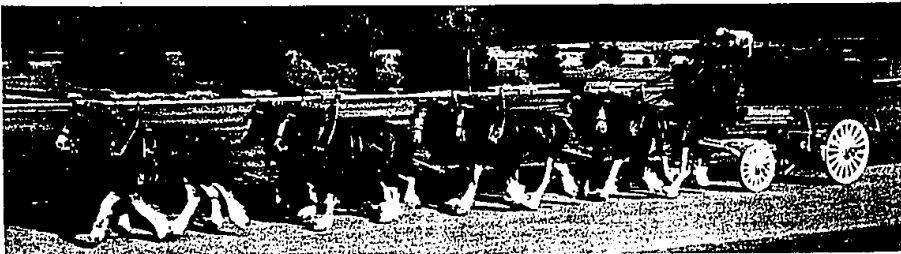
Preparations are just about done to ensure a warm welcome for the "grand old man" from the North pole when he arrives for Santa's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Detroit beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday.

A "Salute to Disney" will be the theme of the 56th Annual Thanksgiving Parade, according to Robert E. McCabe, President of Detroit Renaissance, the organization producing the parade.

The parade will feature the newsworthy Clydesdales, 17 floats, three orchestras, 15 bands, a number of speakers and clown groups and 2,200 archers, and will be seen by an estimated half million residents and visitors lining the 2 1/2 mile Woodward Avenue route.

The parade floats are built in the Hudson's Events Studio under the supervision of Dennis Sibborge, the parade director. The J.L. Hudson Co. originators of the Thanksgiving Parade, remains a major sponsor, and the company has been contracted by Detroit Renaissance to build the floats and provide technical direction.

Five of the new floats built this year carry out the Disney theme. Story book characters will come alive as the motorized "abocrases" portraying the "Three Little Pigs," "Alice in Wonderland," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Cinderella" and "Walt Disney's Magic Sports Kingdom" travel down Woodward Avenue between the Detroit Institute of Arts and Fort Street.



Eight tons of Clydesdales will be marching in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. The public is invited to a pre-parade grooming session at the Belle Isle Police Stables from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24. The

horses can also be viewed at Northville Downs stables on Nov. 26. On Nov. 27, the horses will be shown at the track, and the featured race will be run in their honor.

"Dumbo," a new giant helium balloon manufactured by Dynamic Display in Windsor, will have best friend, Timothy Mouse, perched upon his head as his 30-foot wide ears flop confidently in the breeze.

Another new addition to the 1982 parade will be "The Humpty Dumpty," the Detroit Public Schools Float Design Competition Winner. The eleven year-old designer, Lori Jones, will be dressed in queenly garb and ride atop her creation. (She provided the spelling for the float).

A number of the 15 bands will include in their repertoire a medley of

Disney music. Bands making a first appearance in the Detroit Parade are: four groups from Ohio — Orville High School Marching Band of Style, Akron's Kenmore Cardinal Marching Band, Willoughby South Rebel Marching Band, the Cleveport High School Marching Band and three groups from Michigan Coldwater High School Cardinal March Band, Oxford Wildcat Marching Band and Saginaw Drum and Bugle Corps.

The Salvation Army Band is making its seventh appearance in this year's parade and holds the longevity record for a marching band. The Franklin Vil-

lage Band, which rides aboard a float in the parade will appear for the 14th time following Santa down Woodward Avenue.

Other bands making a return engagement are Redford Union High School Marching Band, Whitmer High School Marching Band, Lansing All-City Band, Center Line High School Panther Marching Band, Central High School Marching Band and the Garden City High School Marching Band.

WXYZ-TV will again carry a two-hour telecast, beginning at 9 a.m. of the Santa's Thanksgiving Parade, live and in its entirety. John Kelly and Marilyn

Turner will co-host the program from a booth directly across from the parade's marquee.

The Detroit parade will also be televised on the CBS "All American Thanksgiving Day Parade" program. CBS will alternate coverage from Detroit with parades in New York, Philadelphia, Toronto and Hawaii. Larry Hagman and Linda Gray of "Dallas" will anchor the program from New York.

The first float will pass the marquee at approximately 10:10 a.m. and Santa has an estimated arrival time of 10:45 a.m.

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