

25,000 IN ALEXANDRIA SEE FIREMEN MARCH

Prizes Awarded at Climax of Convention of State Associations.

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The climax of three days convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Association and the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association was reached yesterday afternoon with one of the most successful parades staged in this city this Bicentennial year. It was estimated that 4,000 were in the line of march and that 25,000 persons witnessed the pageant.

Companies from Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania, took part, with 52 elements in the three divisions. Ten bands were featured as follows: Arlington County Post, No. 139, American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps; Washington Boys' Independent Band, with the Harrisonburg, Va., company; Hose Company No. 4, Charlottesville Municipal Band; Citizens Band of Alexandria; Chambersburg, Pa., Fire Department Drum and Bugle Corps, 40 men; Fredericksburg High School Band; Elks' Boys Band of Washington, and band of Cumberland Valley Hose Company, No. 2, Shippensburg, Pa. The Washington Fire Department brought over 125 men and band.

Prizes were—Best appearing company or department with or without band from cities under 5,000 population, Strasburg, Va., silver cup; 5,000 to 10,000, Shippensburg, silver cup; 10,000 and over, Good Will Company, Chambersburg, Pa., silver cup; company coming greatest distance with at least 15 men, Pulaski, Va., silver cup; best equipped apparatus, Water Witch, Annapolis, Md., silver cup; first company or department arriving with 25 or more men from 50 miles or more, Harrisonburg, Va., \$25; apparatus coming greatest distance, Chambersburg, three pairs boots; best appearing Ladies Auxiliary, Luray.

Charlottesville Is Winner.

Virginia State Association only—Best appearing company or department with band, Charlottesville, \$150; without band, Hampton, \$75; best appearing company or department with or without band from cities under 5,000 population, Strasburg, silver cup; 5,000 to 10,000, Hose Company No. 4, Harrisonburg, Va., silver cup; 10,000 or more population, Charlottesville, silver cup; best band, Boys Independent Band of Washington, \$75, with Harrisonburg Company.

Cumberland Valley companies only—Largest company in line with band or drum corps, Charlie Rouss, Winchester, Va., \$150; best appearing company, Chambersburg, Pa., \$100; second prize, Shippensburg, Pa., trumpet; best appearing band or drum corps, Shippensburg, \$50; company coming greatest distance, Shippensburg, \$50; best piece of equipment, Charlie Rouss, Winchester, nozzle.

Judges were Brig. Gen. Perry L. Miles, Lieut. John B. Sherman and Capt. H. B. Smith, all from the Sixteenth Army Brigade, Washington. The chief marshal was Chief George S. Watson, of the Washington Fire Department. Charles W. King was chief of staff.

Organizations in Line.

Chief George S. Watson, Washington Fire Department, grand marshal, and distinguished guests.

First Division.

Marshal First Division, Chief Jesse Fisher; Washington Fire Department Band; Washington Fire Department; Lancaster, Pa., Fire Department; Baltimore County, Md., Fire Department; Prince Georges County, Md., Ladies' Auxiliary; Princes Georges County, Md., Fire Departments; Annapolis, Md., Fire Department; Herald Harbor, Md., Fire Department; Bethesda, Md., Fire Department; Clarendon, Va., Post American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps; Arlington County, Va., Fire Department; Fairfax County, Va., Fire Departments; other nonaffiliated units.

Second Division.

C. L. Jacobs, secretary C. V. V. F. A., marshal second division; Chambersburg Fire Department, Drum and Bugle Corps; Good Will, S. F. E. and H., Company, No. 3, Chambersburg, Pa.; Citizens Fire Company, Charles Town, W. Va.; band, Cumberland Valley Hose Company, No. 2, Shippensburg, Pa.; Cumberland Valley Hose Company, No. 2, Shippensburg, Pa.

Third Division.

Fred W. Forney, president Virginia State Firemen's Association, marshal Third Division; Charlottesville (Va.) Municipal Band, Charlottesville (Va.) Fire Department, Staunton (Va.) Fire Department, Eagle Engine Company, No. 3, Newport News, Va.; Wythe District Fire Department, Waynesboro (Va.) Company, No. 1; Elks Boys Band, Washington, D. C.; Covington (Va.) Fire Department, Clifton Forge (Va.) Fire Department, Lexington (Va.) Fire Department, West Point Volunteer Fire Department, No. 1; Luray Volunteer Fire Department, Appalachia Fire Department, Band of Charlie Rouss Fire Company, of Winchester, Va.; Charlie Rouss Fire Company, of Winchester, Va.; Jefferson District Fire Department, Arlington County, Va.; Culpeper (Va.) Volunteer Fire Department, Washington Boys Independent Band, Hose Company, No. 4, Harrisonburg, Va.; Ladies Auxiliary, No. 1, Harrisonburg, Va.; Strasburg (Va.) Fire Department, Fredericksburg (Va.) High School Band, Fredericksburg (Va.) Fire Department, Manassas (Va.) Volunteer Fire Company, Orange (Va.) Volunteer Fire Company, Shenandoah Fire Company, No. 1, Shenandoah, Va.; Gordonsville (Va.) Fire Company, the Citizens Band, Alexandria, Va.; Alexandria Fire Department, Alexandria Ladies Auxiliary.

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The Virginia State Firemen's Convention was climaxed yesterday in Alexandria by a grand parade. The Charlottesville Colonial Color Guard drew rounds of applause as it passed along the well-lined streets.