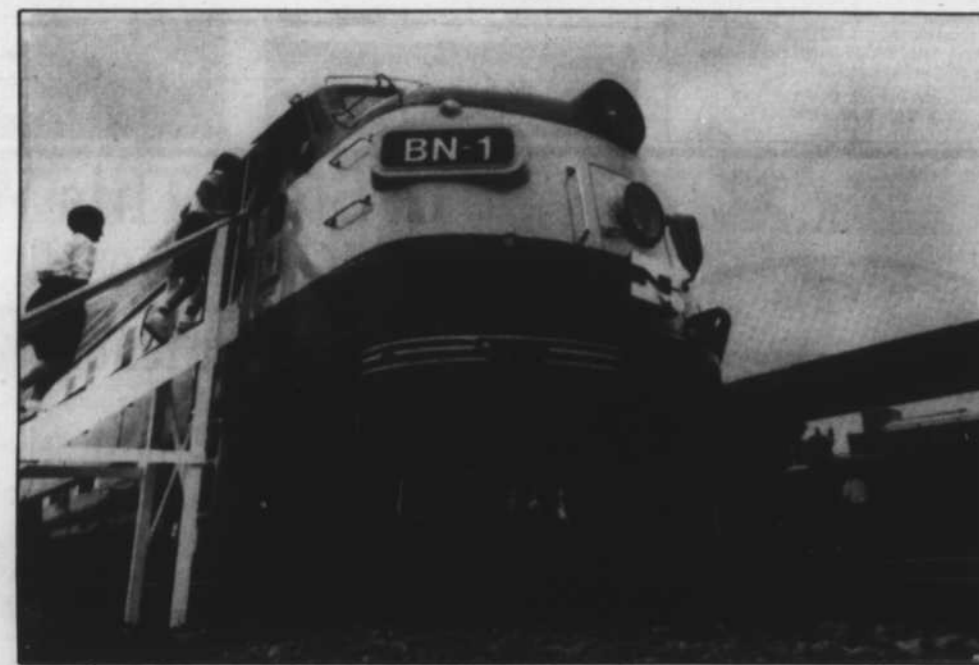


Haymarket Heydays hit Lincoln

Photos by Staci McKee



Left to right: The Burlington Northern Zephyr was one of the feature displays at the Heydays.

Many eyes carefully watched the steps of Al Doeden as he taught festival goers how to country dance Saturday night at Heydays. Doeden and his wife Roberta are dance instructors in Lincoln.

Food booths and people packed the Haymarket all weekend for Heydays.

Six-year-old Travis Schroeder of Lincoln waits patiently with his Greyhound "Echo" to be called for judging during the Pet Parade Saturday at the Haymarket.



Heydays '92 celebrates district's heritage

By Ingrid Youngquist
Staff Reporter

Whispers of "Here comes the train" traveled through the crowd of about 200 spectators gathered June 25 to welcome the Burlington Zephyr and to join in the opening festivities of the Haymarket Heydays.

This was the second year of the festival, which was created to celebrate the district's heritage and Burlington's ties to the district.

While the "om-pa-pah" of the Duane Schulz Band resounded in the background, a plethora of dignitaries including Mayor Mike Johanns and Lieutenant Governor Maxine Moul descended from the train.

A short ceremony followed in which Moul declared Heydays '92 an official Q-125 event. Q-125 is the year-long celebration of Nebraska's 125th year of statehood.

The ceremony was just the beginning of the festivities that made Heydays '92 an exciting blend of small town festival with country fair.

That afternoon Molley the Trolley, a new edition to the Haymarket area presented by Good Life Tour and Coach, gave free rides and old fashioned "medicine shows" were staged by the Vintage Show Co.

Molley the Trolley will continue to run as riders warrant until the end of the year. The trolley rides run daily from noon until 2 p.m. and Friday evenings until midnight

at Lincoln Station.

Friday featured an ice cream social as well as food vendors who sold everything from cotton candy to funnel cakes to polish dogs.

Friday evening, the market was shaken up with a street dance presented by the Historic Haymarket and the Updowntowners, featuring the local college band "Lie Awake."

Festival Coordinator Sally Oglesby said about 5,000 people attended the street dance.

Activities began early Saturday as vendors set up their fruit, flowers and baked good stands for the weekly Farmers Market on 7th Street between P and Q streets while the smell of flapjacks gusted through the air

from the pancake feed held close by.

Around noon, vendors reported lines of people a block long waiting to sink their teeth into a chicken g-rilla, a slice of pizza, a burrito, a hamburger or a gyro.

Other Saturday festivities included a craft fair, a petting zoo, a pet parade and a children's festival.

The weekend's events concluded Saturday evening with country dance lessons and another street dance sponsored by the Historic Haymarket and the Updowntowners — this time featuring the country band "Shiloh."

If you missed this year's festivities don't worry, Oglesby said, as planning will begin soon for next year's festival.