

Fourth Of July In Aptos

'Shortest Parade' Gets Longer

"The World's Shortest Parade" is getting a little longer.

The Aptos Ladies Tuesday Evening Society has announced a route change for this year's 15th annual Fourth of July parade.

"Once billed as the World's Shortest Parade," explained Head Lady Lucile Aldrich, "it has grown so that in the past few years the parade has doubled back on itself at the Rancho del Mar shopping center and caused confusion."

This year, she said, the parade will start as usual at the

Terrible Herbst service station in Aptos Village and proceed to the Wells Fargo Bank, where it will circle through the parking lot and back to the village.

It will add about four blocks to the route and should alleviate the problem, Aldrich noted.

Anne Isaacs, booth chairman for the celebration, said 23 booths already have been reserved. She said those who wish to operate booths and have not yet reserved them should submit their fee by June 15. She asked interested persons to call

her at 688-2950.

Aldrich reminded there is no entrance requirement to get in the parade: entrants simply should show up at the Terrible Herbst station at 12:30 p.m. Entrants must be decked out in a patriotic or old-fashioned theme to compete for prizes, but all costumes are welcome.

Booths will open at noon behind the Bayview Hotel and

stay open until 4 p.m. Games will take place in the field adjacent to the booths, and the local musicians union band will perform on the Village Fair porch.

Aldrich urged celebration visitors to deposit their trash in litter barrels "instead of the streets, which made Aptos Village a sorry sight on the day after the parade last year."