

Costume winners in Aptos

Uncle Sam was a fitting choice for top honors in the Fourth of July parade held yesterday in Aptos Village under the sponsorship of the Aptos Ladies Tuesday Evening Society. Uncle Sam was actually Allison Moschatti, who, dressed as our national symbol, won first prize in the best old-fashioned costume category. Erin Thomas and Cameron Lynch won second and third places.

Sunny skies, a new parade route and the new Aptos Village Park as a setting for the carnival all combined to make yesterday's parade "absolutely the best ever," according to Mrs. Lucile Aldrich, who organized the parade for the 16th year.

In the float division, Mike Metcalf won top honors, with the float "Patton" coming in second and the entry of the Threshers winning third place.

Jack Woods' car, finished with redwood veneer, won the top prize in the decorated car category, with cars entered by the Redwood Village and Cabrillo Lions Club winning second and third.

In the pet division, Candy Lions was first, Lia Carniglio second and Julie Brown third.

First prize for horse entries went to the Solari Ranch. The Rivercrest Dragon Slayers were second and Jennie Green and Gina Donattini, third.

The Harvest of '77 won top prize in the group category, with The Pebble Beach Drive Gang's "Spirit of '77" coming in second and the Aptos Beauties, third.

Only three of the parade winners claimed their prizes, Mrs. Aldrich said. Others wishing to do so can make arrangements by calling Mrs. Aldrich at 688-2428.