



## Herald Cameraman Catches Frolickers in Typical Poses and Scenes

Above and to the left are six of the outstanding photographs taken by The Herald's staff photographer during the Factory Frolic last week-end. Left to right, are: PET PARADE WINNERS—Jimmie Hedrick with his porker and banty chicken, Eileen Whiting with her ant in a miniature carriage, Bonnie Jean Edison and her decorated pooch, George Whiting with his costumed duckling and Erhard Walo holding his decorated guinea pig.

In the center above are, left to right: HOBBY HORSEMEN—R. E. Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce, taking a fall; William H. Stanger looking on in the background; Police Judge Robert Lessing starting on his winning ride; City Councilman

James Hitchcock getting a big laugh out of the whole thing, City Engineer Leonard Young mastering his mount and Harvel Gutfenfelder concentrating on a fall.

At the right, above, are: FASHION SHOW'S JUNIOR MODELS—Dorrie Mitchell, Jane Scott, Nancy Ann Whyte, Beverly Jean Hopkins, Dolores Uhlright, Melisse Ann Strasser, Beverly Crook, and Jimmie Gene Murphy out in front. Peggy Crook, the ninth young model, was dressing for another appearance in front of the Civic Auditorium crowd when the picture was taken.

DRUM MAJORETTE Marjorie Anderson of Long Beach tops the strip of photos at the left. Pretty and blond, she is shown

leading the Torrance Municipal band in Saturday's big parade. Band leader John T. Watson is in the left background.

Winners of the BUTTERBUG CONTEST Friday night are shown in one of their amusing steps in the center photo. They are Rosemary Wilson, Los Angeles, and Eddie Zentan, South Gate, who received \$20 first prize.

At the bottom are two young HOBBY SHOW VISITORS who were entranced at the exhibit of hand-made cloth dolls and animals entered by Mrs. Dora Schmidt and Mrs. Dora Greb of this city. Nancy Lee and Melisse Ann Strasser are the very interested inspectors of their handiwork.

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## 83 Homes Built Here In 9 Mos.

With 83 homes built during the past nine months, new construction here for three-quarters of the year has amounted to \$523,148, according to a survey of the building permit records on Oct. 1. This figure is considerably behind the three-quarter total for 1938, which was \$2,780,955, but last year's building was mainly confined to oil derrick construction. September construction amounted to \$14,260 as compared to \$70,322 for the same month last year.

This year's building of homes and 21 industrial units, includes permits for only 35 derricks—less than a third of last year's total at this time. But the 1938 deep-sand oil boom has passed and only a few wells are being operated in the south Torrance field.

The homes this year will endure for many years to come, housing additional families whose purchasing power, home investments and society will continue to benefit the city far more than the abandoned spires over failing oil production holes.

**Monthly Totals Given**  
Included in the 1939 building program, as reported from the city engineer's office, were the construction of 60 private garages, 40 oil tanks, alterations and repairs to 31 homes and six industrial plants.

The comparative monthly building totals follow:

	1939	1938
January	\$115,960	\$1,811,950
February	82,670	32,400
March	90,690	154,250
April	31,735	81,225
May	41,520	81,397
June	49,555	119,415
July	38,135	118,779
August	58,623	241,257
September	14,260	70,322
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$523,148</b>	<b>\$2,780,955</b>

## Police Assist Child's Birth

When their son grows to maturity, Mr. and Mrs. John Covington of 1851 Wilmington road, won't be a bit surprised if he becomes a police officer.

Didn't two Los Angeles cops officiate as midwives and help bring him into the world, a lusty seven-pound baby, at dawn Monday morning?

Shortly before daybreak, Mrs. Edith Covington, accompanied by her husband, was racing to the maternity ward of the General hospital. In the 1600 block on South Alameda street the husband stopped his car and called for aid.

Two officers answered the call but before the ambulance arrived the badge-bearers had to assist in the child's birth. At the General hospital both mother and son were reported in excellent condition today.

## When Thousands Frolicked Along Gay-Way



Taken from atop Safeway Store building at 8:45 Saturday night as 5,000 jammed El Prado

## Huge Drain Plan Given Co. Board

A seven and one-half million dollar drainage channel plan thru the Gardena Valley and Key-stone area to the sea and a supplemental plan providing initial drain relief to the Nigger Slough area at a cost of \$1,942,700 was recommended to the board of supervisors this week by County Engineer Alfred Jones and H. E. Hedrick, chief engineer of the county flood control district.

Their report followed more than a year of detailed study of the area generally known as "Nigger Slough" but recently named Laguna Dominguez. It feeds Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, Lawndale, Keystone and areas between these cities and the ocean. The engineers' comprehensive statement also includes a set of maps showing boundaries and location of flood control and drainage channels proposed.

Because the ultimate plan is so costly—estimated at \$7,588,000—the supervisors were asked to approve it as the "official plan" and to instruct the county flood control engineer to present the supplemental plan for initial condition today.

## Fun Fete Proves Smash Hit With Big Crowd Here

A few pennants still flutter in the breeze along El Prado, and the platform that stood terrific punishment from the pounding feet of hundreds of jitterbugs is yet to be dismantled to erase the last visible traces of this city's second annual Factory Frolic.

But the memory of those three days and nights of fun, music, exhibits, a variety of entertainment, parades and a gay-way jammed with merry-makers will live long in the minds of the thousands who enjoyed every one of the Frolic features.

It was better than last year's celebration. It was bigger. It drew much larger crowds. Saturday night's finale drew perhaps the largest throng of people ever to assemble in Torrance.

**Study Financial Report**  
Last night Chairman Fay L. Parks and his Factory Frolic committee started winding up the business affairs of the gala celebration. After a careful check-up, Chairman Parks announced that "it would not be

## Deputy City Clerk Dies Yesterday

In tribute to LeRoy Stevens, for 15 years deputy city clerk of Torrance, who died at 4:35 yesterday afternoon at Torrance Memorial hospital where he had been confined since Monday, flags over all city buildings were at half-mast today. Mr. Stevens, 66 years of age, succumbed to pneumonia. At the bedside when the end came were his two closest friends, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Jack Merrill of Lomita.

"Stevie," as he was known to municipal workers and officials, became Bartlett's aide in 1924. A daughter, Miss Ethel Stevens, beauty shop operator in Puerto Rico, is his only survivor, his wife having succumbed when the daughter was born. He was a native of New York state who came to California in 1908 from Colorado where he worked in the gold mines of Cripple Creek.

He operated a store in Los Angeles and early in the 1920's was employed by the Union Tool company, now the National Supply company, here as an accountant. A quiet, unassuming man, "Stevie" had a host of

## New Zoning Won't Bring Tax Raise

Zoning of any part of the city of Torrance, as proposed in a new ordinance and maps being drafted by the City Planning commission, does not mean that improvements, such as paved streets, curbs, sidewalks and street lights, will be installed at the expense of property owners.

Tom McGuire, chairman of the Planning commission and member of the city council, this week asked The Herald to make this point clear in refuting persistent rumors that have reached the planning body. These reports, he said, have aroused a large number of residents, particularly in the Vista Highlands tract, with the result that many protests have been received concerning the proposed city-wide re-zoning measure.

"We are not zoning any part of the city for improvements," McGuire declared. "Improvements must be petitioned for or voted by the people themselves. But zoning will enable property owners to secure F.H.A. loans for improvement of their property."

**Clarifies Situation**  
"A large number of people have been grossly misinformed as to our intentions in zoning the city. They believe that they will be assessed for improvements whether they want them or not. This is not true. Neither the city council nor the City Planning commission will order streets to be paved, sidewalks to be laid, curbs to be installed and street lights erected in any area simply because that area is zoned," McGuire stated.

In clarifying a situation which has caused many residents to look with disfavor on the efforts of the Planning commission, Chairman McGuire emphasized that "zoning has nothing whatever to do with improvements to property."

Street work can be obtained for the betterment of any part of the city if the people desire it even without zoning, he pointed out. But F.H.A. restrictions prevent guaranteeing loans on property which is not protected by city zoning ordinance.

"We hope that this information will reach those who have questioned the advisability of zoning the city and that the correct version will relieve the minds of those property owners who feared we were 'trying to put something over on them,'" the chairman stated.

The City Planning commission is going ahead with its preparation of the new master zoning map and compilation of an ordinance which will be submitted to the city council at an early date.

Another public hearing on the proposed measure may be held before then and in that case ample notice will be given as to its time and place, McGuire pointed out.