News Highlights and Pictures of Torrance's Greatest Factory Frolic

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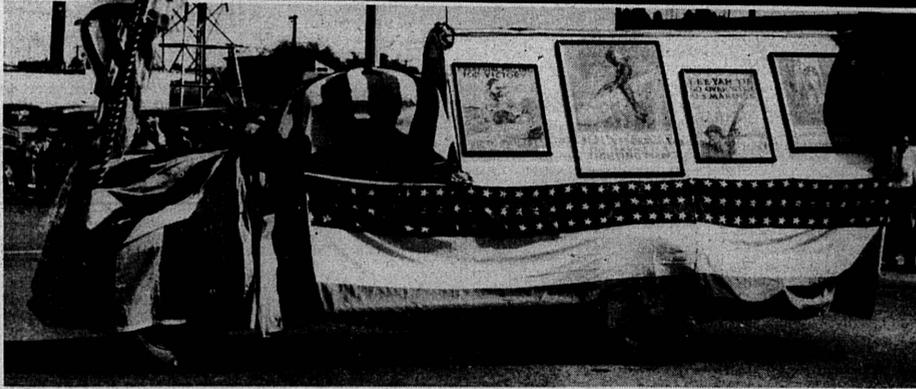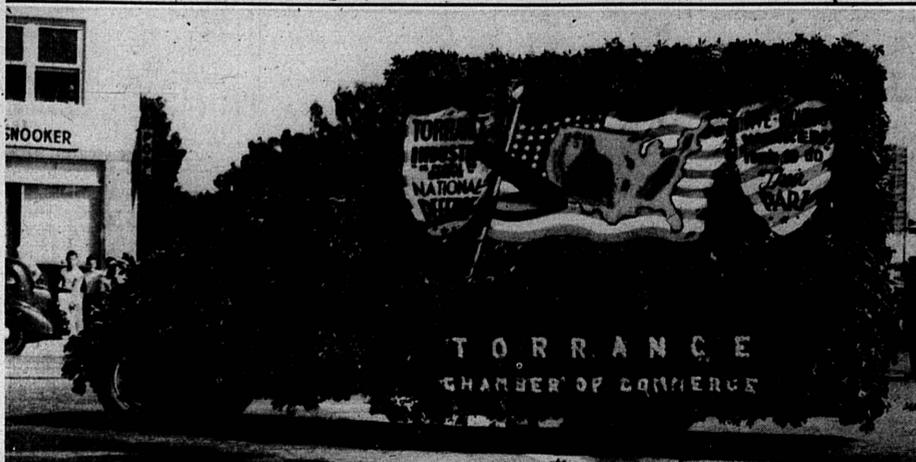
ADMIRED BY THOUSANDS . . . These three entries in the 1940 Factory Frolic parade last Saturday won applause all along the route. Top, is the attractive Chamber of Commerce float with a national defense motif. Center, "Ferdinand's Dream" entered by the St. Cecelia Guild and first prize winner in the civic organization division. The youngsters on tricycles, costumed as flowers, were led by little girls dressed as bees and all were watched over by Ferdinand the Bull riding on a bicycle. In the left background following the children are members of the Guild in flower costumes, all on bicycles. Below, the American Legion post's float with some of the unit's collection of World War I posters.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER, BAND, FLOAT . . . At the top is the National Supply Company's seven-unit entry in the Factory Frolic parade which won the sweepstakes trophy. Drawn by a Mercury tractor, the series of small trailers carried a replica of a modern derrick, a Superior gas engine, Swivel body wood pattern and Swivel body rough casting, Ideal Swivel complete, National pumping unit and Ideal rotary.

In the center is the braw Scot kiltie band from the Palos Verdes Canadian Legion Post led by their pretty drum majorette. At the bottom is the Columbia Steel Company's attractive float which won first prize in the industrial division of the parade. Howard Supply Company's float was awarded second prize.

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Huge Quantity of Food Barbecued for Frolic Diners

Out of steaming barbecue pits where fires had burned for 16 hours while cooking beef and beans to succulent goodness came a quantity of food last Saturday afternoon that was truly amazing. Frank J. Romero, "The Barbecue King" of Southern California, personally supervised the al fresco dinner served to nearly 850 people in El Prado park following the Factory Frolic parade.

He was assisted by a staff of 12 and the Torrance American Legion Auxiliary which had charge of the ticket sale and actual filling of the paper plates with a fine barbecue dinner.

This is what it took to feed that number of Frolickers last Saturday, according to Chef Romero: 125 pounds of pink beans, 1,100 pounds of choice beef, 70 gallons of coffee, 300 pounds of lettuce and 25 gallons of green chile salsa for the salad and nearly 1,000 large rolls.

Rous, Miss Betty Jane Rous and Mrs. J. H. Craig, flower arrangement.

Mrs. Lillian Sana, cake decoration; Mrs. Mina Shidler, embroidery; Mrs. Emma Quaggin, Mrs. Willis Brooks, needlepoint embroidery; Harry York, Bernard Friedman, airplane model making; Mrs. Tina King, pottery; Mrs. Perry G. Briney, weaving, and Charles Foster, woodwork.
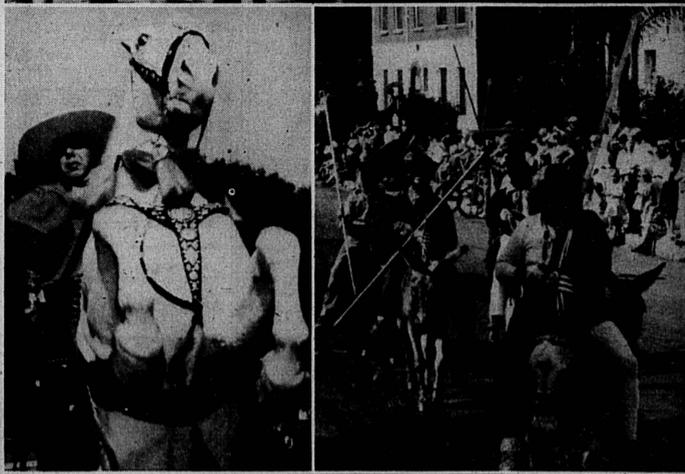
HORSES AND RIDERS OF ALL KINDS . . . Adding a spectacular note to the parade and a new theme, horses and riders of every description made the Factory Frolic procession last Saturday a notable achievement. At the top is the splendidly costumed Barrington family, left to right, Frances, J. A., and H. C. "Dan'l Boone" Barrington. Lower left is Mickey Elssa of Redondo Beach who substituted for Leo Carrillo as grand marshal when the screen star sent his regrets. At the lower right are a few of those hard-ridin' Dusky Lancers, mounted on solemn donkeys. Under their make-up spectators could identify various and sundry members of the Torrance American Legion Post.

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KIDS' PET PARADE WINNERS . . . One of the highlights of the three-day Factory Frolic was the Children's Pet Parade last Friday afternoon, directed by A. H. Bartlett. Judges were Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, Mrs. Kay Smith, Mrs. Melisse Straszer, Mrs. Edna M. Redman and George Morgan. Some of the winners—there were 15 in all who received cash prizes—are shown above. Insert at the left is Nancy Ann Whyte, costumed as a Red Cross nurse with her dog Floppsie all bandaged up as the "First Casualty of the Factory Frolic." Insert at right is two-year-old Timmy Sullivan in his Uncle Sam costume and his dog.

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte, Timmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Sullivan.

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Hobby Demonstrations Score Hit at Frolic Arts, Crafts Show

As if a 1,001 displays of arts, crafts and hobbies were not enough for the Factory Frolic show next to the Herald office, Miss Ada Chase arranged a series of absorbing demonstrations by local people, of their particular handicraft and art talents.

These proved most interesting and instructive. The demonstrations were given by the following: Opal Combs and Marion Bates, costume design; Mrs. Nora Deininger and Fay Marshall, oil painting; Mrs. Ida Hughes and Richard Sinclair, leather work; Miss Armine Janeves, Mrs. I. C.

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TOP HAT BUT NOT HIGH HAT . . . Four members of the Torrance city council rode in state in the Factory Frolic parade altho their closed car cramped their silk toppers. Afterwards they posed above, left to right, Councilman James Hitchcock, Mayor Tom McGuire, Councilmen Vern Babcock and John V. Murray.

Bullet Smashes Car Window, During Frolic Parade Saturday

Some Factory Frolicker armed with a revolver nearly caused a tragedy Saturday as the parade was in progress. Beatrice L. Crew, 1531 West 214th street, had just gotten out of the front seat of her car, parked on a vacant lot at Cravens near El Prado, to see the procession when a leaden slug crashed thru the rear window.

If she had been sitting in the car the bullet would have struck her, she told police. Officers stated that the bullet came from a heavy calibre revolver and was shot from the direction of El Prado Park.

Brazil became independent of Portugal, Sept. 7, 1882.

Tiny Tot Scores Hit As Entertainer

One of the performers who scored a big hit with Frolic audiences was little Pauline Dairies, 5½ years old, who "wowed 'em" from the reviewing stand shortly after the parade.

Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roma Daries of 2012 Andreo of 2012 Andreo, marched in that procession, costumed in black velvet trousers and coat and a big green silk necktie.

She sang all the verses to "The Old Shillaugh" and for an encore declaimed a humorous "Senator's Speech."