



Above: Banner Bearers for the ABC Kindergarten were Timothy Wheeler, left, and Mark Hormuth, right. Flag bearer was Eric Graves, center. Mrs. Joan White, far left, supervised the marching of her many baton-twirling pupils.





Above: Leading the Merriel Miller Dancers in Tuesday's parade were Roy lee, left, Mrs. Miller, center, and Jeff Clark, right. In the background were scores of members of Mrs. Miller's dance class, all dressed in garb of the 1910 period.

Left: The Zephyrhills High School Junior Band was another of the high-stepping entries that thrilled Founders' Days parade goers with lively tunes and marching music. Led Joan Thompson, the band showed why a continued good record of band awards is assured in the future.

Six Bands

and Junior High bands to provide marching music were the yrhills Glee Club were on the afternoon program. Mrs. J. W. Brewster Vocational High School Band of Tampa, Pasco High and Stoutenburg and Mrs. Charles Roberts were featured in piano Junior High School of Dade City and the Gulf High Band of New

room facilities was opened to the out-of town band students. Ice of water and cookies were provided for the visiting musicians.

The parade went international by having a Canadian car en-

Zephyrhills royalty Prince Stevie Kennedy and Princess Linda Marie Bacon. Twenty-seven contestants for the 1964 Miss Zephyrhills title, wearing pretty formals and holding arm bouquets provided by their sponsors, likewise wee added grace notes.

Mayor C. N. Chamberlain gave the welcome address and F. Earl Hart voiced the Lions Clubs' appreciation. R.L. Bryan, for six high top shoes. years secretary of the Zephyrhills Colony Company before World Concession War I, and Mrs. Bryan, who now live in Bartow, were among the young-at-heart adults rode carnival rides. Generally speaking, old-timers introduced.

The beauty pageant contestants were presented to the audience by Mrs. Robert Ahrens, chairman.

The Lions Den did a brisk business, with Jaycee Keystone

patriotic service auxiliaries, Girl Scouts, Explorer Scouts, and Cub Scouts also displayed Old Glory.

Cops Art Natali and Jerry Uterhardt tossing all and sundry into the hoosegow and having them "fine" their way out with coins paid over to "Judge" Richard Phetteplace.

Pie-eating contests, music by the Zephyr Plow Boys FFA Adding color to the parade as they joined Zephyrhills High string band, the Rambling Serenaders and singing by the Zeph-

Other highlights included piano selections by George Neu-The social hall of St. Joseph Catholic Church with its rest- kom Jr., who wowed spectators with his enthusiastic renditions in facilities was opened to the out-of town band students. Ice of "Dixie," "Everything's Gonna Be All Right," and selected marches.

Featured entertainers were the Merriel Miller dancers under the leadership of Mrs. Miller and John Barber of Hunt's Royalty gracing the parade included Miss Anna Jo Da-Point, Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee danced the old Laces vis, reigning Miss Zephyrhills, Pasco County junior royalty and and Graces, while Barber, with Mrs. Beatrice Szemko as partner, anced specialties.

For this phase of the program Mrs. Miller, who had worn a green taffeta colonial gown dripping with champagne lace for the parade, was dressed in a gay 90's outfit with a black and white striped skirt, white Gibson girl blouse, a hat of like vintage and

Concessions did brisk businesses, and children and the they had themselves a ball.



Above: Second hometown - This was the entry of Family Cleaners, winner of second prize for hometown floats. Gracing a miniature garden scene were four curvaceous and lightly-clad lovelies who convinced viewers to "Live in Zephyrhills and Enjoy Life." Norman Kirkland was the keystone cop in the driver's seat.



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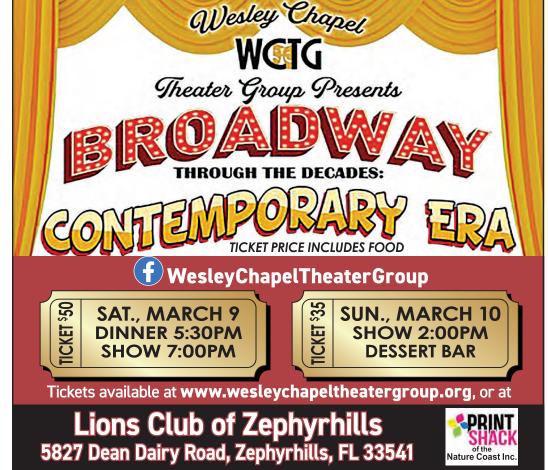
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March 21, 1974



Above: Bank of Zephyrhills' float this year featured children of bank employees and had candy stripe-lollipops motif.



Above: A band of merrymakers from Ralph's Travel Park aboard a decorated park vehicle rode in the parade.

Thousands View Parade, See identifying automobiles. Royalty gracing the 2 Follies Programs

decked 5th Ave. Saturday to watch the ever-

spectacle were placed in a sheltered location.

New Port Richey, Pasco Comprehensive High's tory sign proclaimed "Married 64 years." They band and that of Moore-Mickens School, both of were Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Johnson. Dade City, joined those of Zephyrhills High and Junior High to provide music for the parade, Marion Bowman, St. Leo College; Fitz McAden, which was emceed by Lion Ray Appin from a county government specialist for The Tampa reviewing stand in the downtown business dis-Tribune; Loyal Fisher, New Port Richey, admin-

Wintersteen gave welcoming addresses and cial director of St. Leo College; and Joe Collura, Mrs. Peter Newell, chairman of the "Miss Zeph- Dade City, treasurer of the Pasco County Fair yrhills" beauty pageant, joined Appin to in- Assn. troduce the 12 contestants as they passed in

Royalty gracing the parade included: Debbie Woolfolk, reigning "Miss Zephyrhills" on the Chamber of Commerce's float; Zephyrhills Despite graying skies and threats of showers, thousands of area residents and winter visibay and Queen Dora Bensinger; Karen Milton tors lined the route, including 11 blocks of flag- of Dade City, reigning "Miss Pasco County" and her court on the Fair Assn. float sponsored by colorful parade staged annually in conjunction First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of Paswith the Lions Club-sponsored Founders' Days co County; Deborah Dee Jones, reigning "Miss Festival. A light ran began to fall as the last-in- Chasco Fiesta" queen on the Greater New Port line horseback riders passed the receiving stand. Richey Chamber of Commerce float; Joni Palm-Thirty wheel chairs in which patients from er, , Zephyr Shrine queen; and Mrs. Joe Manis-Zephyr Haven Nursing Home sat to view the calo, Beta Sigma Phi sorority's Valentine Queen. There also was a king and queen with the Hill-Gulf Senior High School Band came from side Mobile Estates contingent and a designa-

Judges for parade entries were: the Rev. istrative assistant to Pasco County Sheriff Basil Mayor E. D. Arnot and Lions Pres. John Gaines; Mrs. Gibson H. Whitman, Dade City, so-



Left: The Wood Dale Park bicycle group, judged as having the best decorated cycle entry in the parade.





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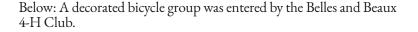
Left: Horses and Slowpokes – Best costumed cowgirl, mounted, was judged to be Margie Lundquist.

Below: First United Methodist Church had an outstanding float with children costumed to represent many nations of the world gathered beneath the Easterseason cross.





Above: Judge's Choice for the best overall float in the entire Founders' Days parade Saturday morning went to R & R Sheet Metal for its homemade Royal Coach on which the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Riopelle played the roles of coachmen, footmen and the queen.





Judges' choice overall – The R and R Sheet officers of the Zephyrhills Garden Club. Metal float; Judges' choice special – the Great-er New Port Richey Chamber of Commerce Veterans Council color guard, firing squad, and float; best commercially-made float – Plant riding and marching units, including a Veterans City Chamber of Commerce's Strawberry Fes- of Foreign Wars contingent from Dade City; Boy tival entry; best homemade float – Sleepy Hol- Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and a Navy relow Mobile Home Estates; best baton group – cruiting car. Helen's Starettes; best decorated cycles group - Other outstanding entries included the Yell-O-Wood Dale Mobile Park; best single decorated Rockers Square Dance group dancing as they cycle – John Yarchow (age 94); youngest individ-rode, the Zephyrhills Tourist Club float and ual marching (unassisted) – Chris Flack (age 4); oldest person marching in parade – Charles Misner, 82; best marching group – United Veterans
Council of Zephyrhills; best pioneer-costumed
Council of Zephy couple – Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Ness (pulling a Mobile Home Exchange float, Pasco-Hernando small wagon with the Hillside Mobile Park en-College float, the Sunnyside Serenaders, baton try); best cowboy mounted – Bo Hilton; and best groups, New River 4-H Club bike group, varicowgirl mounted - Margie Lundquist.

Automobiles attracting special attention ies and others rode, business firm and city vewere those in which Mrs. L. M. Neukom rode hicles. as the oldest businesswoman in Zephyrhills; A 1914 Model T Ford entered by Sibley and First Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Manahan, Mrs. Ford White Mobile Home Supply was the oldest vehicle paand Mrs. Walter Gall, all costumed as old tim-rading. ers, representing the Pioneer Florida Museum

Winners in the several categories who subse- Assn.; three cars carrying Gold Star Mothers; a quently received trophies from the Lions Club like number with Moose Lodge members; six cars which Shriners rode; and another carrying

ous automobiles in which Lions Club dignitar-







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Right: The Latter-day Saints Church of the county seat won the trophy as Best Church Entry.

March 23, 1978



Above: Bo and Evelyn Hilton won honors as Best Mounted Cowboy and Cowgirl.

Right: Pasco County Fair Princess and Prince, Jenifer Reed and Steven Walker, both of Zephyrhills, rode in the parade on the Florida Federal Float.

Thousands of parade watchers enjoyed the 28th annual Founders' Days procession Saturday morning as bright sun warmed the morning Guile after a chilly sunrise.

By the time the parade ended the mercury terfield 4 in the revolving time and temperature sign at Older Florida Federal Savings had climbed to 64 degrees-much better than the 59 degrees it read when the sirens first sounded signaling the 10 and Marge Finch a.m. start of the parade.

Entries were judged by three visiting Lions Club dignitaries, and top choices included: Judges Choice -- R & R sheet metal Best antique vehicle -- Frank Pollack

Best commercial float -- Florida Federal Best home-made float -- Lois Ann's Studio of the Dance

Best baton twirlers -- Helen's Starettes

Best decorated cycle group -- Tourist Club Best decorated single cycle -- Mrs. Claude

Youngest individual in parade -- Toni But-

Oldest person in parade -- Orlo Mutchler, 86 Best marching group -- Brownie Troop 850 Best pioneer costumed couple -- Alice Hall

Best mounted cowboy -- Bo Hilton Best mounted cowgirl -- Evelyn Hilton Best Mobile Home Park entry -- Ralph's

Best Church entry -- Church of Latter-day Saints



Left: Florida Federal Float winner of the Best Commercial Float honors.

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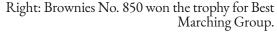




Left: Past the Judges Stand – The two ladies in white riding decorated bikes which won Best Decorated Cycle honors for the Tourist club, had matching Scotty dogs as passengers in rear baskets.



Above: Additional Trophy Winners- Ralph's Travel Trailer Park won a trophy for Best Mobile Home Park entry with this Model T, being cranked after conking out downtown.





Above: The float for Lois Ann's Studio of the Dance on which dozens of her students rode was judges Best Homemade Float.

Right: Mrs. Claude Guile won the prize for the Best Decorated Single





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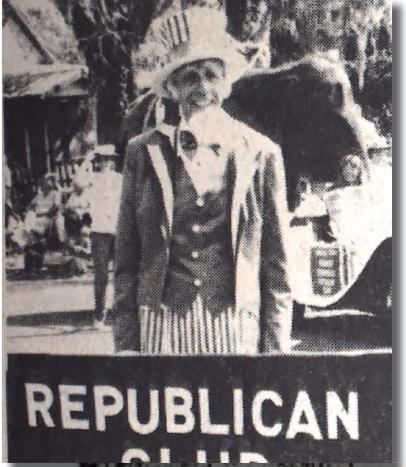
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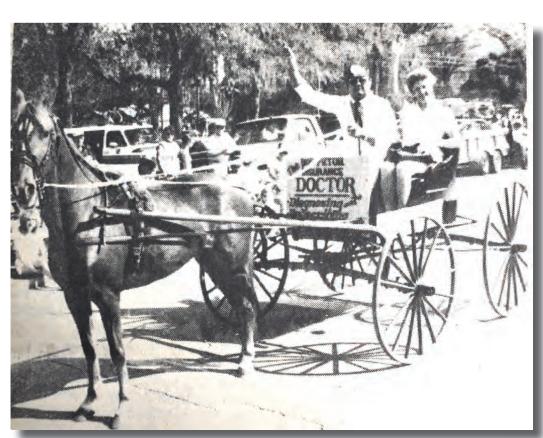
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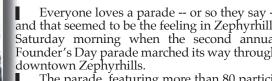
Left: Best Costumed Man -was Uncle Sam, aka Harvey Fogg.

> Right: Best Buggy Entry -- Was Bob Prior Insurance, Dade City.



Right: Parade Grandmarshall -- Rosemary Trottman, driven by Tom Jevcak of

Tampa.



The parade, featuring more than 80 participants, was led by Police Chief William Eiland, shall Rosemary Wallace Trottman.

What followed was a potpourri of busi- Zephyrhills. ness, club, mobile home park and individual entries, including clowns, marching bands, riding bands, a double-decker bus, horses, buggies, those who participated in the parade and espeantique cars, floats, Uncle Sam and the Republic's elephant, beauty queens, politicians, and off invocation and served as parade master of cerecourse children.

judges James Bailey, Joellen Farnham and John participants; to the Zephyrhills Police for their Knowles in the eight different categories were: help in organizing the parade route; to Pasco Holiday Inn State Fair, Tampa, Best Business Auto Sales for the use of two VIP cars; and to entry; Żephyrhills Lioness Club, Best Club En- Pro-Lawn Care Service for use of a flatbed truck try; Baker Acres RV Park, Best Park entry; for the judges platform.

Everyone loves a parade -- or so they say -- Harvey Fogg, Best Costumed Man; Debby and that seemed to be the feeling in Zephyrhills Chauney, Best Costumed Woman; Eagles unit, Saturday morning when the second annual 1946 Ford, Best Antique car; Bob Prior Insur-Founder's Day parade marched its way through ance, Dade City, Best Antique Buggy; and Pauline Jennings and the Mixers, Best Pioneer Marching Group.

Winners of different categories will be prethe VFW Color Guard and Parade Grandmar-sented their plaques today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office, downtown

Parade co-chairmen Steve Spina and Deb-Chauncey expressed their appreciation to all cially to the Rev. James Gerhart, who gave the monies; to Paultronics for use of the PA systems; Taking the honors bestowed by parade to the CB Club for helping to line up the parade



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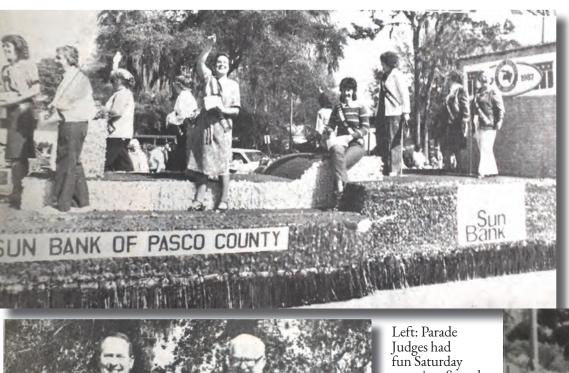


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More than 85 entries were viewed by an estimate 10,000 for Founders' Days

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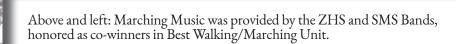
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morning. Seated from the left: Anne Godbold, **Bob Grimes** and Clarence Jordan. Standing, Chamber Pres. emcee John Knowles, and Mayor/welcomegiver Bob



Top right: Big Wally from Baker Acres RV Ranch won the prize as Best Mobile Home/RV Park Entry.



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