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Parade for Trojans, Bessemer Georgia Tech Rips Mississippi

Paying the Game

with HENRY J. McCORMICK

PASADENA, Calif.—It is 12:55 p. m. (Pacific Coast time) as this is being written on Thursday afternoon, I have just come from the annual Tournament of Roses parade, and I am still amazed at the spectacle and at the number of people who viewed it.

We saw the parade from a stand for "distinguished guests" right near the main reviewing stand where the parade swings from Orange Grove ave. onto Colorado st.

There is a theme to the parade each year, and this year's was "Melodies in Flowers." Each float depicted some tune. The head of the parade passed our observation perch at 9:23 a. m. on the head, exactly as scheduled, and the tail end of the parade cleared our perch about 10:45.

From 10:45 a. m. until 12:25 p. m. we were occupied getting to the Rose Bowl press box, and the Wisconsin party was equipped with special buses.

Unless one has viewed the Tournament of Roses parade he can have no idea of the lavishness of the floats, and he can't visualize the tremendous outpouring of people to view it.

There are five divisions to the parade, each with from 15 to 24 separate units. Each unit includes floats, a band and an equestrian unit. Some of them also included well known movie or television characters.

You should have heard the squeals of delight that went up from the small fry when Hopalong Cassidy (William Boyd) rode by in his familiar blue suit, and the genuine enthusiasm when the announcer called attention to the fact that "Hoppy" was waving his big white hat when he actually was waving a big black hat.

"Wisconsin's float, depicting the melody, 'Oh Wisconsin' of course, was in the first division, immediately behind the University of Wisconsin band. The Badger band swung into 'Oh Wisconsin' as it passed the main reviewing stand, and the crowd gave it a tremendous ovation.

"Alice in Dairyland" rode on the Wisconsin float, and the general theme depicted was summer recreation.

The Wisconsin float was a respectable one, but it didn't stack up with many of the others. Among these was the one sponsored by the Southern California Floral association. It included 50,000 roses, alone, in addition to other flowers in profusion, the melody theme was "Moonlight and Roses."

Tulare, Calif., entered a float with a melody theme of "Hail Our Conquering Heroes," and the theme was given a real punch by reason of the fact that Tulare's two Olympic track champions rode on the float. They were Bob Mathias of Stanford, decathlon champion, and Sam Jones of Southern California, 100m champion, both natives of Tulare.

One of the prizes went to a float entered by the West Colorado Street Neighbors with a musical theme of "Song of India." This was an elaborate affair with an Indian style temple and equipped with what appeared to be a player rolled out the theme song.

The National Oregon show, soon to be held, entered a float, and the apt theme used was "Pleasant Mr. Sun."

South Pasadena had a float a year ago showing the Republican elephant crashing into the White House. Its float this year had the musical theme of "A Bicycle Built for Two," and it showed an elephant riding the front seat of a bicycle with a dandy riding the rear seat.

The grand prize went to a float entered by the Miami Maid crew, and using "America the Beautiful" for a theme.

St. Louis entered a float for the first time, and it was a tremendous thing. It was a float depicting the old and famous Mississippi River steamboat, the Robert E. Lee, and the musical theme, naturally was "Wagon on the Robert E. Lee." The magnificent float was headed by eight percherons, horses that had been shipped out here especially for that purpose.

Quite one of the most interesting floats was that of the Union Oil Co. an exact duplication of a float that company which was a winner 40 years ago. It was an old time entry with elaborately costumed ladies and musicians, riding behind a splendidly equipped band. The announcer also lashed that, too, or his script was wrong, for he called attention to the "four horses drawing the carriage." It was New Year's Day morning, of course, but the spectators caught that only without any trouble.

The bandmen were blowing bravely and marching jauntily as they swung around from Orange Grove onto Colorado, and the drum majors were strutting like peacocks, but that was about as the very beginning of the parade. I understood that they were so-far-led and timed by the time they got to the end of the five-mile parade.

The grand marshal this year was Richard M. Nixon, vice president-elect of the U. S. and he rode in an especially constructed Chrysler Brookman which is 20 feet long.

I know that sounds as though I'm catching the fever and bragging like a Californian, but that's the simple truth; that car was 20 feet long and so was another one that the president of the Tournament of Roses committee used for a conveyance.

Well, that's enough about the Tournament of Roses parade. It's getting about time for Wisconsin and Southern California football squads to take the field, for warm-up drills before clashing in their Rose Bowl battle.

You'll note the outcome of that game by the time you read this. All I can say definitely now that this is a beautiful day, the field in the Rose Bowl looks like a green velvet carpet, the sun is shining and the weather is beautiful.

Hardeman Star of 24-7 Victory in Sugar Bowl

Engineers Stretch Unbroken Streak to 26 in Row

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—Lynn Hardeman, a stumpy-shaped half-back with a game leg but an even game heart, powered Georgia Tech to a 24-7 victory over Mississippi Thursday in the Sugar Bowl's largest unbroken streak through 26 games.

A crowd of 82,000, sitting in the Seitz Bowl's perfect circle, in perfect weather, watched Mississippi get off to a fast start and threaten to run away with the game in the first quarter.

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Here's How It Happened in Rose Bowl

FIRST PERIOD

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Head, Rising Tennis Star, Trims Trubert

ADLAIDE, Australia (UPI)—Loris Head, Australia's rising tennis star, demonstrated Thursday that he may be the logical successor to Frank Sedgman, whom he defeated Tuesday at the International Cup Exhibition Match.

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STATISTICS table with columns for team and various stats like points, yards, etc.

Bobby Duff of Tech can look forward to having his team in full health for the fall of '53.

Tech's great line, anchored by Bill Thaden, twice held on to the lead.

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Central Prep Five Faces West Tonight

East Plays at Kenosha

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