

Hundreds See Annual Rancho Day Parade

The Victor McLaughlin Motorcycle Corps of Hawthorne and the Torrance Mounted Police color guard led off a colorful parade of floats, horses and bands yesterday morning in the annual Rancho Days Rodeo parade. Others leading the parade included Mayor Albert Isen, councilmen Victor Benstead, Willys Blount, Jay Beasley, George Vico and their wives and councilman Nickolas Drale. Torrance's Mounted Police's first captain, Andy Alexander, served as grand marshal. He rode a parade horse and was dressed in western costume. Participants came from as far as San Diego and Malibu, The Torrance area Youth Band and the Mel-O-Dee Music Center Western Band also took part. High temperatures and high humidity were contributed as major factors in small crowds along sections of the parade route which ended at the rodeo grounds near the civic center. Indian music and drums sounded through Torrance streets as the Torrance Explorer Scouts did Indian dances.

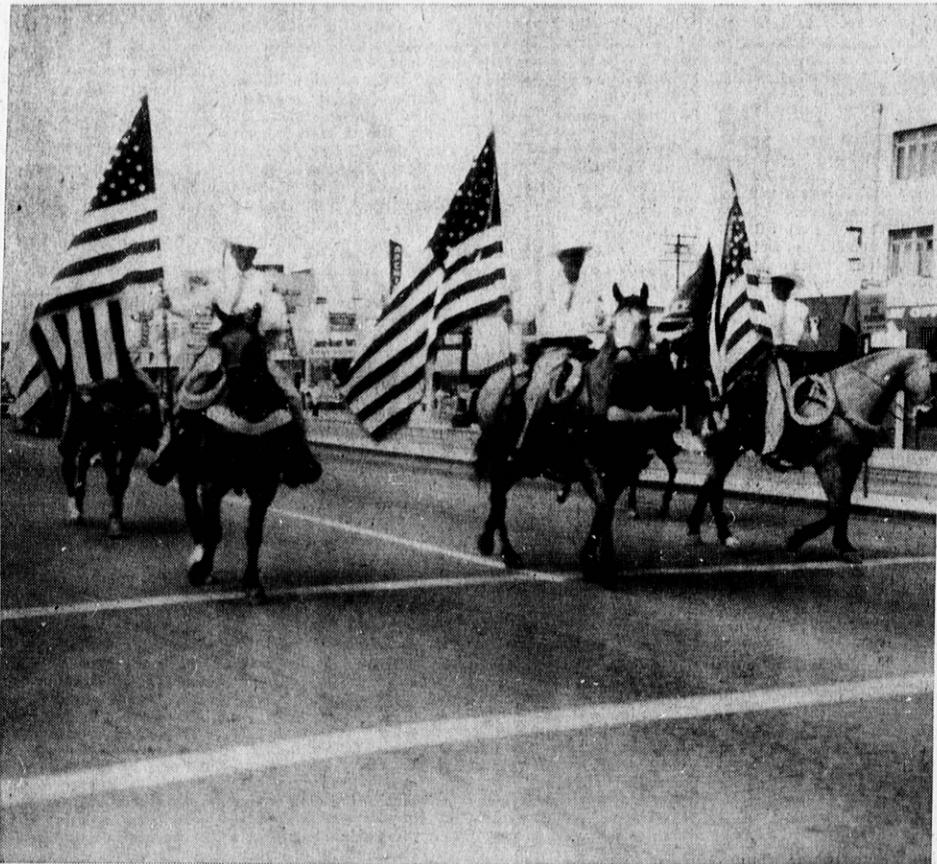


MUSIC MAKERS . . . What's a parade without a band? Yesterday's parade boasted the talents of the Torrance Area Youth Band's marching unit, whose most recent outing was at the Miss International Beauty Pageant in Long Beach. The musicians are directed by James Van Dyck.



PARADE FAN . . . This tyke, so excited over the parade and her ice cream bar that she couldn't remember her name, was typical of the hundreds of small fry that lined the curbs along the parade route yesterday as nearly 100 units of gaily decorated horses and riders marched to open the annual Rancho Rodeo week end.

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COLOR GUARD . . . Members of the Torrance Mounted Police, hosts of Rancho Days Rodeo and Parade, lead the marching units with the national Colors. Lt. Art Harkness led the color guard and a small detachment of the local mounted group. Harkness explained that a large part of the unit was busy at the rodeo grounds getting ready for the performances Saturday and Sunday afternoon.



WE LOVE A PARADE . . . Hundreds of spectators jammed the shady side of the street as yesterday's Rancho parade moved along in hot, humid sunshine. This crowd, on Cabrillo Ave., was near the starting point of the parade.



SNORTING HORSEMEN . . . Not all the riders in the parade were astride horses yesterday—this exciting group, the Victor McLaughlin Motorcycle Crops of Hawthorne, entertained the spectators along the parade route through town with daredevil and precision motorcycle riding at the head of the annual parade.

New Boundary Lines Before School Board

Changes in boundary descriptions for Torrance High School and approval of attendance boundaries for Howard Wood and the new Hickory Elementary School will be among items up for approval before the board of education, when it meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Final adoption of the 1961-62 budget also will be asked of the board members.

Other matters include several proposed changes in school policy, ranging from military leave to pupil adjustment and discipline. Harold Frenz, manager of the Torrance Branch, Bank of America, will present a souvenir certificate on behalf of his firm which recently purchased more than \$1 million in Torrance school bonds.