

# Lagniappe

## 2 Quarter Parades Planned for Easter

WHADDAYA KNOW, there're going to be two parades in the French Quarter on Easter Sunday! Germaine's carriage caravan, of course, will be one; she started the practice 13 years ago. The other one will be Pete Fountain's Half Fast Walking Club. But Pete says:

"We're not going to interfere with Mrs. Wells' procession at all. We're going to start at 2 p. m. after she has returned to Arnaud's for luncheon and the Easter hat contests."

The Half Fast guys, sans dolls, will be marching in their Mardi Gras costumes "but without makeup," according to Pete. There'll be three Saints in the group: Joe Wendryhoski, Dave Whitsell and chief defensive coach Jack Faulkner.

Pete also announced that after a meeting of the club at Bozo's Restaurant the other night, it was decided to close the roster at 105 members. "Of course, we'll permit celebrity volunteers to join us on Mardi Gras," he added.

I must say even when the Half Fast Walkers are not parading, they're colorful sights. They wear gold jackets with breast pocket insignia to their meetings. And Pete's parade route, if I jotted it down correctly, is as zigzag as Zulu's. Here 'tis:

Starting from his Storyville club at Royal and Elysian Fields, it'll go up Royal to Canal, Canal to Bourbon, Bourbon to Dumaine, Dumaine to Dauphine, Dauphine to Iberville, Iberville to Chartres, and Chartres back to Storyville.

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AT THE Friends of the Library luncheon the other day the master of ceremonies introduced snow-haired playwright Flo Field and thoughtlessly gave her correct age.

In relaying this horror to me later, Flo said, "I added a little lipstick and stood up graciously but my mind was churning outrageously within. I always ignore my age," she added emphatically. "I don't want to scare away any of my boy friends."

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SCULPTOR Rique Alvarez's dog, an airedale named "Sancho" that he believes is "part thoroughbred," has now been downgraded. Next-door neighbor Jimmie Easterday has acquired a pedigreed boxer puppy he's named "Brute." Sancho, I hear, pulls Rique down the street with great gusto when they go for a walk; and Brute prefers eating Jimmie's hands rather than such puppy bait as shoes, gloves and hats.

Occupant of the slave quarter of the St. Peter st. shotgun cottage is Lou Wylie, who has cats: two blacks and a golden yellow that was born in Pat O'Brien's bar 12 years ago.



TOMMY GRIFFIN

It all makes a "design of living" typical of the incomparable Vieux Carre!

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POTPOURRI—Alert choreographers are rumored to be working on a dance called "The LBJ Waltz;" it starts with a fast shuffle, progresses to a series of sidesteps, ends with a bowing out . . . Add a newly arrived starlet, Heather Ann, to the Jane and Stephen Walker household; papa's editor and lab technician at Pan-Am Films . . . Note from Ed Butler in Los Angeles: "I'm still executive vice-president of INCA but on a volunteer no-pay status since early '66—about two years ago." Ed's now editor and publisher of The Westwood Village Square in L. A., but says he commutes back to town often . . . All are not heartless in snarling traffic; Harry Pearson stopped his car to let a tiny pup cross the street safely; and after proceeding, saw through his rear view mirror, another car stop and its driver get out to help the pup mount the curb when he noticed the little dog had trouble getting up.

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HITHER AND YON—Mrs. David Loker, a former queen of Comus, toasted by her large family (10 children, 32 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, all living) at the home of her daughter Mimi (Mrs. James Monteith) yesterday re the occasion of her 80th birthday today . . . Regional manager Fred Abernathy, plus branch manager Jay Durel, on the receiving end of congratulatory handshakes from Mayor Schiro, state comptroller Roy Theriot, a couple of councilmen and Saint Steve Stonebreaker at the "open house" of their new typewriter-and-business-machines building at 1900 Canal . . . Mrs. Mary Jane Sprinkle Place in from Freeport, Tex., to celebrate her 70th birthday today via a family party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Louise Place Givens . . . Irma McChesney sounding the gong as an opening reminder of the upcoming Charity Horse Show, April 25-28, sponsored by the Jaycees for the benefit of the Leukemia Society.

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SHOW BIZ—Didja know "Holiday on Ice" engineers, who'll be icing up the Auditorium, Monday, for the show's annual visit opening Tuesday, have made ice in 110-degree temperatures in Africa, South America and Saigon? . . . Our town's Dottie Lamour rated the inside cover of the March "Missouri Alumnus" re her recent visit to Missouri U in "Hello Dolly." . . . Norman Treigle, who'll be one of the featured soloists in Verdi's "Requiem" with the Symphony tomorrow night, wings to Scotland on the 29th for his European operatic debut, May 3, in "Boris Godounov." . . . And Debria Brown, who recently scored as "Carmen" for the Xavier U production, will recreate the role on tour with the Boris Goldovsky Opera Company of Boston in September.