

# Gulfport Gabber

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**REMEMBER: Today Is The First Day Of The Rest Of Your Life!**

## 1776 Bicentennial Celebration 1976



ABOVE: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Color Guard, National Guard, Boca Ciega High School Band, followed by BELOW: A Woman Suffrage movement, Gulfport Shuffleboard Club and the Town Shores Chorus.



The city of Gulfport launched its Bicentennial Celebration on Sunday, January 11th, with a Citizens Parade and Bicentennial Program.

Participating in the parade were: Gulfport Police cruisers, Gulfport Fire Department trucks, American Legion Color Guard, Mayor and Councilman's car, Miss Gulfport's car, GEMS bus with City Department Heads, Air Force Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Guard, Boca Ciega High School Band, Coterie Club, Coast Guard Color Guard, Citizens walking, Shuffleboard Club, Town Shores Chorus aboard bus, Fire Department van, Cars - Bikes - cycles, Horses, and bringing up the rear, a police cruiser.

The Citizens Parade, which is seen in pictures throughout this issue, was followed by a gathering of an estimated 600 persons at the Kick-Off program, directed by Councilwoman Yvonne Johnson, Bicentennial Chairman.

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Johnson. Invocation was given by Rev. Robert F. Martin, Gulfport Presbyterian Church.

After the introduction of city officials, elected, appointed and department heads, Miss Patrice Pucci, Director of Pinellas County Bicentennial Office, presented Mayor Jay P. Clymer with a framed certificate designating the City of Gulfport as an official National Bicentennial Community. Before such a designation is made, a community must submit plans for the bicentennial year's activities, which must cover three areas - Festival, Heritage and Horizons. Gulfport's plans were approved by the American Revolution

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**Reagan In Gulfport** see page two



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**HUSBAND:** "You only  
 talked for 15 minutes on the  
 phone. What's the matter?"  
**Wife:** "Wrong number."

**Our answer is "YES"!**

When it comes to responsibility to our community — to you, our answer has always been; always will be "YES". We are committed to not only saying "Yes" but, more importantly, to doing "Yes" in order to provide the greatest service that will be the most helpful and beneficial and at the least possible cost to you.

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ABOVE: City Manager Harry Perkins is being chauffeured by Geo. Larrison in his 1927 Bugatti, followed by American Legion Post 125

BELOW: The lead car, a 1923 Dodge Brothers, carries Gulfport's City Council — driven by owner Parke Robinson. Second, a 1929 Convertible Model "A" Pick-Up is transporting Miss Gulfport.





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Bicentennial Administration.

Miss Gulfport, Catherine Hichcock, was introduced and welcomed the audience.

As Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, Councilwoman Johnson presented the City of Gulfport with a "Four Freedoms Coin Collection" which is on display in the Gulfport Public Library. Norma Lamb, Library Director, and Kay Baker, President of Friends of the Library, accepted the four-piece collection.

Each piece has a reproduction of one of Norman Rockwell's famous Four Freedoms paintings. Freedom From Want is with the silver standard collection, Freedom of Worship is with the Lincoln Memorial collection of pennies, Freedom of Speech is with the 20th Century collection of various coins, and Freedom of Fear is with the collection of wartime coinage. The collection is housed in a beautifully constructed display case which was built in the City's shop.

The efficiency of the shop workers was again seen in their creation of a Liberty Bell. An explanation of the famous bell was given, telling where it was made, when it cracked, when it was re-cast, and when it cracked again. Gulfport's Liberty Bell was complimented by timely art by Gulfport Elementary School children.

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 IN PINELLAS PARK,  
 8098 - 66th Street No.**  
Tickets at the Door \$2.50  
 Tickets may be purchased  
 in advance for \$2.00 at  
**Gulfport Beach Bazaar  
 & Post Office**  
 3115 Beach Blvd.  
 Gulfport Beach

Boca Ciega High School Band, under the direction of Franklin Knight, presented a concert, while, during several numbers, National Baton Champion, Cindy Thomas, demonstrated her talents.

Gulfport Coterie asked persons to sign papers re-dedicating themselves to the principles of this country. These sheets will be placed on the Florida Wagon Train that will leave Lakeland the last of January for Valley Forge where they will meet other wagon trains from around the nation. "These sheets will be micro-filmed and placed in a time capsule to be opened in 100 years," Mrs. Johnson said.

Gulfport Coterie, acting as hostesses, served Red, White, and Blue cookies, depicting the Liberty Bell, donned in their Colonial garb. Coffee and punch was served.

The Gulfport Bicentennial Committee is made up of:

Yvonne Johnson, Chairman; Bill Holzaepfel, Assistant Chairman; Frederick Allen, Kay Baker, Mattie Mae Bell, Dexter Brown, John Dudinsky Jr., Edith and George Haas, Mabel Mayne, Ruth McCabe, Jane McCarthy, Les McEwen, Frances Purdy, Emily Rautman, Robert Twitty.

"I am the most proud person in the world," Mrs. Johnson said, "because of the support and co operation I received which made the Kick-Off a success."

