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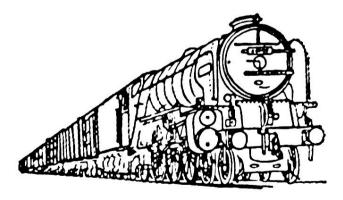
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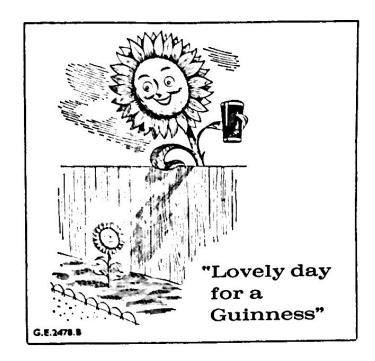
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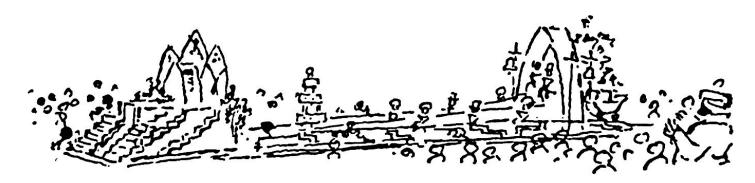
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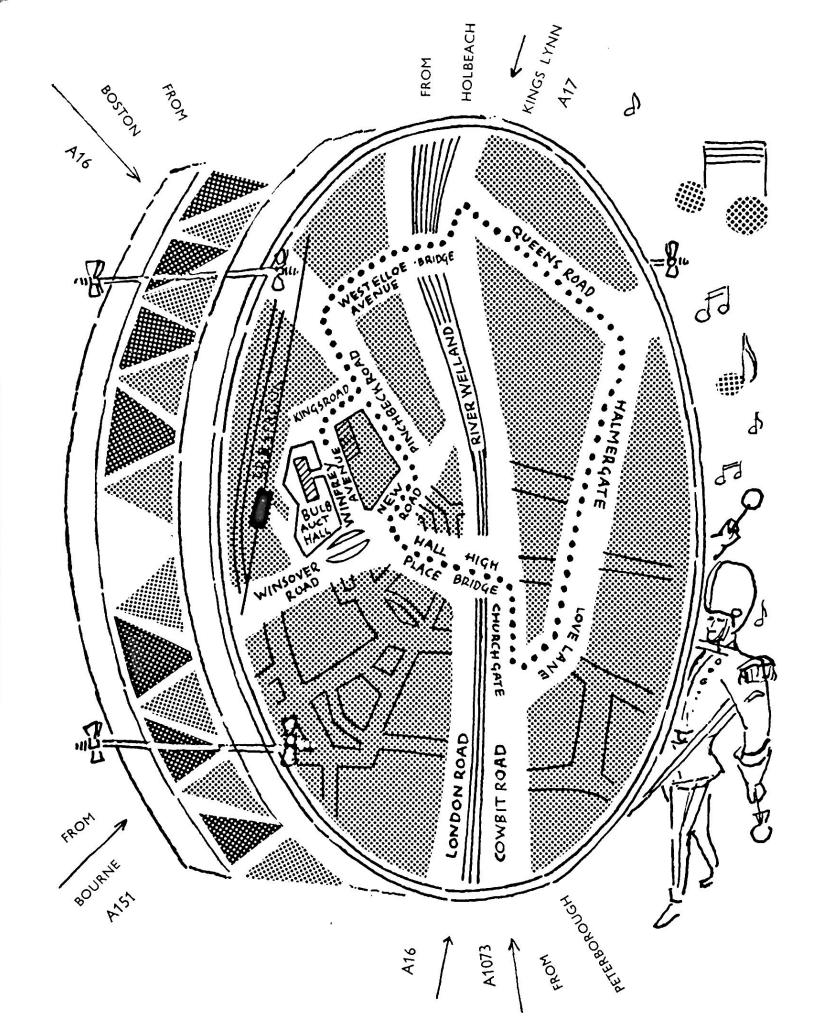
Spring again, and we, the farmers of Spalding, who grow the daffodil and tulip bulbs for your garden and the flowers for your homes welcome you to our flower parade.

For the Spalding Flower Parade will, we hope, serve to remind you of the colour and beauty of the bulbs and flowers which we grow.



And perhaps, too, it will help you to bear in mind that we, in Lincolnshire, can grow bulbs as good as any other farmers in the world—and probably better. Our land, our experience and the skill of the Lincolnshire farm workers all combine to produce fine bulbs to grace your garden and to produce this beautiful spectacle which we hope will bring you gladness today.





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#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the many companies and individuals who gave so much of their time, staff and service to ensure the success of this Parade, In particular we would like to thank:

The Lincolnshire County Constabulary for their close co-operation.

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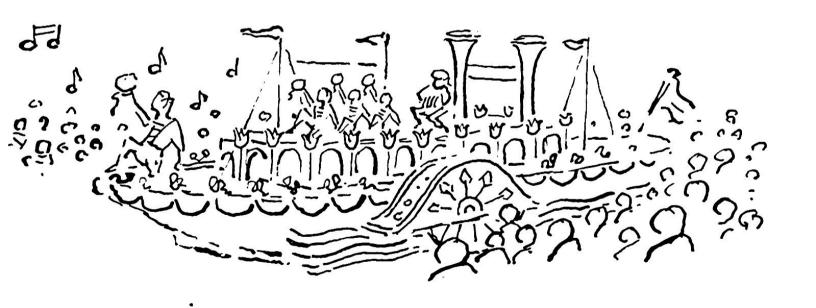
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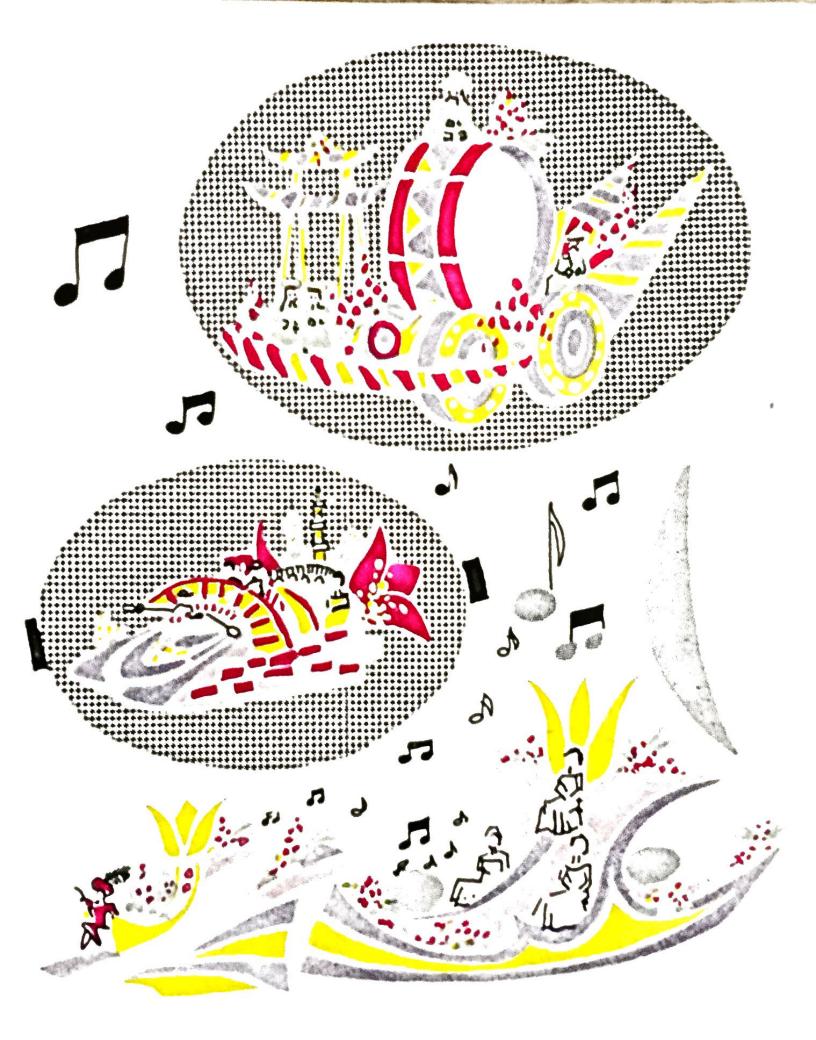
SUNDAY, APRIL 29th from II.0. a.m. to 9.0. p.m.

#### MELODY IN FLOWERS

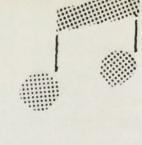
The theme of the 1962 Flower Parade, Melody in Flowers, has been carried throughout the Parade so that every float depicts a piece of music.

But many of our visitors have asked how we reproduce these designs in tulip heads. As you will see from the illustrations, we commence with a heavy iron framework which gives the basic shape of the design. This framework is then covered with a thick straw matting which is sewn in place with twine. Large 'U' shape pins are used to pin each individual tulip bloom into position, the blooms being overlapped so that only about half of the petals are showing. This system helps to ensure that an even effect is gained and that the tulip blooms do not loosen once they have been positioned. Up to three-hundred-thousand tulip heads are used on each float and over eight-million blooms have been used in all.













Spalding in the parts of Holland (as the south of Lincolnshire is officially designated) is the centre of the British bulb industry. Here we grow over 3,000 acres of daffodils—producing many more bulbs than are grown by the Dutch in the Netherlands—and over 3,000 acres of growing tulips.

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each day.

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It takes up to three years for a bulb to reach a useful size, from the time when it is first split from its 'parent'. Each year

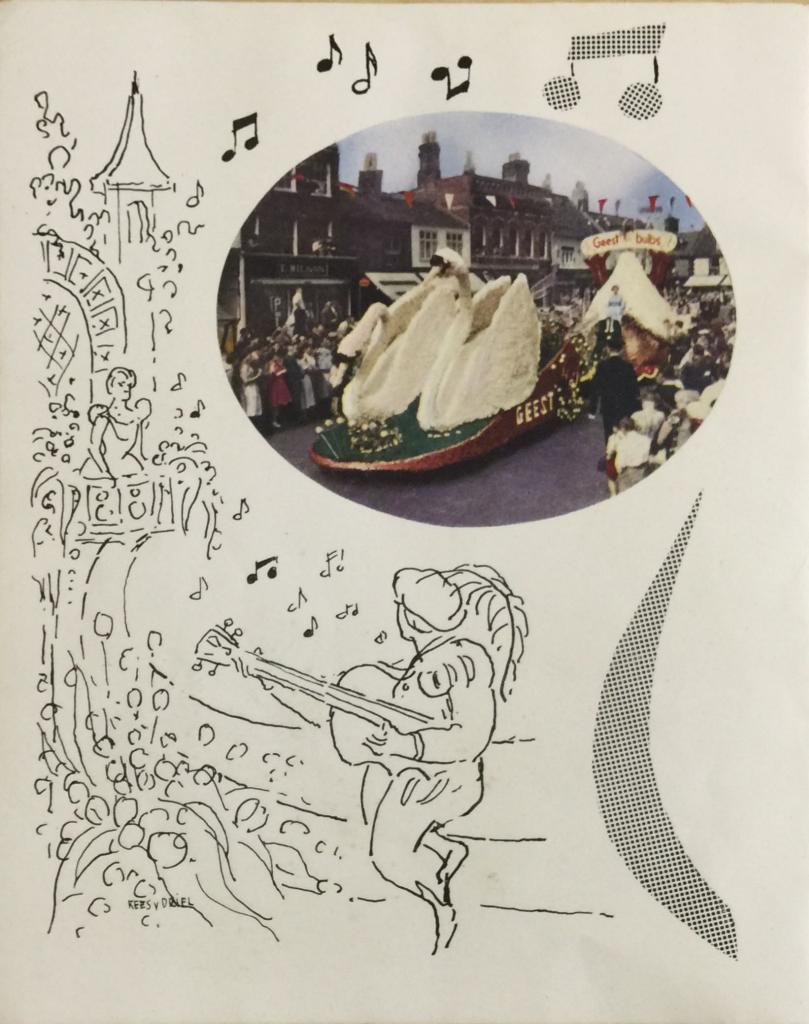


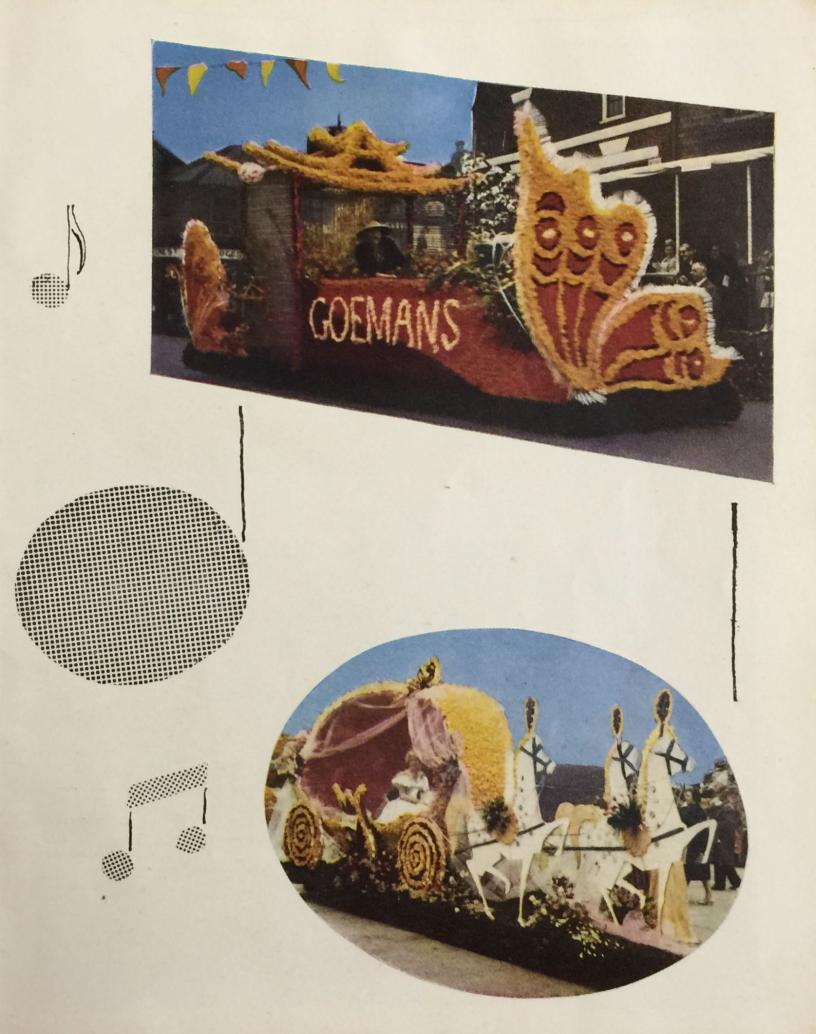
the bulb is lifted, stored and transferred to another field and the growing cycle is repeated. As the flowers reach full bloom the heads are nipped off by hand close to the top of the stem so that all the strength and vigour in the plant is devoted to making a larger bulb—to produce eventually a really fine flowering bulb for your garden. It is these waste blooms which are used to decorate the floats in the Flower Parade.

But, although bulbs are the major crop, we also produce on these fine, silt lands a great deal of the fresh vegetables which add so much to the goodness and to the enjoyment of your meals. Carrots, onions, lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, beans, peas and many more are grown in the parts of Holland and distributed to all parts of Britain, for farming here is more intensive and achieves a higher standard than in any other part of Great Britain—or the world.













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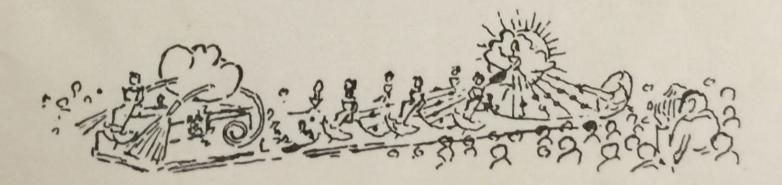




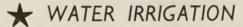


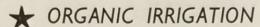


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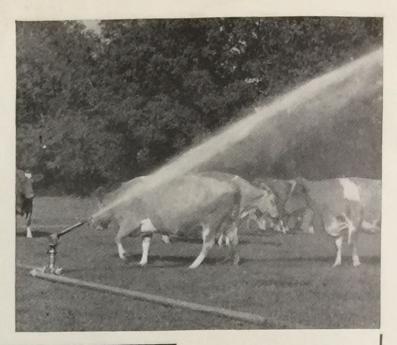
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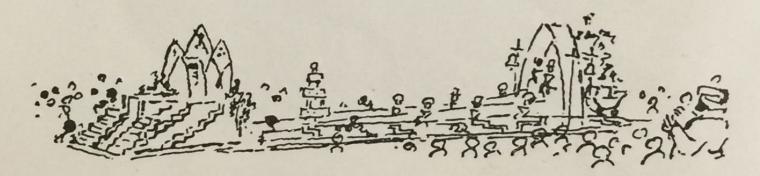
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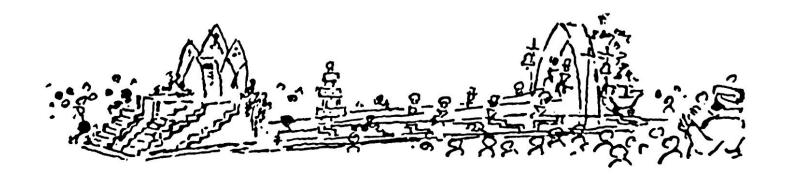
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