

Inauguration parade float from Manatee County : Tallahassee, Florida

The following photograph from January 9, 1949 shows a parade float designed to represent ocean waves on the front of the float coming up to a beach with a lighthouse at the back of the float. The float is proceeding down the road during the parade with people lined up on both sides of the street. There is a large fish jumping out of the waves at the front. The fish has 'Millions in Losses' written on it. Foam on top of the waves is labeled 'The Red Tide'. There is a mermaid sitting on the beach and a woman on either side of the lighthouse dressed as a sailor. The lighthouse is labeled 'The Warren Administration'. This float from Manatee County was to represent Manatee County looking toward state help after the most severe Florida red tide on record from November 1946 until September 1947.

