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A day in Flint History



1945: Flint celebrates the end of World War II

On V-J Day, The Flint Journal's special Peace edition helped thousands in downtown Flint celebrate the end of World War II. Bikes, cars, roller skates and scooters jammed Saginaw Street in the spontaneous peace celebration of August 14, 1945. A parade of automobiles jammed downtown for hours, then police blocked off the street to give access to the

mass of humanity packed from curb to curb for more hours. Traffic officers said Flint's victory celebration was the most spontaneous, hilarious and orderly of any outpouring they could remember. Two nights later, between 60,000-75,000 crowded downtown for a victory parade which included volunteer workers, bands, military vehicles and floats.

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