

# Franklinton Holds Annual Christmas Parade

The Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce staged its annual Christmas Parade last Thursday night and thousands withstood freezing temperatures to witness the event. The

sixty-unit parade was led by the combined units of the Louisburg and Franklinton Rescue Services and Santa Claus was the featured entry.

Hundreds of tiny tots lined the roped off streets in anticipation of seeing the old gent with shiskers and none were disappointed. The parade was resplendent with bands, marching units, pretty girls on pretty floats and kids on bicycles.

The Ebenezer Church won for the best individual float and honorable mention went to Hall Furniture Company's entry. In the bikes and pets category, James Boykin took first place. He rode a bike pulling a wagon containing a Christmas tree, beautifully decorated. Second place went to Vincent Lloyd and honorable mention went to Medlin's pony and cart.

The Wake Forest Marching Band also won a first place prize and the Henderson Institute Band placed second. Arnold Pope, parading in kilts and playing the bagpipes, won an honorable mention.

The Franklinton Woman's Club furnished the judges for the parade.

The Louisburg Woman's Club float, a first place winner in the Louisburg parade, and Framer's Tractor and Truck Co., a second place Louisburg winner appeared in the Franklinton parade as did the Louisburg High School Band.



Franklinton High School Cheerleaders



Guess Who Arrived In Franklinton

Staff Photos by Clint Fuller

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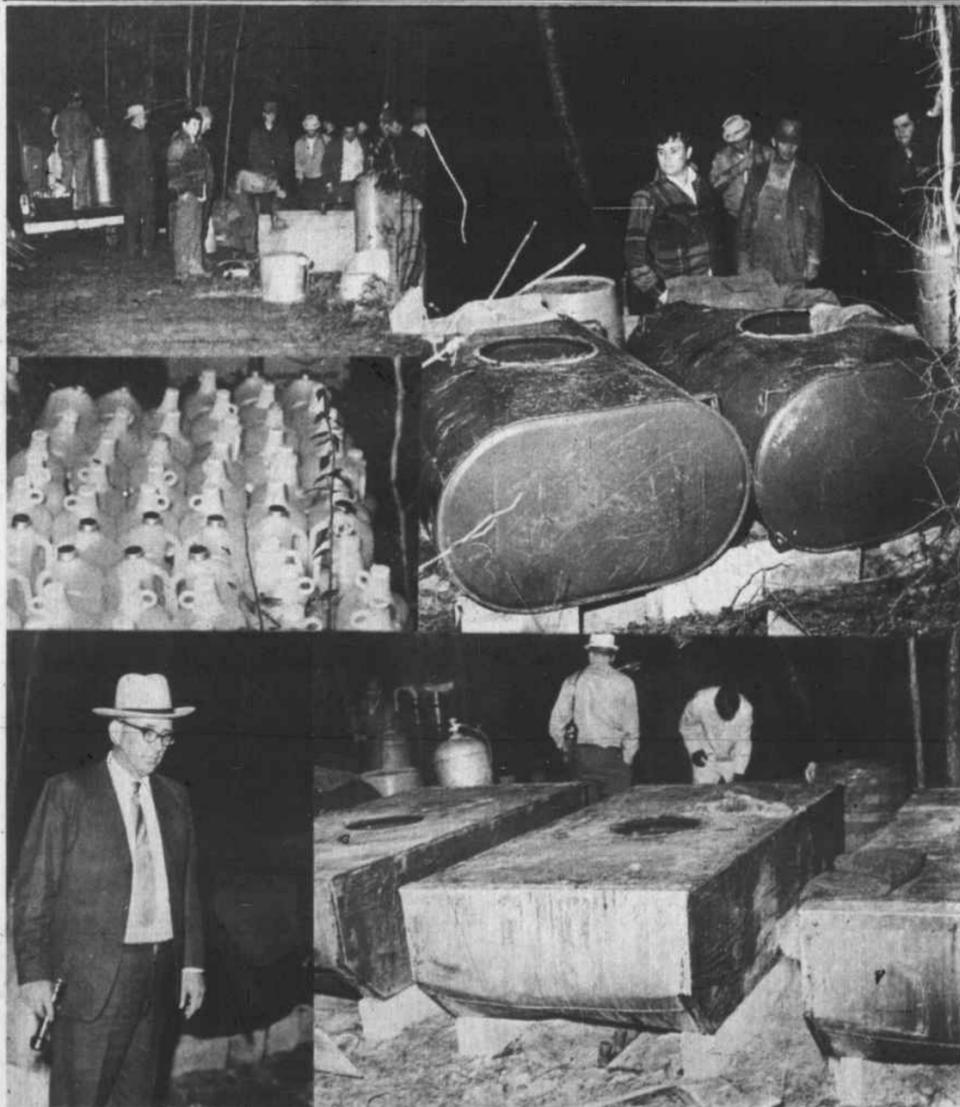
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Scenes Of Monday Night's Still Raid

Staff photos by Astor Bowden.

## Two County Men Arrested In Warren Big Still Raided Near Wood

Sheriff William T. Dement, his deputies and ATU agents raided a large liquor still near Wood Monday night. Three men were arrested at the site and charged with manufacture of illegal whiskey.

Dement identified the trio as William Danny Smith, w/m/17, Vann Ruffin Collie, w/m/28 and Charles O. Collie, w/m/36. All live on Route 1, Rocky Mount. Charles Collie is presently facing similar charges growing out of his arrest at a still near Bunn several months ago.

Officers confiscated a 1959 Ford automobile, eight 100-pound propane gas tanks, 875 pounds of sugar, a gasoline pump, three bags of brand and a number of tools, tubs and buckets.

Destroyed at the site were 287 gallons of whiskey and eight submarine-type stills with a capacity of 3,000 gallons. Dement said the unit was capable of producing 200 gallons of illegal booze per day.

The raid occurred around 6:30 P.M. Monday and officers worked until nearly midnight destroying the operation. The trio arrested will face charges in Franklin District Court.

Warren County Sheriff's officers and ATU agents raided what was described as one of the largest operations seen in recent years in this section. The officers hit a 600-gallon

daily capacity unit Monday in the Licksillet Community of Warren County and two Franklin County men were arrested at the site. The two were identified as David Earl Champion and

John Henry Branch. The raid took place Monday around 4 A.M., according to reports and the two men were arrested as they drove up with a load of sugar.

## Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor To Address Lions Club Tonight

Lt. Governor Pat Taylor will be the featured speaker at the annual ladies night Christmas Party of the Louisburg Lions Club here tonight. The Lt. Governor will be the special guest of Lion Edward F. Yarborough, a Louisburg attorney who will be in charge of the program.

Taylor, who served as Speaker of the House in 1965 was elected to the Lt. Governor post last year. The Wadesboro native and former Marine was the favorite among a host of speakers here at a Democratic rally last year with his homespun humor and down-to-earth wit.

An attorney by profession, the Lt. Governor is a graduate of the UNC Law School. Before becoming Speaker in 1965, he served five terms in the House. He is married to the former Elizabeth Lockhart and the father of three children, Elizabeth Ann Taylor, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, III and Adam Lockhart Taylor.

The annual Christmas meeting is the highlight of the local Lion year. H. D. (Tommy) Jeffreys is President of the Club.



LT. GOVERNOR PAT TAYLOR

## Bank Honors Seven Employees

Seven First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company employees in Louisburg will be honored this week in recognition of their long service with the bank.

Each will receive a special letter of commendation from Lewis R. Holding, President of First-Citizens. They will also be presented service pins.

Charles H. Loan will receive a 20 year award, and Mrs. Dulcie G. Williams has completed 15 years with the Bank.

A. M. Dail, Vice President and Joseph E. Gilliam are to receive 10 year pins, and Mrs. Elaine W. Harris, Mrs. Nancy G. White, and Mrs. Phyllis C. Joyner are to be recognized for five years service.

They are among 179 First-Citizens employees from across the state to be honored. These employees represent 1,835 years service, averaging some 10 years each.

## Secondary Road Work Slated

The State Highway Commission has allocated \$97,000 from Secondary Road Bond funds for Franklin County, according to announcement last week by Clifton L. Benson, Area Highway Commissioner.

An allocation of \$34,900 was made to grade, drain and pave State Road 1731, known as the old Bunn Road, located southeast of the Bunn town limits. The work will extend from the end of the present paved portion to State Rural 1735, a distance of 1.3 miles.

Also slated from this allocation is State Rural road 1715, known as the Martin Road located between Phelps Chapel and the Riley Community, a distance of .40 miles.

Another allocation of \$61,900 was made to grade, drain and pave State Rural road 1473, Reynolds Road from NC-561 to a dead end, a distance of 1.2 miles. This road is located between Centerville and Wood.

Also included in this allocation is similar work to State Rural 1458, the Brewer Road from State Rural 1457 to State Rural 1425, a distance of 1.2

miles. This road is located in the White Level Community. Also slated for paving is State Rural 1467, Fishing Rock Road from the end of present paving to NC-56, a distance of .10 miles. This

road is located of Stallings Crossroads.

All secondary work, it was pointed out, is dependent on the availability of right of way.

## Wreck Kills Bunn Man

A 59-year-old Bunn man was fatally injured early last Friday morning when his late model car crashed into a tractor-trailer truck at the intersection of NC-39 and NC-97 two miles east of Zebulon.

The car driven by Norman Elmo Gaskill, the victim, collided with a tractor-trailer rig driven by Donald Barham, 25 of Route 5, Raleigh, about 7:40 a.m., according to State Trooper D. M. Hinton.

Hinton said Gaskill was headed south on NC-39, failed to stop for a stop sign at NC-97 and was hit by the tractor-trailer traveling east on NC-97.

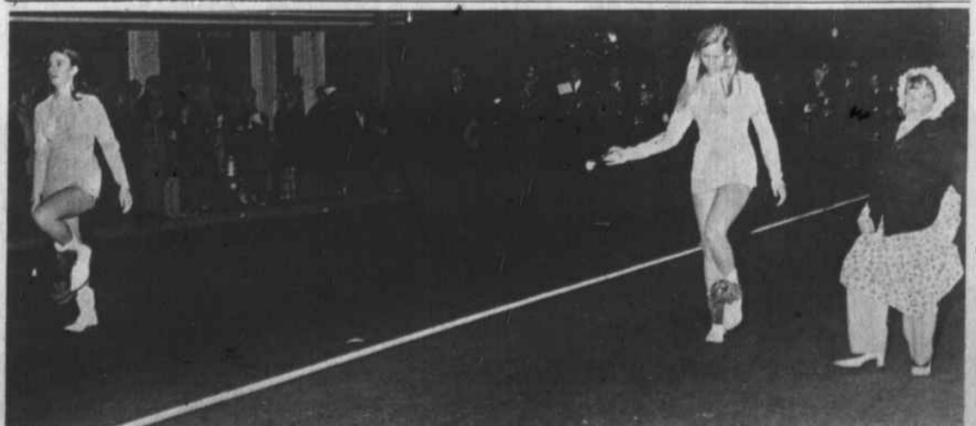
Barham suffered minor injuries, was treated at Wake Memorial Hospital and released. No charges were filed in the

case, Hinton said.

Gaskill was a deacon in the Bunn Baptist Church where he had been a Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Gaskill is Food Services Director of Franklin County Schools.

Funeral services for Gaskill, a director for the N. C. Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Bunn Baptist Church by the Rev. Albert Snipes and Rev. Howard Silver. Burial followed in the Bunn cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Louise Shearon Gaskill; three daughters, Mary Louise, Norma and Ruby Gaskill of the home; two brothers, Julian T. of Goldsboro and Jesse G. Gaskill of Sea Level.



Clown Joins LHS Majorettes In Franklinton Parade