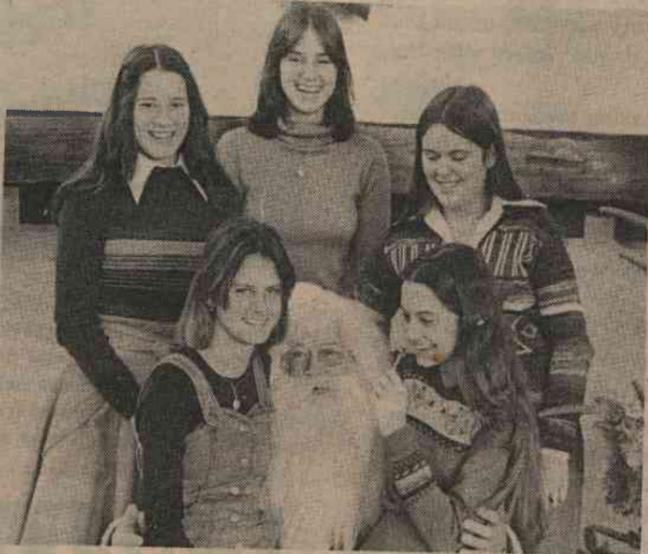


Everyone Anticipates



Everybody wants something for Christmas: everything from sanity and no school to cars and diamond rings. These are just a few items mentioned during a random survey by the **Gryphon**.

Lynn Moore stated that she would like Arnold Horshack on "Welcome Back Kotter." "I think he's cute," she said.

Joel Battle would like to have 1,000 boxes of Sugar Frosted Flakes and some Zesta crackers.

Debbie Kilgore said she would like "to sit by a warm fire while looking out on the fresh white snow. That's what I'd really like to do," she stated.

Alton Edwards (Bubba) said he would like to have a Stretch Armstrong doll and a Baby Alive doll.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE — Christmas means many things to many people. To some it means a time to relax and have fun with friends. Other just enjoy the atmosphere of light heartedness, and some enjoy the closeness it brings between people.

And They All Work Too Hard

Employed students at Rocky Mount Senior High cry "the Christmas crowd has hit!"

"The Laundry Man Can," says Bryan Stilley, an employee at Purvis Cleaners, as he fights his way through Christmas traffic. Bryan commented, "Things are busy down at the cleaners, I guess people need their long dresses, coats and ties for all the parties!"

Cecelie Alston is wrapping presents at Almands Drug Store. Cecelie says, "It is hard to wrap a hair dryer in a triangular box."

Terry Potter, a desk clerk at Days Inn says "People from the North are coming home, most people are enjoying the holidays, and I wouldn't mind checking out a few who check in!"



THE CHRISTMAS RUSH HITS — Rocky Mount Senior High students are employed in local business and as the crowds of Christmas shoppers arrive, students become involved in the yearly Christmas rush. The junior salesmen work frantically to please the customers and to keep everyone happy.

The Aged Recall

"Christmas past" is never forgotten. When asked about past Christmases, many senior citizens replied that the main thing they remember is not getting so many things at Christmas, but always enjoying what they did receive.

One resident of Guardian Care told of how she remembered the year her mother was sick and she had to take on the role of Santa Claus. She added that her mother would always take their dolls and toys out of the box and arrange them very nicely in the living room around the Christmas tree.

Another patient recalled how

her parents never put the Christmas tree up until Christmas Eve, after the children had gone to sleep. They didn't put many decorations on the tree, because a holly tree was used, and this was covered with red berries. The two main things used were small wax candles and strings of popcorn.

The same person also remembered how her family would load up the sleigh, and ride to some relative's home for the big Christmas tree.

Past Christmases bring back happy memories to the residents of Guardian Care and to all of us.



BAND PARTICIPATES IN CHRISTMAS PARADE — The annual Christmas Parade was held recently and the marching band from Rocky Mount Senior High was right in it. The parade contained various floats typical of the holiday season. Jolly Old Saint Nick even showed up to cap the occasion. Many people were strung along the sides of the streets, despite the cold, to watch the display.

