

Students Welcome Holiday Season

Albemarle's annual City Christmas Parade was conducted Monday afternoon, November 28. The parade, which had around 100 entries, consisted of bands, floats, and various displays representing Stanly County and the surrounding areas.

Also participating in the parade were many clubs and students from Senior High. Albemarle's Marching Band, composed of 85 members, was led off by the cheerleaders and majorettes. The band followed close behind playing the school drum cadence and "The Brighter Side of Christmas", a musical selection containing three songs, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas", "Frosty the Snowman", and "Jinglebell Rock".

Moonbeams

Roaring Wheels

The Student Rotarian for the month of December is Tommy Ochs and the Student Lion is Alan Phillips.

Hot Tamale!

The Spanish I classes enjoyed a Mexican dinner November 30 at the La Fiesta restaurant in Charlotte.

Attention:

Memories for Sale

Annual subscriptions for the 1978 Crossroads were sold November 21, 23, 28 and December 2. This year's annual is \$9.00 and \$9.50 for a personalized cover. If you haven't bought yours, see Mrs. Dennis in room 213, before or after school.

Ahead with Morehead

Congratulations to Donna Kirk upon being selected as a representative of Stanly County to the district Morehead Scholarship competition in January.

Continued Next Year

How do you spell relief? V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N! Students get out December 16 for a much-needed Christmas holiday and will return to school January 2 to complete the first semester.

Brain Strain

The second nine weeks closes January 20 and exams will be given January 23, 24 and 25. First and fourth period exams are scheduled for January 23, second and fifth period exams on January 24 and third and sixth period exams on January 25. Exam times each day will be 9:00-11:00 and 1:00-3:00.

La Nina Nueva

Mr. Morrow is the proud father of a new baby girl, Andrea Maritza, born November 3 in Charlotte. Congratulations!

Baby Boom

Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick received an early Christmas present Thursday, December 8 when a baby boy, Jason Thomas, was born into the family. Congratulations!

Can Collectors

The National Honor Society members collected canned goods in first period classes during the month of December. The food will be given as gifts to the school custodians.

ICT-VICA Steaks Out

ICT-VICA club met November 29 at the Western Steer Steak House to install the 1977 VICA officers. The newly elected officers are Charles Burris, president; Edward Whitley, vice-president; Margaret Crisco, secretary; Kim Hinson, co-treasurer; Sheila Benton, co-treasurer; Mitzi Morris, parliamentarian; Bobby Archer, reporter.

Following the band was Miss Pam Stokes, Senior High Homecoming Queen. Denise Deninger, newly elected Miss FBLA rode in a car following Pam. Also riding were Cheryl Freeman and Cathy Hopkins as Misses FHA. Behind these girls were Keith Tucker and Margaret Crisco as Mr. and Ms. VICA and Ronnie Kearns and Joyce Watkins as Mr. and Ms. DECA. Riding a commercial float for American & Efirid Mills and The Concord Telephone Company were Sharon Hill, Julie Sides, and Debbie Sparks. Monica Bowers, Kathy Harley, Carla Perry, and Vicki Lambert rode the Home Savings & Loan float.

Although the event was threatened by periods of rain throughout the day the spirits of the participants weren't dampened and the 1977 City Christmas Parade was a big success!



Band warms up for holiday march.



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Mr. Jones leads the Senior Choir in vocal warm-ups before rehearsal.

Chorus Sings In Christmas Cheer

The Albemarle Senior High Senior Choir and Chorus plan to celebrate the Yuletide season by presenting their concert of Christmas and secular music, December 15 at 7:30 in the Central United Methodist Church sanctuary.

Performing in the concert will be the Senior Choir and the Sophomore Chorus, both under the direction of Mr. Bob Jones. Mr. Jones is anticipating an enjoyable performance by the choruses, which will display much work and progress. "I feel that this group has surpassed the final performance of last year's chorus. The Senior Choir is performing a grade higher in difficulty than last year and I feel we have grown that much vocally."

The Senior Choir will present selections of secular music including "For All the Saints." To recognize the Christmas holiday, the choir will sing a number of seasonal selections such as "Carol of the Bells" and "Let the Song Be Begun." A girl's sextet will perform an arrangement of "Angels We Have Heard on High" and a small men's group has selected "We Three Kings" for their performance. Also featured are soloists Mrs. Bette Campagna, William Hudson, Brian Souther, Carol Gwaltney, and Kathy Boone.

In addition to the Senior Choir performance, the Sophomore Chorus will contribute several numbers including "Day by Day", and "There is a Great Joy

a Coming." A brass ensemble will accompany various selections throughout the concert, as will Gary Piazza, artist-in-residence at Stanly Tech, on the flute and guitar. These musicians will also perform as an added attraction between the choral presentations.

Mr. Jones invites everyone to the Christmas Choral Concert. "We feel that aacoustically, Central Methodist Church is an excellent place to sing and we invite everyone to join us in our holiday celebration."

Concert Spreads Good Tidings

The members of the Albemarle Senior High Concert Band set the mood for the holiday season at their concert of Christmas music December 12th at 7:30 in the Senior High Auditorium.

Directed by Senior High Band director, Mr. Tim Hedrick, the band presented many Christmas selections including "Green-sleeves", and "Good Tidings of Great Joy." A favorite among many band members was "A Christmas Festival." This song consisted of a narrated story highlighted by variations of many Christmas songs and hymns. The band members were pleased with their performance. Baritone player Melissa McKeithen comments, "We have put a lot of hard work into this concert and I think we did a good job."

Group Ciphers In Pfeiffer Competition

The annual Pfeiffer College High School Mathematics Contest was conducted November 19 at Pfeiffer College in the Harris Science Building and Science Lecture Hall. Students attending the contest from Albemarle were Carol Gwaltney, Ann McLawhorn, Ronnie Thomas, Angie Tucker, Leigh Hartley, Shelby Austin, Todd Overcash, and Ernie Wilson. Along with these team contestants was their sponsor Mrs. Morgan. Those attending the contest were given both a written test and an oral test. The written test covered different mathematical topics and aptitudes, and general reasoning skills. For the oral test

one student from each group was given a problem on an overhead projector and the first one to answer it correctly scored points for their group. The purposes for the testing were to stimulate the students' interest in the study of mathematics, provide recognition to bright high school mathematics students, serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas on the part of high school teachers concerning math, and to expose high school students and teachers to Pfeiffer College.

Council Aids Needy Family

This Christmas, the student body is helping to give two underprivileged children a Merry Christmas. Through money donated by the students, the Student Council has bought several necessities and a few surprises for this unfortunate family.

During the week of December 5-9, the Council set up the class spirit jars outside the cafeteria to give the students and teachers a chance to donate money to the less privileged. The jars were available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The class which contributed the most money will get three spirit points for their good-will.

Assembly Features Skits

The Student Council will sponsor a Christmas Assembly Friday, December 16 during second period. It will consist of skits presented by some of the Senior High clubs.

Each club will have five to ten minutes to perform a skit that relates to Christmas. Clubs planning to participate are DECA, VICA, Media Club, Monogram Club, FHA, NHS, Annual Staff, Journalism Staff, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes, and Student Council. Merry Christmas!

Band Steps High In Two Yuletide Parades

The Senior High Marching Band has been given two honors. They were invited to the Salisbury Christmas Parade Wednesday, November 21, and to the Shrine Bowl game and Parade, December 10.

The band, flag corps, and majorettes took chartered buses to the parade sites. They traveled to Spencer and performed in the Yuletide parade there, then boarded the buses again and went to Salisbury for a second holiday march.

The Shrine Bowl, played an-

nually in Charlotte, was the second event the band attended. It featured competition between a team of outstanding High School football players from all over North Carolina and the outstanding players from South Carolina schools. Bands from all over both states were invited to participate in the parade before the game and take part in the halftime presentation. Last year Albemarle's band was invited, but it rained and they were unable to attend.