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Rain Didn't Dampen Parade Spirit

The weather did not keep parade fans away, but it kept most under cover, Sunday, as rain drenched Boiling Springs' Christmas Parade, on its promenade down Main Street.

More properly, most of the would-have-been marchers rode — in cars, or under umbrellas on floats and in their horse-drawn carts and wagons.

Of those of whom marching was expected, some had to decline. Members of the Crest High Band huddled under available shelter, not daring to risk instruments to the elements. Beauty Queens waved glamorously from cars. "We want to keep them beautiful," a parade official said.

Many spectators drove to the

parade route and parked their cars where they could view the passing scene. Others clustered valiantly under raincoats and umbrellas, as the procession passed from C.J. Hamrick's store south to the Boiling Springs Baptist parking lot.

Parade Marshal Rev. Max Linnens led the parade, which moved very fast, in self-defense.

Santa Claus, clutching his sack of giveaway candies against the ruinous damp, brought up the rear.

"It's the first time we've ever had rain," said parade coordinator Iris Rose. "It could have been worse," she said; the real downpour came not long after the parade was over. Or, it could have been ice, and snow...

And
Splash Away
Splash Away
Splash Away
All....

Clothing Store Owners Announce Shop's Closing

Ab's Factory Outlet will close its store in downtown Boiling Springs as soon as current inventory is sold, owners Ed and Dolores Abdo decided Tuesday. No final date has been set for the closing, but the once-successful store will go because it is no longer making a profit, Mrs. Abdo said.

Ab's, which sells women's clothing, opened four years ago the day after Christmas. Most of the merchandise at that time was made at Ab's, Inc., the Abdo's Boiling Springs sewing plant. Later other manufacturers' lines were brought in and little of the current goods is locally made, Mrs. Abdo said.

bargain shop. "I think people misunderstood," Mrs. Abdo says. "I think they thought we had closed the store." Proximity of other outlets also may have channeled off some of the profits too, she feels.

One feature of Ab's, absent from most other such stores, will remain, though in another building. "We would like to keep the cloth outlet," Mrs. Abdo said. Remnants of cloth and notions from the Abdows' beach wear factory have been a popular attraction; bins yield piecegoods often priced at 39 cents a pound, and some items have sold for a penny. The fabric outlet will move, but it will continue, Mrs. Abdo said.

Rita Shelby manages the shop, which has operated in a building on College Avenue owned by Jimmy Beason. "We've had a wonderful clientele," Mrs. Abdo said. "We've made a lot of friends. But if something's not profitable..."

Wednesday became a very busy day, when the "Going Out of Business Sale" sign went up.

The owners say they believe a shutdown at their plant last summer confused customers who once had frequented the little

Town Offices To Close For Holidays

The Boiling Springs Town Hall will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas. The town office will also be closed Jan. 2, the Monday following New Year's Day. Garbage service will be one day late both weeks.

The post office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2.



Christmas Service Planned

A Christmas Worship Service will be presented at Boiling Springs Baptist Church on December 18 at 11:00 a.m. by the Adult Choir. It will emphasize the prophesy of Christ's birth, the event and its significance and our response to his coming. The Adult Choir will also join with First Baptist,

Shelby, Poplar Springs and Elizabeth Churches on December 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Malcom Brown Auditorium to present the Messiah.

The College Youth Choir of Boiling Springs Baptist Church will sing at Cleveland Mall on December 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Fires Hit Two Area Homes

Rev. Oscar Funderburke is recovering in Crawley Memorial Hospital after suffering from smoke inhalation Monday night in a fire at his Trinity Church Road home.

The retired pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Funderburke was alone in his home when, according to firemen, a kerosene heater turned over and the fire started, about 8:30 p.m. Firefighting units from Boiling Springs Rural and Lattimore No. 7 Fire Departments, and the Boiling Springs and Rutherford Rescue Squads answered the call.

Before firemen could put out the blaze, severe damage had been done to the white frame home, which had recently been modernized with an addition. Dense smoke poured from windows and attic vents, shrouding firemen who clambered to the roof. Early estimates set damages to the dwelling and Funderburke's belongings at about \$20,000. The minister was taken by ambulance to Crawley, where his nurse reported Wednesday that "He's doing much better — his color is good."

The Monday fire followed one on Friday night which damaged a vacant house on James Lovelace Road, owned by Clif-

ford Ledford of Patrick Avenue, in Boiling Springs. Boiling Springs town and rural fire departments managed to confine the flames to the kitchen, where it charred fixtures and cabinets and sent thick smoke through

the rest of the house.

"The tenants had just moved out, about a week ago," Ledford said, "and I had started to paint it. We were getting ready to rent it again." The fire apparently started in electrical wires in the

wall between the kitchen and a bedroom, he said. "Now," he added, "I'm really going to have to do some remodeling!"

Ledford said no one had yet arrived at a monetary estimate of damages, following the fire.

Rain-wary band members wait out Boiling Springs Christmas Parade.



Moorestboro Resident Mrs. Spangler Dies

Moorestboro native Mrs. Sarah Nevada Greene Spangler died Friday in Cleveland Memorial Hospital, after several weeks of failing health. She was 75.

The daughter of the late C.S. and Jane Beason Greene, she was a life-long resident of Moorestboro. At the time of her death she was living at the family homeplace near Sandy Run Baptist Church, where she was a member.

Her husband, Horace Tyson Spangler, and one of their sons, John Spangler, preceded her in death, by 21 years. John died of a heart attack at the age of 29, on Christmas Eve in 1962, after leaving the bedside of his father, who died one week later. Mrs. Spangler died on the same day, Dec. 9 as had her brother Max Green 19 years ago.

Mrs. Spangler had been

hospitalized for a heart ailment recently, and had returned to the hospital for treatment when she suffered the fatal attack.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday by Rev. Tim Hendrick at Sandy Run Baptist Church, where Mrs. Spangler had been active in senior Citizens' and women's missionary groups. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Horace Spangler of Lebanon, Tenn., and David Spangler of Lake Butler, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. Louise Spangler Jones, of the home; a brother, Rev. Carl Greene, pastor of the Northdale Baptist Church in Charlotte; a sister, Flora Greene, of Charlotte; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Sandy Run Baptist Church.



Volunteer Firemen On Scene At Ledford House