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Yesterday was when Margaret Waters Powers, who lived at 801 Broad Street, invited us to come by and get acquainted with her 51 year old doll.

When we arrived the doll was seated in the parlor, wearing the same dress that a seamstress made for it, back in 1912. Mollie Gatlin of Vanceboro, who gave it to Margaret, had been using it to model size two children's dresses at her store before she passed it on.

Margaret confessed that she played with the doll until she was 16 years old. "In fact," she admitted, "I played with it until I was ashamed to any longer. As you can see, it is in a remarkable state of preservation."

And so it was. The only mishap to befall it in half a century could be blamed on moths. "They ate her hair up," said Margaret, "but I had another wig made from my own hair."

The doll was given the name of Mollie, for the lady whose present to a little girl was destined to bring lasting pleasure. Dolls are supposed to be fragile, but this one, you could see, was never mistreated.

We have no knowledge of what happened to it, after Margaret's death. Perhaps someone reading these lines can enlighten us.

Yesterday was when tragedy had a happy ending for 13 year old Hurley Vincent, Jr., of Jasper, who was injured in a freak accident on the first day of the New Bern-Craven County Vehicle Safety Check program.

Riding to town on a Jasper School float that was decorated for use in the opening day's Safety parade, the slender eighth grader was thrown from the truck, on Highway 70, when a gust of wind ripped off part of the display.

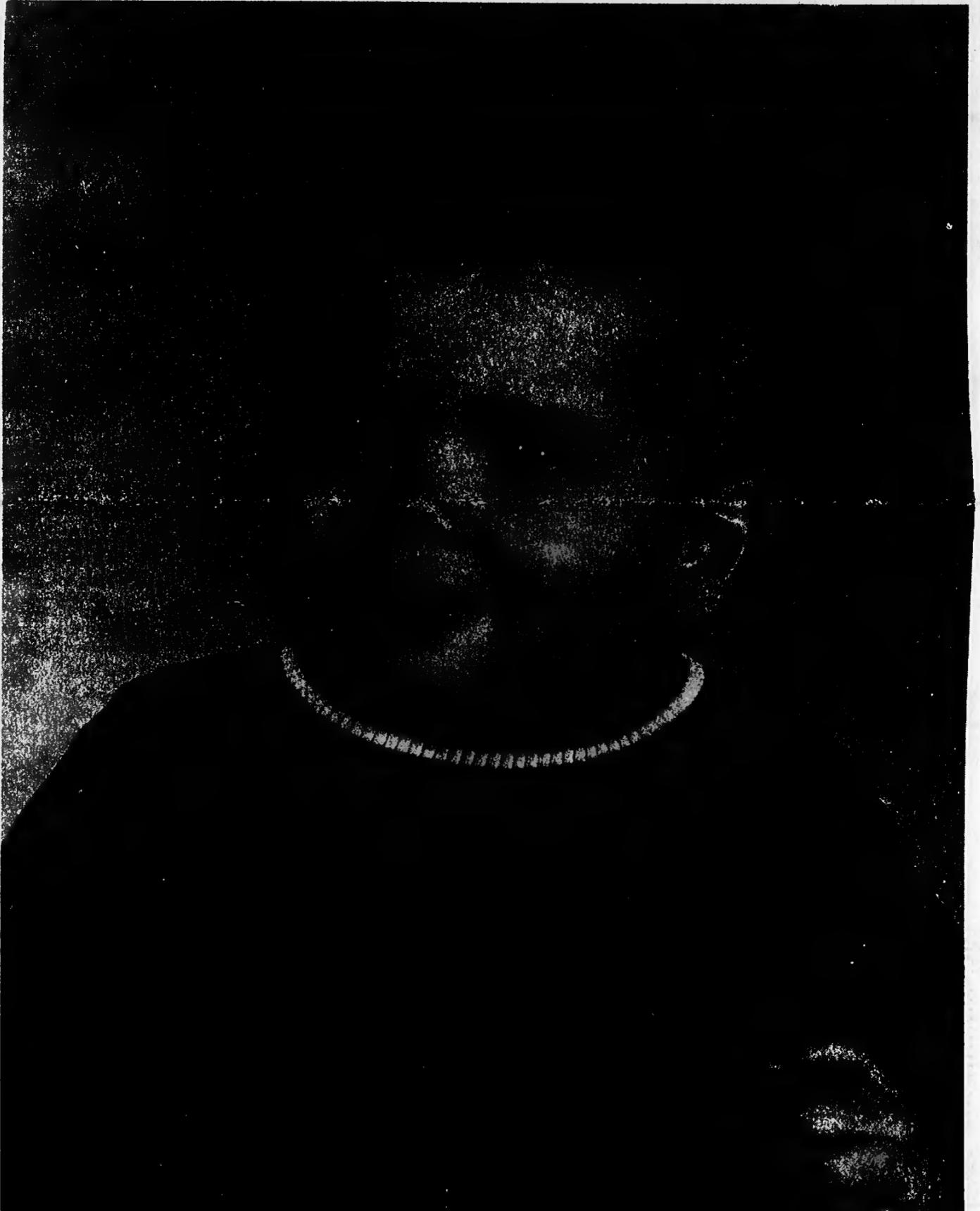
Hurley sustained a brain concussion, and remained a patient at St. Luke's Hospital here for several days. Knowing how excited the youngster was about the parade, officials decided to use the float, despite the mishap.

When the safety campaign ended, with 27,000 vehicles inspected during a six-day period, Chairman James A. Stutts headed for the Vincent farm house, where Hurley resided with his parents, a brother and sister, and his paternal grandmother.

It was a good day for working in a corn field, and that's where Hurley's parents happened to be when Stutts arrived. Hurley's brother, fleet as a deer, raced down the lane to let them know company had arrived.

When the family gathered, Stutts expressed his own regret and that of other Safety Check officials at the boy's misfortune. A big smile blossomed on Hurley's face when Jim handed him a neatly wrapped package containing a wrist watch provided for the occasion by a local jeweler.

Then the lad was asked to close his eyes. Moments later he



PLENTY OF SPUNK—This young man, one year old Christian Galvin, has come face to face with very serious illness during recent months, but like a true champ is fighting back and favored to win a complete victory. Extensive treatment at Duke Hospital in Durham has been followed by therapy at Craven County Hospital here. He is the son of

Michael and Roseanne Galvin of New Bern. Mrs. Callie Tully is the maternal grandmother, and the paternal grandparents are the James Galvins. With these affectionate relatives, and three great-grandmothers in his cheering section, Christian has all the incentive he needs to battle his way to full recovery.