



Guess Who's Coming

Christmas Parade Most Worthwhile

By Clint Fuller
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Thousands of children of all ages braved a twenty-mile-per hour wind in freezing temperature Wednesday night at Franklinton. All for the chance to see Santa Claus — and to officially open the holiday season.

For nearly an hour the parade entries came by and with each passing, the eyes of the smallest children glowed with anticipation. The brightness of

the commercial floats, the antics of the clowns, the chilled music of the bands, failed to take the small time's minds off the more important things. Santa Claus was coming.

Franklinton's main street was draped for blocks with squatting small fry, bundled like Eskimo sled dogs against the winter's cold. All faced south into the wind. Red noses, blown hair and an occasional grab by mama's protecting hand, kept very few from continually edging for a better view.

And they came — sixty-two entries strong. Bright, colorful and novel. A car that heads two ways, making it impossible to tell whether it's coming or going. Beauty queens displaying the reasons why. Young boys searching for an Academy Award, acting out the part of clowns — overacting is a better word.

Officials waving and feeling self-conscious as they rode comfortably warm inside new automobiles. Girls and mothers, not so warm as they decorated float after float. Convertibles, whose tops are seldom downed in summer, sporting the lines of a no-top car and equally slim lines of cool beauties.

The big company floats were the prettiest. Money has a way of showing, even in a Christmas parade. But the

youngster in a cart drawn by a half-sized pony got more cheers.

A lot of work had gone into the annual Franklinton Christmas parade, but looking down beside us at the beaming, almost explosive face of a young boy, age three, showed in a flash — it had all been most worthwhile.

School Board Holds Session

The Franklin County Board of Education held its regular monthly session here Monday night and accepted resignations from four teachers in the system and approved employment of three new teachers.

The Board granted a request from the Franklinton City School unit for the use of three buses for the summer program and heard Durwood Pegram explain a fire detection system for schools and homes.

Much of the session was allotted to the discussion of long range plans for the county system and a host of allied details. Also discussed was the reduced price lunch program, eye clinics, annuity contracts and additional land needs at some of the schools.

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County Welfare Dept. To Give Needy Family List

The Franklin County Welfare Department will once again make public certain cases of needy families at Christmas time. The practice used for several years to assist the public in aiding the needy was discontinued some time ago, but is being reinstated this year.

A release from the Department gives details of the new policy as follows:

"As the Yuletide Season ap-

Talton Is Key Banker

To coordinate the agricultural activities of the N. C. Bankers Association in this area, J. H. Talton has been named County Key Banker for Franklin County.

NCBA President J. Paul Ford of Belmont has announced that Mr. Talton will serve as County Key Banker during the next 12 months. He is Vice-President of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Louisburg, N. C.

For 23 years the NCBA has received national recognition for its far-reaching program of service to agriculture in North Carolina. President Ford, noting the work of bankers in behalf of agriculture, thanked the 100 County Key Bankers for their role in this record.

Ford called attention to the projects that are sponsored by the Association such as the annual Farm Credit Conference which will again be held in Raleigh, February 10-11, 1969, the two-week school at N. C. State University for young farmers who are provided scholarships given by their home community banks, and the co-sponsorship of the land judging meet in the interest of soil conservation. He also reported that the banks of North Carolina continue to lend more money to farmers than any other institutional group of lenders, last year providing \$161 million in loans.

Mrs. Malone Named 8th Reporter

Mrs. James E. Malone has been appointed official Court Reporter for the Eighth Judicial District, comprising Wayne, Lenoir and Greene Counties. Judge Albert W. Cowper, Resident Superior Court Judge, administered the oath of office to her last Friday, November 30th in Kinston. Under the new court system Court Reporters are assigned to one district and become state employees.

Mrs. Malone has had invaluable experience as a free lance reporter, working for over fifty Superior Court Judges in as many counties of the state. She will retain her residence in Louisburg, only working when courts are in session.

proaches, the Welfare staff naturally reflects on the past as well as lives with the present and many situations come to mind - a little child wants to come home for Christmas and is too young to realize there is no home or parents to come home to - several children whose mother is dead wonder when daddy (who is in a hospital far away suffering from an incurable disease) is coming home - an elderly woman living alone, no relatives, lives from day to day and looks forward to what? All of these are with us here and many more", says Mrs. Jane York, Director of Welfare.

"A list of needy families will be publicized in the Franklin Times twice weekly beginning December 10, 1968", she announced.

"There will be a worker available at all times (8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday) to receive telephone calls with regard to these needy families", the Director added.

The agency is also requesting cash donations with which to provide for children in foster homes, child caring institutions and schools for the mentally and physically handicapped.

Mrs. York said, "I know Franklin County people, and each year I continue to be inspired by the thoughtfulness, deep feeling and love our folks have for one another which is really what Christ's birthday symbolizes."

No prepared Christmas boxes will be given to persons coming to the office and the agency will be unable to receive gifts for distribution. "This is your opportunity to get to know the needs of Franklin County and its people", Mrs. York concluded.

Epsom Lions Aid Glasses Collection

Members of the Epsom Lions Club are assisting in the collection of used eyeglasses, according to Kenneth Fuller, local postal employee and a member of the organization. Fuller explains that Fred Kesler of Henderson, also an Epsom Lion is handling the eyeglasses for New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., a non-profit organization in Short Hills, N. J.

Fuller asks that anyone having glasses not in use bring them to the Louisburg Post Office and says that he will take them to Kesler, who in turn will ship them to the New Jersey organization.

New Eyes, founded in 1932 by Mrs. Arthur Terry, collects eyeglasses, broken jewelry and pieces of precious metal. The work of sorting, testing, overseas packaging and acknowledging the hundreds of thousands of pair of glasses received each year is carefully done by volunteers in donated quarters.

New Eyes has never solicited money. Since its beginning, it has helped nearly a quarter of a million people by converting items useless to the owner into vital sight for others.



CHARLENE THOMAS
of Richmond, Va.

Tri-Color Winner

LYNN MCINTYRE
of Raleigh, N. C.

Winners Named In Garden Club Contest

On Tuesday, Dec. 3 members of the Civic Project Committee of the Louisburg Garden Club visited the Louisburg College campus and judged the doors in the women dorms that had been decorated for Christmas.

This is an annual contest sponsored by the Louisburg Garden Club and motivates creativity and Christmas spirit on the College campus.

Ribbons were awarded for first, second and third places on each floor in each dorm. The women whose door was cited as the best on the campus received the Tri-Color ribbon and a gift from the Louisburg Garden Club.

The recipients of the Tri-Color ribbon were Charlene Thomas of Richmond, Va. and Lynn McIntyre of Raleigh, N. C. They used as the theme for their door - Happiness is - Home for the Holiday.

Those receiving various ribbons were as follows:

Blue Ribbon Winners
Merritt Hall: 1st floor - Rachel Miller, Wilson, N. C.; Susan Wells, Wilson, N. C.; 2nd floor - Joyce Weatherspoon, Raleigh, N. C.; Judy Edwards, Emporia, Va.; 3rd floor - Ann Hager, Lynchburg, Va.; Ginny Anthony, Mountain Lakes, N. J.

New Dorm: 1st floor - Sandra Kay Wood, Kinston, N. C.; Mary Rose Aiken, Snow Hill, N. C.; 2nd floor - Charlene Thomas, Richmond, Va.; Lynn McIntyre, Raleigh, N. C.; 3rd floor - Jennie Donald, Richmond, Va.; Sue Jarman, Harrell, N. C.

Wright Dorm: 1st floor - Judy Babcock, Jacksonville, N. C.; Evie Smith, Kittrell, N. C.; 2nd floor - Pam Personette, Hong Hong, China, Nancy Davis, Wake Forest, N. C.; 3rd floor -

Marcie Wilhoit, Albemarle, N. C.; Jerry Holland, Salisbury, Md.

Red Ribbon Winners

Merritt Hall: 1st floor - Betsy Flanagan, Richmond, Va.; Donna Adams, Henderson, N. C.; 2nd floor - Margaret Weston, Franklinton, N. C.; Linda Ayscue, Henderson, N. C.; 3rd floor - Beverly Sheffield, Blackstone, Va.; Belinda Porter, Newsome, Va.

New Dorm: 1st floor - Nancy Jones, Lumberton, N. C.; Jennifer Ippock, Vanceboro, N. C.; 2nd floor - Cherry Kelly, Kelly, N. C.; Karen Ayscue, Henderson, N. C.; 3rd floor - Connie Wilson, Chase City, Va.; Beth

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Franklin Road Project To Cost \$725,185

The State Highway Commission received bids on the NC-39, US-401 highway project in Franklin County at its regular monthly meeting held Monday in Raleigh. The project is part of bids totaling \$32,679,271.40 for 45 projects in 43 North Carolina counties.

All apparent low bids will be reviewed by the Commission Friday.

T. A. Loving Co. of Goldsboro is apparent low bidder on the Franklin project at \$725,185.10. Fifth Division Highway Commissioner, J. B. Brame of Durham, said at a hearing here in October that \$750,000 had been allocated for the project. It was also disclosed at the hearing that the strip will not be completed all the way between Henderson and Louisburg as originally proposed. It was explained that Vance County held an allotment of \$600,000 for its part of the N. C. 39 highway and that about two miles of the road near the Franklin line would not be improved. Three additional miles will be omitted inside Franklin County leaving a five mile "missing link" between the two towns.

The project here is described in the Highway Commission release as

"6.540 miles of grading, coarse aggregate base course, bituminous concrete base, binder, surface and culverts on US-401, NC-39 between Louisburg and a point just north of SR-1249."

M. T. Adkins, Division Engineer, had said at the October hearing that the estimate cost of construction on the project was \$633,000 and pointed out that the sum did not include \$67,000 engineering costs or the cost of acquiring rights-of-way.

In October, 1966 Commissioner Brame announced the allocation of \$350,000 for improvements to NC-39 from Louisburg to Ingleside. In January, 1967, Mr. Brame announced an additional \$400,000 for the project and expressed the hope, at the time, that the amount would be sufficient to carry the improvements to the Vance County line at Epsom. When the initial announcement of the project was made, Adkins stated that NC-39, US-401 "will be the highest type of primary road we will build, except interstate highways". In October of 1966, Mr. Adkins estimated the project would take two years to complete.

District Governor Visits Here

District Governor Leon Spencer of Raleigh was featured speaker at the Tuesday night meeting of the Louisburg Lions Club here. Spencer spoke on the six keys to Lionism.

He said the "first key to excellent Lionism is fellowship." "When men work together and work together willingly, the world will not suffer from hatred", said Spencer.

In noting the second key as friendship, Spencer stated, "As long as a man has a friend beside him, he is not wasting his life. In fact, he can count his riches by his friends."

Understanding and opportunity were named third and fourth keys to Lionism by the District 31-G leader and ingenuity was listed as a fifth key.

"Finally", said Spencer, "there must be cooperation. Each person must do his share but not someone else's too. It is through spirit and enthusiasm that he will cooperate and

be of service. Be more than the pig who gives only when he is dead; be like a cow who gives while alive. Life is like a game of tennis. He wins who serves best."

An announcement was made of the annual ladies' night meeting to be held on December 10 at 7 P.M.

There were three visitors, Phil Shope, Rev. James Speight and James Rowell, all of Butner.



LHS Band (And Friends) In Franklinton Parade