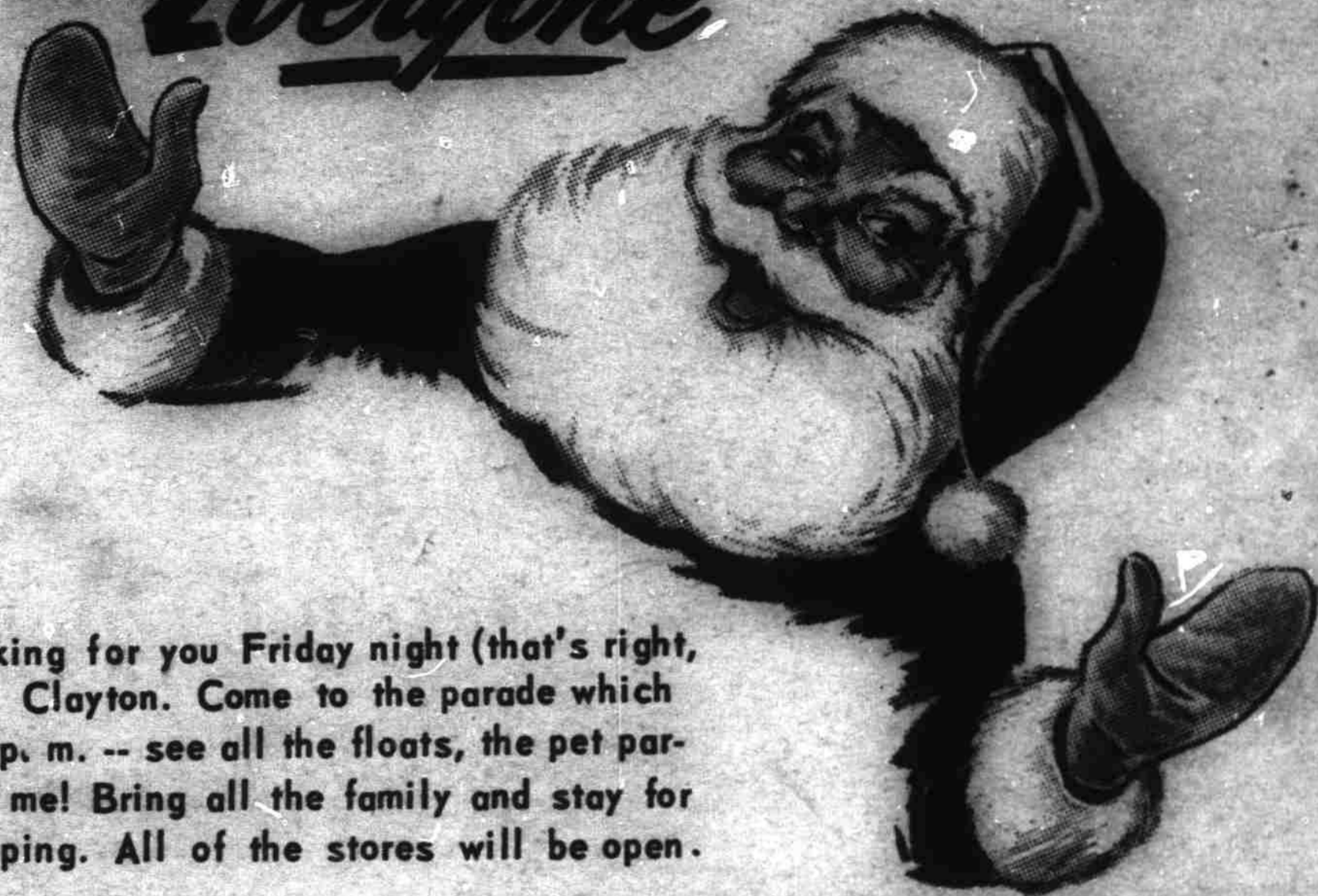


CLAYTON NEWS

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I'll be looking for you Friday night (that's right, Dec. 3) in Clayton. Come to the parade which starts at 6 p. m. -- see all the floats, the pet parade -- and me! Bring all the family and stay for some shopping. All of the stores will be open.

Annual Christmas Parade Set For Saturday, 6 P.M.

High-stepping majorettes, bands, pretty girls, floats, clowns, marching units and various other participants will be in Clayton's annual Christmas parade on Friday, Dec. 3 at 6 p. m. The "jolly old man from the North Pole" will arrive in town on a reindeer-decorated float, presented by the Merchants' Association, sponsors of the event.

The following high school bands have accepted invitations to appear in the parade: Smithfield High School, Johnston Central High School, Richard B. Harrison of Selma, Benson High School, Garner High School and the Garner Consolidated High School, Fuquay Consolidated High School, the DuBois High School of Wake Forest and the Cary High School Band.

The Pepsi-Cola Majorettes of Raleigh and little Deana

Thomas, nationally recognized baton twirler, along with the Forest Hill Drill Team from Four Oaks and the crack drill unit, the Marching Sergeants from Pershing Rifles R.O.T.C. at North Carolina State University, will be appearing in the gala parade.

Sandra Ferrell, Clayton Homecoming Queen and Gayle Blinson, Miss Clahisco, Bonnie Ellis and the Clayton High School cheerleaders are also scheduled to be in the line-up.

A number of Boy and Girl Scout troops have indicated they will participate and the Clayton Elementary School Safety Patrol is scheduled to march. The Clayton Rescue Squad, Civitans and Jaycees are planning entries and the Woodmen of the World and their Boys of Woodcraft chapter will enter a float. Leonard Moore Post No. 71,

American Legion, will present a color guard. The Clayton 4-H Club will be represented by a group of its members.

Ten professional floats, decorated by the T. D. Richey Company of Charlotte and Plant City, Fla., will be sponsored by local merchants. A bevy of pretty high school and college girls will be gracing these.

Numerous firms are planning other individual entries.

The Johnston County Shriners plan to participate and the N. C. Forest Service will be represented, and antique cars, new automobiles and various other miscellaneous entries are planned.

Judson Whitley and George Batten, co-chairman of church and civic entries, announced that in addition to the civic

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DEANA THOMAS looks like she enjoys being a baton twirler champion. Her medals and trophies have all been earned in the past two years. She will appear in Clayton's Christmas parade on Friday night, Dec. 3.

10-Year-Old Twirler Will Be Parade Feature

Enhancing the line-up of Clayton's annual Christmas parade scheduled for Friday, Dec. 3 at 6 p. m. will be a young miss who has achieved national recognition as one of the United States' approximate 1,500 foremost baton champions. Ten-year-old Deana May Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Thomas, will be presented to the public of this area for the first time since moving to North Carolina from Nichols, New York, several weeks ago.

Deana first began twirling a baton in August of 1963 under the instruction of Carol Bennett and her proficiency has made her the winner of five trophies and eleven medals in the short time since. She has won twirling contests in the towns of Mills, Elmira, Webster, Sidney, Corning and Utica, N. Y., and was first place win-

ner in the junior division of the 1965 Tloga County, N. Y., competition. Her achievements, along with a biographical sketch, appeared in the 16th annual edition of Drum Major Magazine this year.

Born October 19, 1965

Born October 9, 1956, in Chicago, Ill., Deana attended the Nichols Elementary School through the fourth grade. She is now a student at Garner Elementary School. With Deana's keen interest and skill in twirling, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas lost no time in finding qualified instruction for her in this area and she is now being taught by Miss Peggy Hollingsworth, featured baton twirler at North Carolina State University. Miss Hollingsworth is a registered teacher of the National Baton Twirlers Association. In addition,

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THE FIRST WINNERS of a new football award were Roy White and Ricky Hogg. Called the Golden Helmet Award, it is given to the most valuable member of the team based on a vote by the squad members and coaching staff. (Story page 4)