

Festival Parade Friday Was Largest Ever Staged Here

Large Audience Of Braved Snow To Colorful Parade

10,000 and 13,000 people braved snow blizzards to witness the largest and most colorful parade staged here. The third annual Tobacco Festival parade as large as the one that lined the streets of President Roosevelt.

The community division, Ratchliffe Cove was first in Duff second and receiving \$39, and the Commercial group The Haywood County Hospital was second, and The Mountaineer.

heavy snow, and chilling winds, the parade was held on Friday. Three bands started to march right on the spot, and they were announced.

People, as were porches, and were on both sides of the street. Main Street, all filled with spectators.

At the corner of Brown Street, the parade was filled with and Main Street in Hazelwood, the

crowd was six to eight deep. Along Main Street in Waynesville the crowd averaged about five deep all the way down the street.

The beauty contestants atop the floats braved the snow like good winners and wore their smiles. They thought their teeth chattered. The snowflakes in their hair added to the beauty of the gorgeous costumes which they wore.

Some of the floats featured small children, but they took the elements and played their parts to perfection.

The crowds joined in the spirit of the occasion, and kept up a constant round of applause as float after float and the bands passed by.

Photographers were shooting pictures right and left in the hopes that the camera range would penetrate the falling snow and get a few good shots.

The Mountaineer actually used two photographers in order to be sure to get pictures of the winning floats. Those making pictures included Miller Ingram, Joe W. Day, Charlie Miller and Bill Lindon. The two latter being members of The Mountaineer staff, and the first two are commercial photographers.

The floats showed that lots of time and thought had been spent on each of them. Some featured

Jackie S. Messer Is Honored At Agnes Scott

Miss Jackie Sue Messer, junior at Agnes Scott College, has been elected a Lower House representative for the 1949-50 school year. Lower House is a branch of student government made up of one resident student from each wing of the large dormitories, one from each cottage, and one-day student from each class.

Miss Messer is class editor of the *Silhouette*, college annual, publicity chairman of Blackfriars, campus dramatic organization, and reporter for the Baptist Student Union.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Messer of Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hyatt returned Friday from Dayton Ohio, where they went to attend funeral services for the former's brother-in-law, E. T. Turner.

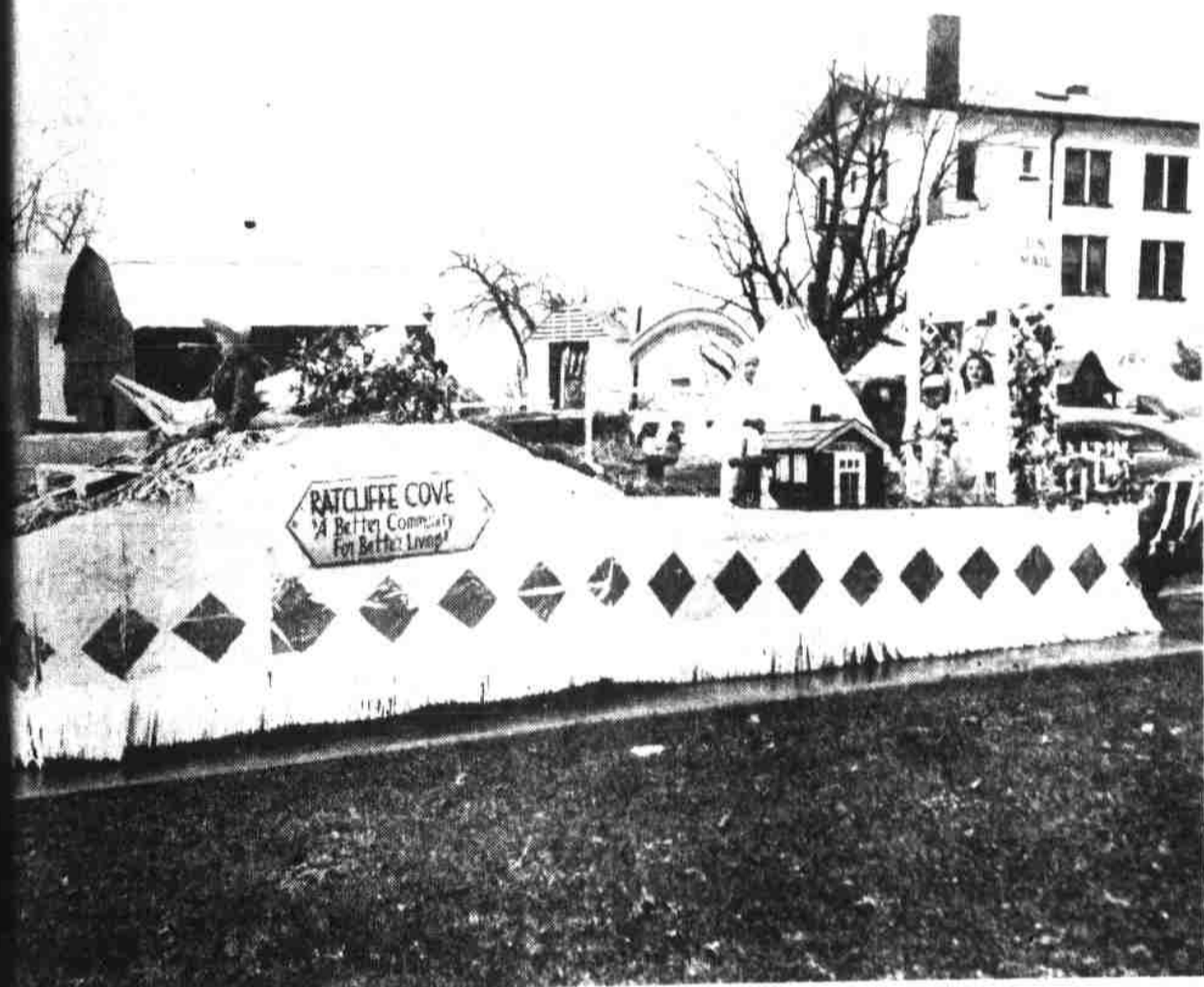
livestock while others were featuring farm life in tableau. A number featured tobacco, even to artificial tobacco plants in full bloom.

Winning Float In Commercial Division — The Hospital



This beautiful white float, just as white as the snow which fell so fast, pictured a doctor with a little baby, while a doctor and nurse on either side. The little nurse on the extreme left, front, was "Frankie" Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Freeman, and the little doctor on the right is Lorne Roberson, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. Stuart Roberson. Mr. Mary Jo Green is the nurse on the upper part of the float. This photograph was made soon after the parade started, and the snow falls can be seen against the dark background. The money for building this float was donated by the nurses and staff. Photograph by Ingram's Studio for The Mountaineer.

First Place Winner of Floats In The Community Division



Ratchliffe Cove community float, featuring as the sign points out "A Better Community For Better Living" was awarded first place in the community division of the parade here Friday. The float was built under the supervision of Mrs. D. Reeves Noland, and a large number of the young ladies in the swing right under the mail box is Miss Nancy Medford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Medford. The young lady in the swing left is Milas Kirkpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kirkpatrick, the little girl with the chickens and eggs is Barbara Janeyman, the two children representing recreation were Vickie Caldwell, in a basketball suit, and Tommy Leopold, in a baseball suit. The float in the front with the long cigar was just plain "Mr. Dummy". Serving on the committee besides Mrs. Noland were: Lem Galloway, Bramlett Stone, Pearly Phillips, Mrs. A. Ratchliffe, Carl Jones and Boone Swainum. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

Many Members Of Press Here For Festival Friday

A large number of newspapers of Western North Carolina were represented at the Tobacco Festival here Friday, and attended a number of events on the program.

The group were guests of the Rotary Club and the festival committee for luncheon, and later had places of honor in the parade.

After the addresses at the court house by Senators Clyde R. Hoey and Frank Graham, the newspaper folk met for their regular monthly meeting. Weimer Jones, of Franklin, president, presided at the meeting. Among the subjects discussed were: modern trends of editorial pages, news coverage, and circulation.

Miss Beatrice Cobb, secretary of the N. C. Press Association, gave a report on the recent National Editorial Association meeting in Chicago. R. E. Price, president of the state organization, outlined briefly the mid-winter institute program which will be held at the University of North Carolina and Duke University in January.

After the meeting the group visited the plant of The Mountaineer, and were later guests at dinner at The Lodge.

The group attended in a body, the evening program at the Armory.

Among those here for the Festival program Friday, included besides Miss Cobb, Mr. Price and

Mr. Jones, were Mr. and Mrs. B. Arr. Lawrence, of Charlotte; Noah Hollowell, Miss Lucille Stepp, Leroy Ray, of Hendersonville, Mrs. R. E. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Camp and daughter, of Rutherfordton; John Setzer, of Rutherfordton; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fitz, of Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, Morganton; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Story, of Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wright, Canton; Robert Sloan, Franklin; Miss Addie Mae Cooke, and Mrs. W. A. Hoover, of Murphy; Fred Severance, of Asheville.

BEEF PAYS OFF

Members of the Johnston City National Guard unit are looking for heavier recruits, the heavier the better. The American Legion post offered five cents per pound for every recruit enlisted. In the first few weeks the offer was open, the guardsmen recruited about 4,000 pounds of man or \$200 worth.

PATIENCE REWARDED

RUSSELL, Kan. (UP) — Store-keeping in a small town just takes patience. After being in stock since 1914, a set of four-horse eveners was sold to a Russell farmer. There hadn't been a previous call in 35 years for the device, which enable four horses to pull a farm imple-

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