



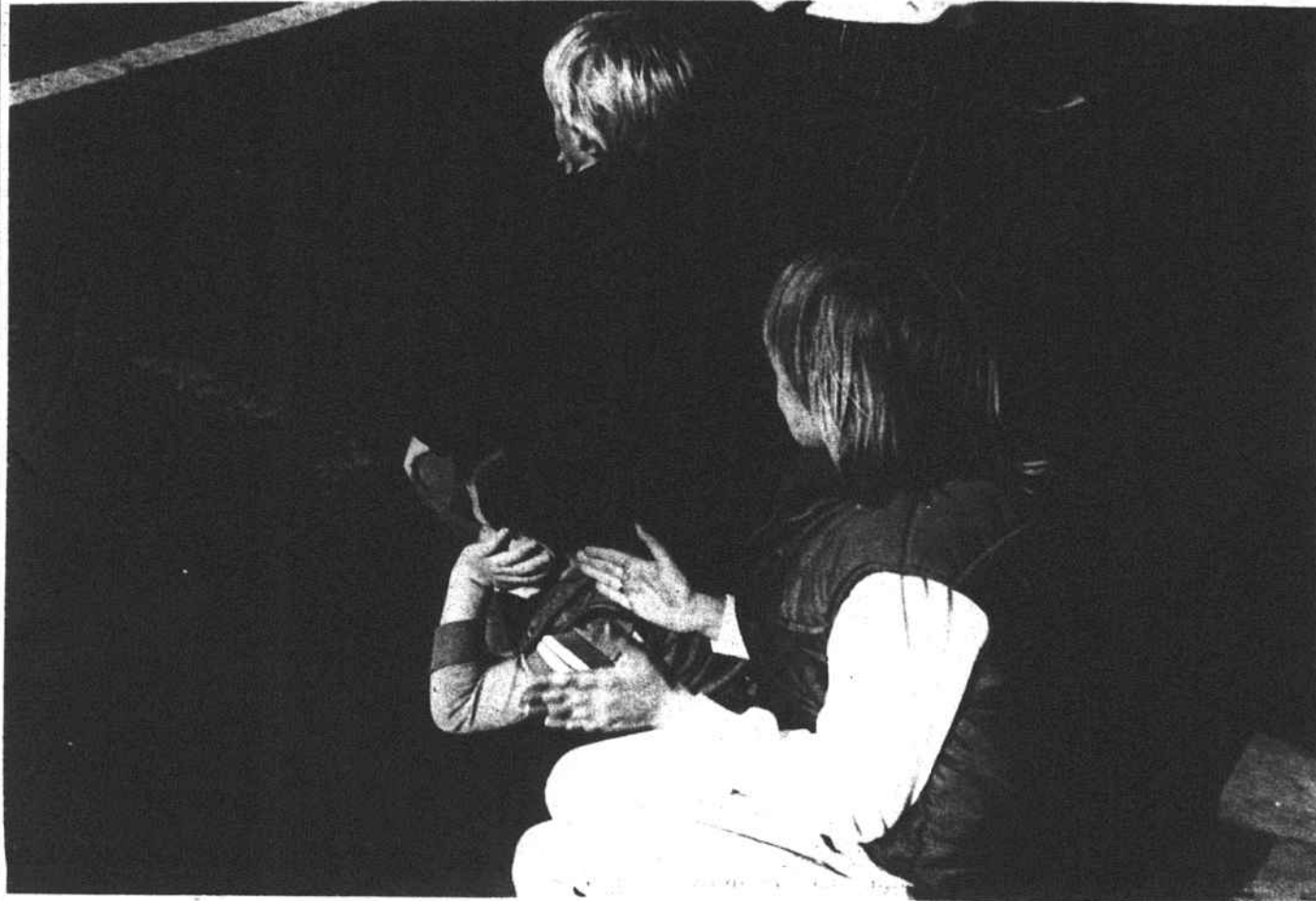
Keeping time

Young Macki McDonald keeps time with the band as it marches down Main Street Friday during the Veteran's Day Parade.



Gentle restraint

Levenia Patterson places a gentle hand of restraint on little Joe as the clowns, bands, and tanks roll through Main Street during Friday's parade.



Youthful concentration

These youngsters pay close attention to the sights that paraded very close to them during Friday's Veteran's Day Parade. They appear to be concentrating fully on the happenings that pass by their front row positions on Main Street.

... DWI Nabs Increase

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 drinking drivers.
 "Most of the people I have arrested have ranged from 25-50," Burgess said.
 "In my opinion, they are the ones that just don't seem to care or simply don't believe they will get caught."
 The law, which became effective October 1, gives law enforcement officials the right to arrest anyone they believe has been impaired by an alcoholic beverage or drug-related substance.
 If convicted, the DWI offenders can be sentenced to perform community service work or to attend special driver education classes.
 The offender is also required to pay at least a \$100 fine to reimburse the state for administrative costs incurred during the action.
 Despite the stiffer penalties, Burgess said he did not think those who "really wanted to drink and drive" would stay off the highways.
 "These laws can prevent a casual drinker from driving, but I don't think it will prevent a prob-

lem drinker from getting behind the wheel," Burgess said.
 "You can't stop people from doing what they want to do. All we can do is enforce the law," Burgess said.
 "We are going to do that."
 The new DWI law recently came under review by the court system after a Gaston County District Court judge declared it unconstitutional.
 Gaston District Court Judge Lewis Bulwinkle of Gastonia dismissed a case November 8 after upholding defense arguments that the law was unconstitutional because it fails to assure an arrested person the presence of a lawyer during a Breathalyzer test.
 The new law like the old drunk driving law allows the lawyer's presence if arrangements do not delay the test more than 30 minutes.
 Bulwinkle upheld arguments that under the old law the test served only to "produce some evidence" of intoxication, while under the new DWI law the test alone is grounds for conviction.

Locklear Graduates As Cannon Crewman

Army Pvt. William R. Locklear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Locklear of Route 1, Red Springs, has graduated as a cannon crewman from the AIT program at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
 Locklear was recognized by several citations for his performance during AIT. He received the Sharpshooter award in rifle, the expert award in grenades, and was recognized as Tow Driver of the Cycle for his battery.

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... Student Dropouts Drop Off

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 "partial" reason for the declining drop-out rate.
 "We have added the center in place of being expelled or suspended from school," Westall said.
 According to Westall, the alternative education center keeps children with discipline problems in school and "off the streets."
 "Instead of putting them out of school, we are allowing them to carry on with their school work in a different environment," Westall said.
 "I think it is helping."
 Although Westall is pleased with the declining drop-out rate, he said none of the educational staff were completely satisfied.
 "Our goal is to try to get to a 0% drop-out rate," Westall said.
 "It may not be realistic to think in those terms but we can keep trying to bring them down," Westall added.

Drinking - a Family Problem?
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