

# Perquimans People

## County Parade captures spirit of Christmas



A Christmas cheer from PHS

It was a perfect day for a parade. Even the weather man had cooperated and put a seasonal nip in the air.

The town of Hertford was dressed up for a celebration, and the many area residents who lined the streets anticipating a good show were not disappointed.

Parade chairman Edgar Roberson was predicting one of the best Christmas parades ever, and he just may have been right.

The parade featured three bands, some very professionally crafted floats, and a visit from old Saint Nick himself.

The competition was divided into categories to encourage more participation.

The John A Holmes High School Marching Band took first place in the 60 members and over marching band competition.

Columbia High School took first in the less than 60 member band and marching unit category while the Perquimans County Marching Unit took second (the unit also took first place in the Elizabeth City Christmas Parade on Saturday).

In the church and civic float competition, Piney Woods Church won first place, second place went to Hunter's Fork Pentecostal Holiness Church,

and honorable mention went to the Hertford BPW float.

The fiercest competition, though came in the schools category of the float division, and judges agreed that there wasn't a nickel's worth of difference between the three winners.

Theme for the parade was "The Real Meaning of Christmas" and judges agreed that the Band Boosters' Float best depicted that theme.

The float featured a beautifully crafted and staged nativity scene and band members playing Christmas carols.

Along the side of the float were the words "We play for him."

Second place went to the College of the Albemarle's Phi Beta Lambda club float and honorable mention went to the Holmes High School DECCA Club for its depiction of the old woman who lived in the shoe.

Winning bands and marching units were presented trophies, and float winners received \$50 checks for first place and \$20 for second place.

The parade was sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, and was deemed a success by those who organized it.



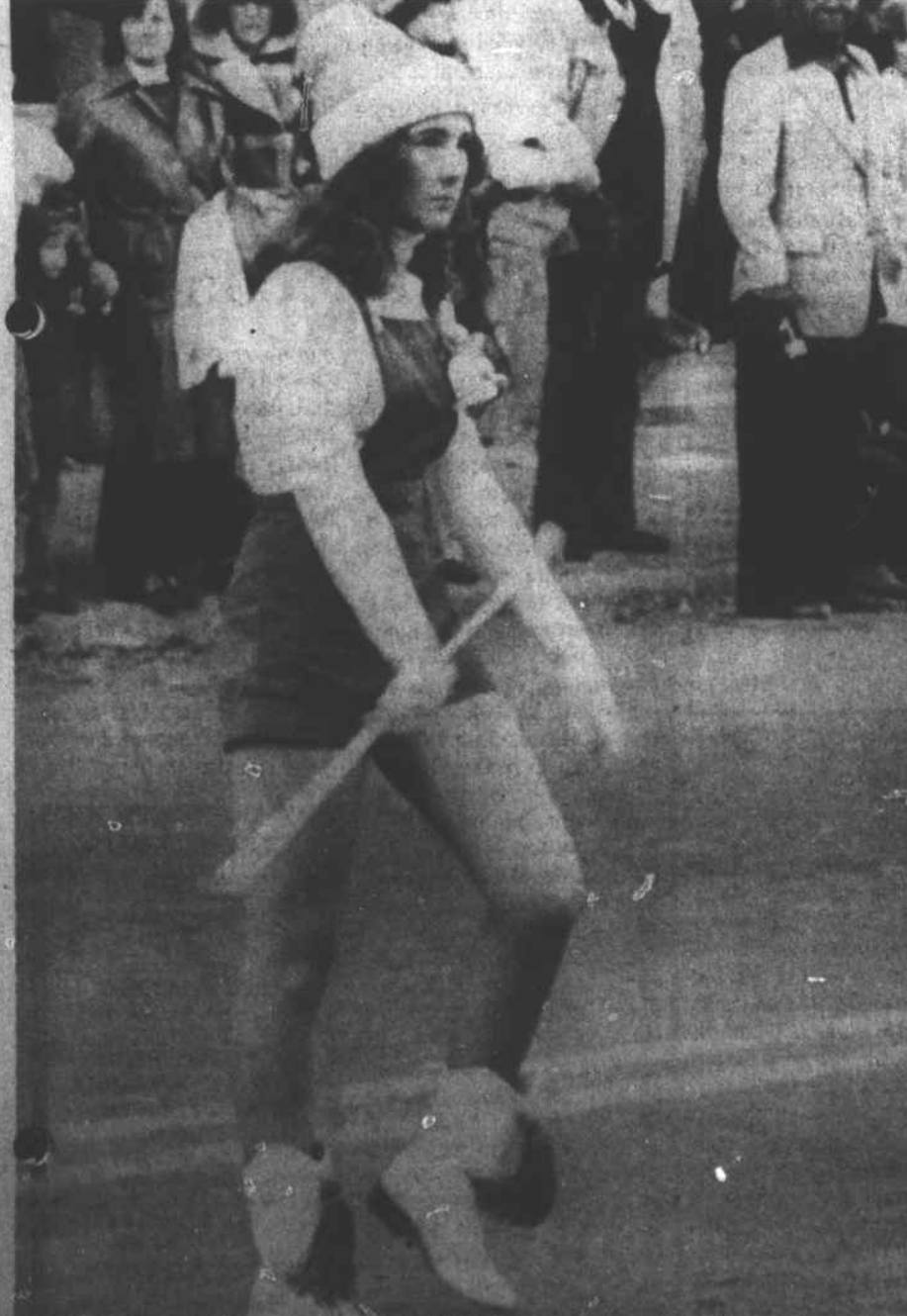
Even Scrooge catches Christmas spirit



Parade fans come in all sizes



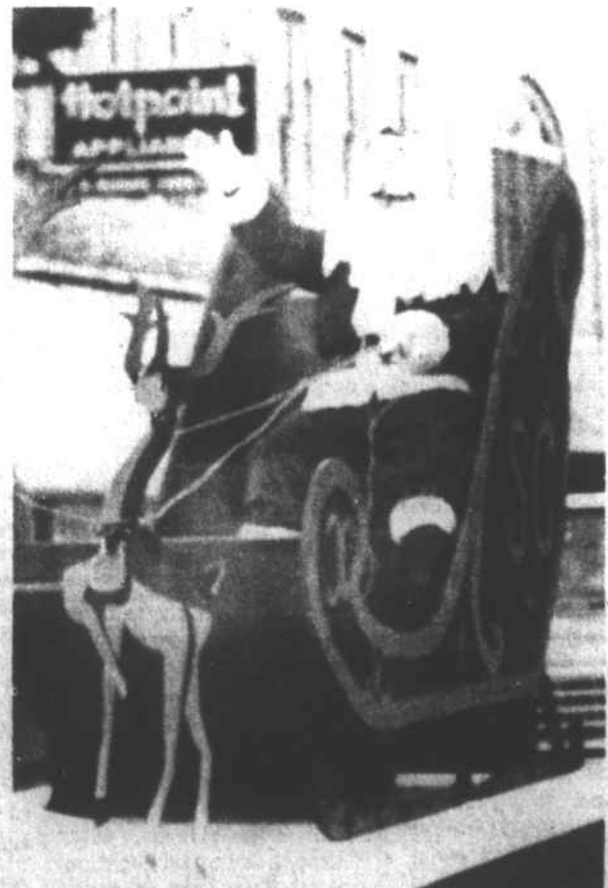
Band Boosters' float captures meaning of Christmas



Marching unit member high steps it



Holmes presents a solemful holiday



And last, but not least

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