

North Main Downtown Dressed Up For Holiday-Season Parade

All Systems—Especially Weather—A-OK For 4 P.M. Tuesday Parade

At noon Tuesday, when the Mooresville Tribune went to press a day earlier than usual in order to get a jump on mailless Thanksgiving Day, everything was in readiness for Mooresville's annual Christmas parade.

The parade, sponsored by Mooresville Jaycees, was set to begin at 4 p.m. and move southward on Main Street from the Port City

Shopping Center to the Mooresville Plant of Burlington Industries.

Floors were assembling in north Mooresville, on Culp and McNeely Avenues. Guests, including Miss North Carolina, Lori Boggs of Raleigh, and, of course, Santa Claus, were preparing for their participation in the seasonal pageant.

And thousands of spectators were arranging their schedules in order to

line the 1.5-mile parade route.

For those who see the parade live and would like a replay, for participants who would like to see themselves as others saw them, for shut-ins and others unable to attend videotape of the parade will be shown on Lakeside Cable's Channel 13 at 10 a.m. Nov. 25, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 27 and at 10 a.m. Nov. 28.

Dean Burgess and Rock Pickard are co-chairmen of the parade committee.

Made possible by the wholehearted support of the area's businesses, industries and individuals, the seasonal pageant traditionally begins the holiday shopping season here.

Among participants will be Mooresville Mayor Joe Knox, Town Manager Rick McLean, Iredell County Sheriff Clyde Lloyd, Mooresville Police Chief Joe Puett, members of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners, and members of the Mooresville and Iredell County school board.

Shoppers' Edition Dec. 2

Continuing a custom of long standing, the Mooresville Tribune will print its annual Christmas Shopping Edition Dec. 2.

Mooresville merchants have shopped far and wide, and early, too, for the Christmas trade. Their stores are filled with a wide variety of Yule merchandise that has the best prices available anywhere, and of the best quality, too.

Watch for this special edition of the Mooresville Tribune. Examine it carefully, and patronize the hometown merchants first.

The issue will offer the buying public of Mooresville and its trade area a complete guide to holiday buying.

Buttons Deliver Merchants' Thanks

"Thank You For Shopping Mooresville."

That's the message the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce, through its member businesses, is delivering to area customers.

Ron Johnson, vice president of the chamber's merchants division, is the man behind the "thank you" program and the man in charge of handing out buttons bearing the message to local business operators.

The buttons, showing the chamber's emblem surrounded by the words of thanks, will be distributed to all businesses in the Mooresville-South Iredell area, according to Johnson.

"It's our way of showing the people who shop in the Mooresville-South Iredell community how much we appreciate their patronage,"



Johnson said. "We are urging employees at every business in the area to wear the buttons."

Johnson stressed that the buttons will be handed out to all businesses in and around Mooresville, including the Lake Norman area.

"We feel the Mooresville-South Iredell business community covers a large area and we want to touch all of it," Johnson said. "There are businesses all around Mooresville and the lake that are a vital part of the local business community and we feel it is important to build up the connection the town has with those businesses."

Johnson said the buttons will be hand-delivered to each business, which will take several weeks to

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Surplus Food Distribution December 11

Government surplus food will be distributed to eligible Iredell County households Dec. 11.

Households eligible for food stamps will receive a surplus food card in the mail during the first week in December. Households which do not get Food Stamps but are interested in getting surplus food will have to apply and be certified.

Applications can be made at the County Office Building, 412 East Center Ave., Mooresville, or at the office of the Iredell County Department of Social Services, 349 North Center St., Statesville.

Staff members of the Department of Social Services will be available to process these applications at both of these sites, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., beginning Monday, Nov. 23, and continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The department will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27.

Persons applying on behalf of another household will need to bring a written statement signed by the head of the applicant household. The statement must include information about the number of people living in the household and the gross income of each household member. The head of the applicant household should sign and date the authorization.

LNMC Asks Hearing On Causeway

Despite requests from the Lake Norman Marine Commission, Iredell County government and more than 500 people who live on or near the lake, the Army Corps of Engineers has shown no inclination toward conducting a public hearing on plans to build a 760-foot causeway-bridge connecting a 23-acre island to the East Monbo mainland.

Tuesday morning, a spokesman in the Corps' Wilmington office said he knew of no plans to schedule a public discussion of the request by Heronwood Associates.

"We hold hearings to learn something we can't learn otherwise, or to make the public aware of something it can't otherwise become aware of," he said. "We don't hold hearings so people can get on soap boxes in every corner of the room."

However, the spokesman reiterated that if a hearing is called on the Heronwood request it will be held in Iredell County.

Monday night during its monthly meeting, the Lake Norman Marine Commission made public a letter to

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Scholarship In Memory Of Beaver

Mooresville Senior High's Chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America has established a scholarship in memory of Carry Jayne Beaver.

Beaver, 18, of Unity Church Road, was killed in an Oct. 31 car wreck on Linwood Road. A 1987 graduate of Mooresville Senior High School, she was a student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Persons interested in contributing to the scholarship fund may do so through the DECA chapter. The memorial will fund a grant given annually to a Senior High marketing student who is involved in the school's DECA Club, according to Judy Honeycutt, the chapter advisor.



Learning While Feasting

Tamara Patterson and Josh Haire were among St. Mark's Kindergarten Pilgrims who joined Indian classmates Monday for early-Thanksgiving feasting on popcorn, carrots, apples, raisins, cornbread, wheat crackers and, bending tradition a bit, candy corn. The meal ended a month-long study of the origin of America, with emphasis on the first Thanksgiving.

Five-Lane Futures Approved For Plaza Drive, N.C. 150

By spring of 1994, the trip from Interstate 77 into Mooresville and all the way to Statesville Avenue will be made on multi-lane roads, according to the work outline included in the North Carolina DOT's freshly-updated Transportation Improvement Program.

The TIP, the approved agenda for department of transportation work during the next nine years, states that multi-laning projects on Plaza Drive and N.C. 150 out to I-77 should be completed during the next six and a half years.

The project schedule for Plaza Drive, the stretch of N.C. 150 connecting N.C. 115 and West McLelland Avenue, calls for plan-

ning and design to be completed by July 1989 and construction completed by late 1990. The planning process began earlier this year.

The 1.3 mile avenue will be widened to five lanes with two lanes in each direction and a passing lane in the middle. The cost of the overall project, which will be handled by state crews, has been estimated at \$1.652 million.

The widening of N.C. 150 out to I-77 will be a larger, more expensive project for the state.

The work schedule for the N.C. widening calls for construction to begin in late 1990. Design

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Merchants Encouraged To F Best Holiday Window Forw

The Mooresville Downtown Commission is urging local merchants to bring out their best colors and designs for the Christmas season.

The commission is sponsoring a window decorating contest to recognize the decorating efforts of local merchants.

Wayne Frick, director of the commission, said a committee will tour the businesses and select an overall winner in the Christmas window decorating competition.

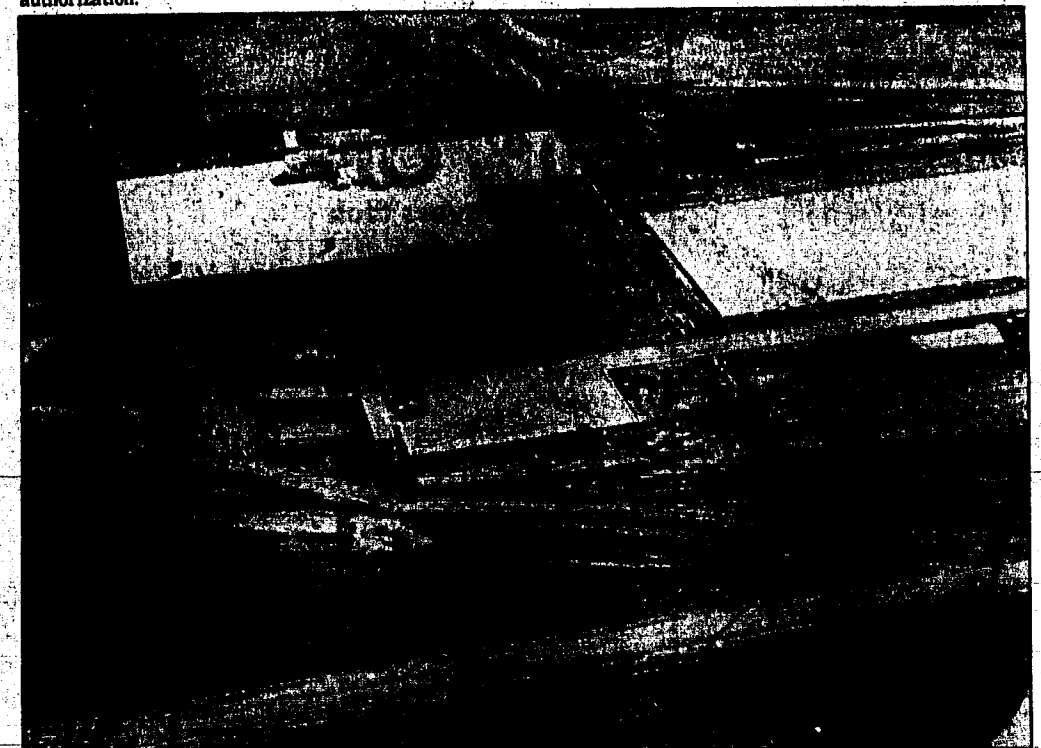
To be eligible in the contest, merchants must use a green Christmas tree as the main theme in the window display. The Christmas tree has been recommended by the commission as the symbol for local merchants to use during the holiday season.

The winner of the window display contest will be announced in early December, but Frick said the main goal of the competition is to get as many local merchants as possible involved and to keep the Christmas-like colors and atmosphere alive throughout the season.

"We want the window displays to be an added attraction for shoppers," Frick said. "If we get all the merchants involved it will be a real treat to take a stroll around the businesses and see all the displays."

The window display contest is just part of the special business activities planned for this holiday season. Extended business hours on Thursdays and Fridays, starting Nov. 27, and added evening hours throughout the week before

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Industry's Mazeppa Road Home Under Construction

Most exterior walls are in place, parking lots are paved and construction continues apace on this building on Mazeppa Road, foreground, that will house the area's newest industry. The company that will use the facility has made no information available here, and, at its request, it has not been identified by town or county government, or by the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce. Homer Faulk, executive director of the local chamber, said this week "we understand this phase of the company's development" is scheduled for completion in May. Faulk said the company acquired 42 acres just west of Overhead Bridge Road across Mazeppa Road from the South Iredell Industrial Park a mile north of town, and it is using 20 acres in first-phase building.

Wednesday Bloodmobile Visit Set

Whatever your plans this Thanksgiving, include the bloodmobile.

That reminder this week from Hazel Hoke, secretary of the South Iredell Red Cross Chapter. The chapter is hosting a Nov. 25 collection by the Piedmont Carolinas Blood Center.

The bloodmobile will be at the War Memorial, 220 North Maple St., Thanksgiving Eve from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All persons in good health from 17 through 70 years who weigh at least 110 pounds may donate blood.

Each person who offers blood to the Red Cross completes a medical-history questionnaire, submits to a blood test and is interviewed and examined by a nurse before being accepted as a donor. The Red Cross sets equally-exhaustive standards to eliminate all risks to the person giving blood.

Inside This Week

—This week, the Mooresville Tribune combines efforts with Mooresville area merchants to offer a value-filled tabloid full of holiday gift ideas.

—Mooresville's Miss North Carolina America Pre-Teen receives good luck send-off from Gov. Martin in her quest for a national title, section one, page 6.

—A gala holiday party and fashion show attract some 200 guests, section one, page 8.

—Devilites rekindle fond memories of their volleyball season past with all-conference recognition, section one, page 10. More sports, page 11, section two, pages 2-5.

—Volunteers and funds are the primary needs of Mooresville's first-year AA Crisis Pregnancy Center, section two, page 12.

Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers come up with plenty of blessings to count during the session at the country store Saturday night, but Santa Claus in early November and toys that let kids shoot the television weren't among em. Bug Hookum allowed Santa Claus already is being pushed so hard he has to keep reminding himself what Thanksgiving and Christmas are about.

Use to, Bug said, St. Nick could load up and take off from the North Pole around the second week in December and make his rounds in plenty of time. Now he starts out three months ahead so he can stop at ever store on the way. Bug said it must be age ganging up on him, but he had rather take the holidays as they come.

Seeing Bug was in low spirits, Zeke Grubb told him to be thankful he didn't have to raise kids this day and time. It was bad enough when they kept their eyes glued on the television Saturday mornings to watch the good guys and bad guys shoot it out, Zeke said, but now they got to join the fight. Zeke had saw where a toy maker and a TV cartoon show have joined to guarantee they will get \$35 from ever family with a cartoon watching kid. They can buy Power Jets with laser beams and actual shoot bad guys on the screen, and bad guys can knock out their guns in the den.

If these toys of war catch on as fast as the TV commercials claim, Zeke said, we're going to get ready for real Star Wars the same way we showed kids out to break FBI and NATO codes by buying all of em home computers. If anything good can be said of what the television interactive television is, it's that it will get the kids out of the house. With laser tag, they've been playing in city streets, he said, it's a

wonder more of em ain't been shot by police that thought they were being shot at fer real.

General, the fellers are to far removed from childhood to git worked up over Zeke's worry. Ed Doolittle spoke fer all when he said he was mighty thankful to be around another Thanksgiving, and to have his health. Ed said he reckoned the years were ganging up on him to because lately he was finding it easier to see the bright side of situations. In spite of the purity tests being give to all the candidates, Ed said he full expects the country's newspapers to come up with somebody fit to be President. The good news is, more good can come of the tests that are spreading to other areas.

Fer instant, Ed had saw where a guest lecturer in business at Columbia University is an expert at buying companies that don't want to be bought. He offered a \$100,000 finder's fee to the student that could come up with the biggest and best company fer the lecturer to take over, Ed said, and now the school is trying to figger what to do. This means they got to decide what's right and wrong, and this means they got to open the whole can of worms dealing with college professors using work of students and calling it reserch. The only difference with the take over expert is, he was out in the open with his offer to buy the service.

Good news come from Clem Webster that noted where Moscow is gitting two Pizza Huts. If we figger the Russians will take to all our toppings, Clem said, we got to figger we'll git into a pizza exchange. If the Russians ship in enough cabbage and beef pizzas, our kids might go back to real food.

Yours truly,
Uncle Dan