

## Christmas Parade Brings 104 70 7he Community

The annual Christmas parade, held Sunday, December 6, included over 100 entries, ranging from the floats of the Rice Planters and the Athletic Department to the marching of the Band of Blue. The Coastal Bugs and Shriners contributed to the success of the parade with their zany display of mini-cars and hillbilly cops. The procession, according to Charlie Sweat of the Walterboro Jaycees, the sponsors of the parade, went smoothly. There was, however, one exception: a stubborn donkey decided to take a rest halfway through the parade. With much coaxing, the beast finally decided to finish the rest of the parade.

Colleton County Food Service, no doubt spurred by the Christmas spirit, also entered a float. Lunchroom workers from various schools throughout the county participated by tossing bagged cookies, prepared by the school cooks, to the crowd.

The judging of the entries followed the parade. The Lowcountry Community Action Agency float was awarded with first place recognition. Kennedy Child Development Center received second place, while the Colleton Food Service float came in third. St. Anthony's Church received honorable mention.

The parade concluded with a tree-lighting ceremony at the Washington Street Plaza. St. Nicholas himself made a guest appearance, concluding the ceremony by wishing those in attendance a very merry Christmas.

By Katrina Avant





The Rice Planters braved the biting wind during the annual Christmas parade.

Representatives of the Walterboro High School athletic department wave to the chilled spectators.

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