

The Carlsle Mercury

Christmas Parade Snow Queen Named; Festivities Begin At 8 Tonight (Thursday)



ATTENDANCE CONFERENCE AT MOREHEAD STATE—Nicholas County was represented at the first of four two-day conferences conducted at Morehead State University as part of the Home Management Improvement Program. From left to right are Mrs. Dorothy Young, field worker; and Mrs. Lucille Brilley, home economist for the Kentucky Department of Economic Security. The program is designed to help social workers advise welfare recipients on wise use of their financial resources. The next conference is scheduled for December.

Blue Jacket Gagers Win Season Opener

By Larry Allison

The Nicholas County Bluejackets opened the 1969-70 basketball season Saturday night with a convincing 89 to 73 victory over John. An outstanding performance of "Burrhead" helped the Jackets jump to a 27-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Early mistakes in foul trouble, Coach Carl Anderson turned it into a bench. The substitutes played well and at halftime were in command 40 to 23. The Bluejackets got the game virtually out of reach in the third quarter with a blistering 31 point performance that widened the gap to a 50 point lead, 71-41.

Coach Anderson credited his bench in the fourth quarter as the Jackets coasted to victory. Personnel A had all five starters to double figures, the more impressive was the rebounding of Rodney Hamon and Steve Kimberling and the excellent floor play of Jimmy Parker, Dennis Allison and Ray Boyd. Hamon led the team in rebounding with 14 while Parkway made established him to pick up 10 loose balls. Boyd, a flashy sophomore fluffed the face with his defensive play, blocking numerous shots and sealing the ball on several occasions.

Nicholas County connected on 37 of 81 field goal attempts for an impressive 46%. They were successful on 15 of 22 free throws for an even 69%.

The most pleasing factors about this years squad is their ball handling ability and the way they work together as a team.

If there was a weak point Saturday, it was the fact that several of the starters were in foul trouble. However this was due to an aggressive man to man defense. In the second half Coach Anderson shifted the Jackets.

Horse Show Honors Banquet At Morehead

The Central Kentucky Horse Show Association has scheduled its annual Horse Show Banquet, Dec. 6 at Morehead State University. The banquet will be held in the Ford University Center with a social hour from 4 to 6 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Since ball game that evening, the program will be concluded by 9 p.m.

The banquet is an annual event to honor the exhibitors and their accompanying horses for each of the 16 different class divisions. All exhibitors, horse show officials, and horse show enthusiasts are invited to attend this banquet.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Ray Hatley, Owensville, phone number 674-2053.

Columbia Gas of Ky. Files For Rate Increase

Columbia Gas of Kentucky filed a rate increase with the Public Service Commission on Nov. 21, the first one since 1957 in Lexington.

Michael Barter, the company's Lexington District manager, said the company's efforts had resulted in a decision to now and that every possible step had been taken to avoid an increase.

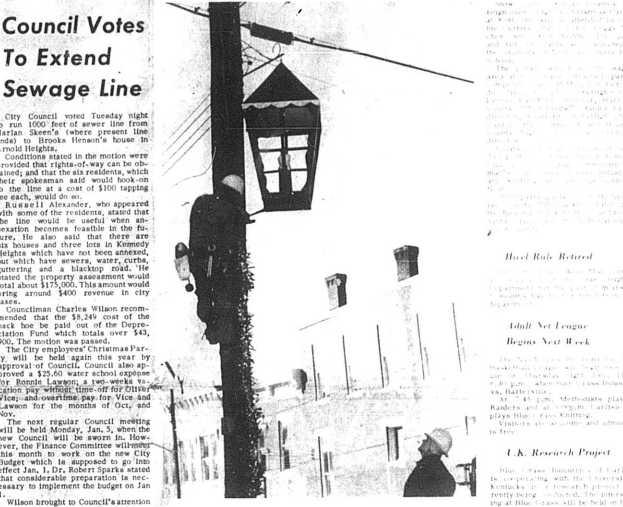
The main cause for the filing, he said, was the inflationary spiral which increased the cost of fuel, labor, costs, and the interest rate at which the company borrows money to recognize the higher cost of money.

The 1969-70 operating expenses were increased by 44 percent and the level of material cost had increased by about 15 percent. These increases have been reflected in the higher cost of operations.

Columbia's 1969-70 operating expenses of inflation, Columbia Gas has raised 350,000 of additional income for 1969-70.

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Council Votes To Extend Sewage Line



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City Council voted Tuesday night to run 1000 feet of sewer line from Harlan Steen's (where present line ends) to Brooks Harson's house in Arnold Heights.

Conditions stated in the motion were provided that rights-of-way can be obtained and that the residents, which their spokesman said would hook-on to the line at a cost of \$100 tapping fee each, would do so.

Russell Alexander, who appeared with some of the residents, stated that the line would be useful when annexation becomes feasible in the future. He also said that there are six houses and three lots in Kennedy Heights which have not been annexed, but which have sewers, water, curbs, gutters and a blacktop road. He stated the property assessment would total about \$175,000. This amount would bring around 1400 revenue in city taxes.

Councilman Charles Wilson recommended that the \$4,240 cost of the back hoe be paid out of the Depreciation Fund which totals over \$43,800. The motion was passed.

The City employee Christmas Party will be held again this year by approval of Council. Council also approved a \$22.50 water school expense for Ronnie Lovens. A two-week vacation pay without time-off for District Vice-President pay for Miss and Lawson for the months of Oct. and Nov.

The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 5, when the new Council will be sworn in. However, the Finance Committee will meet this month to work on the new City Budget which is supposed to go into effect Jan. 1. Dr. Robert Sparks stated that considerable preparation is necessary to implement the budget on Jan. 1.

Wilson brought to Council attention the fact that he personally had seen a city policeman driving two young boys about town delivering political materials for Mayor Bill Power on the Saturday before the election. Part of the time two policemen were in the cruiser, he stated.

Mayor Power said he did hire the boys but did not ask the policemen to participate. He said the policeman was not on duty at the time. Wilson stated that regardless of whether the man was on duty, he was using up the cruiser, which could have been needed elsewhere, and wasting a uniform.

Wilson said that although, the incident was in the past, he'd like to prevent future such.

He added that he was mainly concerned about the policemen "using our eyes and ears," and being available to the public.

November Police reports: Total arrests 113; Total fines \$197,000; Motor Deposits \$332,74, making a total of \$533,74 collected.

Main Street Takes On Holiday Look

Up go the Christmas decorations Tuesday along Carlsle's Main Street downtown of the Kentucky Utilities Company. Parks employees were Joe Hutton, Stanley Gaskell and Jim Turner. They were assisted by Jim Barnes of the Carlsle office. Mercury photo.

Net Worth Per Family, \$13,300

Are Nicholas County residents richer than they think?

What is the net worth of the average local family, taking into account the cash savings, the equity in its home, its car, investments, insurance, pension reserves, clothing and the like?

A family balance sheet, in which the assets are listed in one column and the liabilities in another, may prove to be an eye-opener, if most people have never figured out how much they have accumulated over the years.

They know, in a general way, that they are better off than they once were. Some help in this direction is now available through national studies made by the Federal Reserve Board, the Institute of Life Insurance and others.

They find that the average capacity of a family and its net worth are directly related. Those in the higher brackets have assets equal to several times their annual income while those with annual incomes have accumulated proportionately less.

Related to Nicholas County and to the current earnings level in the area, the national figures indicate an average net worth of \$13,300 per family locally.

Discarded 'Furnace Shoes' End 42 Years Of Variety Store Service

By Joanie Conley

"You can be sure that the Variety Store is going out of business when Effie's 'Furnace Shoes' are being discarded."

This was the comment that Anna Russell made while cleaning out the store Monday. The shoes are those that Effie Climbard used to stand on the furnace to keep warm while waiting for her pants to be made and mended while she stood there waiting.

She and Anne had been business owners and operated the store since 1927. In 1967, the store was sold to Mrs. and Mrs. Russell. They took over the business, with Mrs. Russell as manager and Mrs. Russell as assistant manager. They called it "Russell's 52 & 102 Store."

Russell operated the store for about five years, more of which Anne worked with him—making Alle a total of 42 years at the same place.

Alle and Effie Climbard were born and raised in Morefield, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Climbard.

Alle's boss said that they would probably close by next week. They are not active in town. He would like to do even more now. Alle belongs to the First Christian Church and Effie belongs to the Moorefield Christian Church.

Alle said that first, though, she would like to try to finish January 4 for three months. She is going with Mrs. Russell to see Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Hardin, she said getting ready for her trip will help her, quite busy. She said that Alle had more than "happy" memories of the store. "We are glad our friends by the store. We are glad our friends put us into business and helped us out of it. They are doing what they want to do by retiring."

Anna Low, who has worked with the Climbards for 27 of the 42 years, said that she was not as happy about the closing, "especially not at Christmas." She said Christmas time was the time she lived most of all. She said that so far in the closing-up process a total of 206 had been found. She found the quarter and Alle found it. "We were all surprised that no more had been uncovered after 42 years of business."

We can all rejoice with the Climbards since they are doing what they want to do, but somehow, we are sad. We wish Anna Low, that an era of some 42 years had come to a close.

Spurring Up the Exterior

Box & Post's Service Station takes on a new look for the holiday season and the future with an overhanging roof effect called a canopy on two sides of the building.



Hotel Rule Retired

Hotel rules which have been in effect for many years at the Hotel Carlsle have been retired.

Adults Not League

Adults are not league members in the local league.

U.K. Research Project

U.K. Research Project is a study of the economic conditions in the United Kingdom.

U.S. BOND SALES

U.S. Bond sales for the month of November were \$10.4 million, compared with \$10.7 million in October.

