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Christmas Parade To Feature Bands, Floats and Old St. Nick

The 1969 Carlisle Christmas Parade will be Thursday night, Dec. 4, at 8. The parade will consist of bands, floats, marching units, and the jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus.

The parade, which is sponsored by the Jaycees, and paid for by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will form at the junction of highways 37 and 36 on the west side of the city and move east on Main Street to the Courthouse square. The parade will disband on North Broadway.

As of Thursday, Nov. 20, three bands and four float sponsors have indicated their participation, with more expected.

In the event any group which is planning to participate in the parade has not been contacted, they are asked to contact Charles Canopy, parade chairman, at 289-5358 as soon as possible.

Santa Letters
It is time to write your letter to Santa Claus now. The Mercury will publish them. Letters will be sent to the Mercury Office. Letters must be in the Mercury Office by Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Doors Closed
Nicholas County Blue Jacket cheerleaders are from left: Ann House, Peggy Tincher, Carol Weddle, Debbie Vike and Vickie Crawford.



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Blue Jackets to Meet Irvine Here Saturday

Nicholas County's Blue Jacket baseball team opens its 25 game schedule here Saturday night, Nov. 29 against Irvine's Golden Eagles.

Coach Bill Anderson will have a season team despite having only two seniors on the squad. Anderson reported that this year's club has more speed and that team ball handling has improved.

The starting five will be made up from the following eight boys, seniors Dennis Allison and Tommy Lane; Andrew Steve Kneibler, Rodney Harton, Jimmy Parker, and Ernie Comp; and sophomore Rex Boyd and Newse Snoot.

Anderson stated that "an improved season would depend on how well the team cleared the bases and how much defensive improvement the team was willing to make. By John Soper.

Carlisle May Host State Foxhunts

The reputation of Carlisle for staging excellent sporting events especially the bound field trials, is well known. The recent foxhunt was considered the best ever held here. This conclusion was affirmed by the many visitors here.

The hunters want to come back in 1970. The Kentucky State Foxhunting Association has indicated it would like to bring the big hunt here this coming year. This would mean much to Carlisle and enjoyment for many. Such a hunt would involve a lot of work and every organization needs to participate.

The directors of the Kentucky State Foxhunt will meet in Lexington in April, 1970, to select the place for the annual hunt. It probably will be decided on a mutual basis. "They want to come and we want them to come," stated Roger Stumack, secretary. A statement from local organizations make the state hunters feel that they can expect a warm welcome.

Gordon P. Wood, 69, Dies in Lexington After KY-TN Game



Gordon P. Wood, 69, of Millersburg, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 1969 in the parking lot of the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Lexington, after having attended the Kentucky-Tennessee football game.

He was farmer, animal and water-busman. He was a member and past-president of the Rotary Club, member of the Millersburg City Council since 1950, member of the Millersburg Community Board, Millersburg Methodist Church, an M.M.I. Board Member and was on the Praying Colonials team that beat Harvard. He also was chairman of the Board at the Paria Stock farm.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Caroline McGee Wood, two daughters, Mrs. M. C. Blair and Mrs. Robert Kitzpatrick, four grandchildren, Curran Kitzpatrick, Caroline and Jack Darrell Blair, and one sister, Miss Harrie Wood.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 2:30 p.m. Monday, by the Rev. Joe Sutter and the Rev. Julian Simpson, burial was in the Millersburg Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Miller Jr., Vol Ferguson, W.J. Hannon, Charles Layton, L.D. Robertson, William Shaw, J.L. Martin, Julian Rogers, John Reynolds and W.V. Burroughs.

Health Center To Be Closed
The Nicholas County Health Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Nicholas Soldier Is Killed In Vietnam

Sgt. Kenny Caswell, 21, Nicholas County, husband of Mrs. Patricia Caswell, was killed in action in Vietnam, Nov. 12.

He was a graduate of Nicholas County High School and entered the Army in Nov. 1968. The sergeant had been in Vietnam since August, 1968.

In addition to his wife, survivors include parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Caswell, Nicholas County, and three brothers, all of Detroit.

Services and burial were conducted Saturday in Taylor, Michigan.

Dr. Hannon To Be At Health Center
Starting in December, Dr. Albert Hannon will be at the Nicholas County Health Center every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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FOR CITY POLICE PHONE 289-2302

Auditor Elect To Assume Office

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 21—Auditor-elect Miss Mary Louise Young took the oath of office November 25 in the State Reception Room of the Capitol.

Miss Young will be sworn to her official duties at 10 a.m. by Court of Appeals Judge Scott Reed.

Following her oath of office, Miss Young will conduct a press conference in the Auditor's office, Capitol Annex, 11 a.m.

Miss Young served a four year term as Auditor from 1958-60. A certified public accountant, she received her undergraduate education at Georgetown College and her Law degree from the University of Louisville Law School.

Rev. Hunt Has Seen Much Of Life In 91 Years; Is New C.M.E. Pastor

The Rev. Melvin Hunt, pastor of the C.M.E. Church, has seen a lot of history unfold in his almost 91 years of life—including his days in Hawaii when it was under the Union Jack, and a year in Cuba which was ended by the advent of the Spanish-American War in 1898.

Hunt, a missionary working in Hawaii, the West Indies, and the neighboring nations of South America.

The missionary parents of Rev. Hunt left Hawaii with their 12 year-old son in 1890 for new assignments. In 1897 they were in Cuba and when war clouds gathered, they they evacuated to a mission in Argentina.

The family later returned to the United States where Rev. Hunt's father was assigned to the Oklahoma territory.

He has seen much over the years, some of it a grim reminder of man's inhumanity, some revealing man's inherent better nature.

Many years ago while traveling by train through what he was assigned overnight when the train broke down. He remembers, with a grin, "There wasn't anything on that train that was black except me."

He said, "The conductor said to me, 'Pratcher, I don't know what I'm going to do with you tonight. If you go into the car, I'll have to put you in there for the night. He remained on the train."

Later that night, "A white Methodist preacher, who went along in the train and said, 'Gosh with me, and there



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was a Catholic priest with him. The Methodist carried my grip for me and we went to his house.

"One day we passed a sign over the street that said, 'Nigger Read and Hunt, If You Can't Read, Run Any Now.'"

Rev. Hunt said he spent the night with the Methodist and his family and in the morning was escorted safely back about the train.

The sign was being torn down as he left town, he said.

He said, "When I got back in that train I realized, 'God is everywhere and you know I know that today still. God is everywhere, and God is here changed.'"

Rev. Hunt's wrinkled face broke into a grin of joy as he spoke on his behalf. He said, "I've seen a lot of my people and there is work to be done."

He had served as a supply minister in the Carlisle Church several years ago. Editorial note—part of the above article were written by Rev. Wornald, Union News Bureau.