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## STANDING OVATION

# Given Mother At Special Session On Drug Abuse

By Joanne Conley

(Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series of articles based on Governor Nunn's Special Session on Drug Abuse held in Louisville Dec. 3. Mrs. Joseph H. Conley, Mercury News Editor, attended the all day session and will write several such articles from different view points of the Special Session as space and time permits.)

A standing ovation was given the mother of a drug addict as she ended a most courageous speech at Governor Nunn's Special Session on Drug Abuse held in Louisville, Dec. 3.

especially antagonistic toward Mrs. Carpenter. My impression, although most of her comments were not clearly audible, was that they considered the entire panel of speakers completely incompetent. It was impossible to tell whether the college-aged girls approved or disapproved of the abuse of drugs.

However, the vast majority of those listening to Mrs. Carpenter sympathized with all their hearts. "I am tired of being cowardly if there is any way I can help," she stated.

Mrs. Carpenter, Marti, started taking drugs while away at college. Mrs. Carpenter was sincere completely. She said that when Marti came home during vacations she thought only that she had a cold.

When Marti finally asked her for help in August 1969, she reacted with disbelief, then horror, then indignation that she would be so ungrateful for the sacrifices her family had made for her. "I know now," said Mrs. Carpenter, "that if I ever had a chance of reaching her, I lost it at that time."

Marti spent, with her consent, three months in a psychiatric hos-

pital taking electric and insulin shock treatment for schizophrenia. After her return home, she appeared no longer to have respect for the moral values which the carpenters thought she had in college. She lost several jobs, at times promising to do better, until her parents finally, last August, agreed to obtain a warrant for psychiatric observation. She learned about it, and they haven't heard from her since.

"If I were asked what advice to give parents, I would say become informed about drugs, be alert and watch your child's attitude and behavior. Keep in close contact when they go to college or start working away from home. Those are the most dangerous times."

(This is where the two girls met to us really commented to each other. Maybe they thought that they and their peers needed no close contact when they go to college or start working away from home. Those are the most dangerous times.")

"And most important, don't think it will never happen to you—refuse to believe it, if it does," she continued.

Ending her speech, Mrs. Carpenter said simply, "Don't be a complacent and self-righteous as I did."



Mrs. Ebaa Carpenter, a teacher at Russellville High School, spoke as a panel member discussing drug abuse, as an estimated 6700 persons listened attentively to her heart-breaking story. She stated that her appearance on the panel was probably the most difficult thing she had ever tried to do. Almost all 6700 persons stood to recognize her courage. However, at least two girls in the next row to us, remained seated—they even made uncomplimentary comments throughout the entire program.



Miss Linda Earlywine, Snow Queen of the Annual Christmas Parade in pictures, tired from fight, with her attendants. From left: Susan Logan, Debrae Ockerman, Sue Kelly, Miss Earlywine, Vickie Curran and Rita Smith.—Mercury Photo

## Jaycee Little League Tryouts Dec. 19

### Lawyers Attend Income Tax Seminar

Three Carlsile lawyers and three local legal secretaries attended an income tax seminar in Lexington on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

They are Roger Womack and Billy Hopkins and their secretary, Mrs. Marshall Stone; Mrs. Ewell Lyons, secretary to Charles M. Cox, who is ill; and Joseph H. Conley and Mrs. Allen McClure, secretary at Conley and Conley Attorneys.

### Knapke Elected 1st Vice President Of Ky. Jaycees

Ken Knapke, Jaycee Area 4-C vice president, was named the number one vice president in the State for the last quarter.

The announcement was made at the Jaycee Winter Board meeting in Louisville.

### American Legion Supper, Friday

The American Legion Post No. 17 and its auxiliary will hold a supper Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. Legion members, wives or girl friends, auxiliary husbands or boy friends are invited, as announced by Post Adj. John Tapp.

### McElroy Presently Conservationist

C.A. McElroy is the District Conservationist in Paris and is also in charge of Nicholas County until someone is appointed to replace William Threlkeld who resigned recently.

A technician will be in Nicholas County office in the Post Office Building every Monday and Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays. If a farmer has a special need at other times, he may call the Bourbon County Soil Conservation Office or leave word at the Nicholas County Extension Office.

### LVCAP To Hold Election Dec. 14

The Licking Valley Community Action Program will hold an election Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Sterling Courthouse for the purpose of electing alternates to the LVCAP Regional Board.

This election is for the purpose of recognizing the Board to reduce its voting members from 48 to 24.

### RC Meeting Dec. 10

Dr. Robert Sparks, president, has announced there will be a meeting of the Recreational Council, Thursday (tonight), at 7:30 p.m. in the Extension Office in the Post Office Building.

Members and interested citizens are urged to attend this important meeting.

### Stickers On Sale

City car stickers will be on sale Dec. 15 at the City Office. This is being done to avoid a last minute rush the first of the year. It is not necessary to have your 1971 license.

### Lodge Election Set

The election of officers for 1971 Douglas Lodge No. 16 will be held Friday, Dec. 11 at the regular meeting with installation to be on Dec. 26.

All members urged to attend.



## Perserverance Pays Off For Church Group

Persistent work by Leater Snapp undoubtedly put this float in the winning column of the 11th Annual Jaycee Christmas Parade. The float sponsored by the Friendly Class of the Carlsile Union Methodist Church took first place last Thursday evening. The dove, on the large crane paper globe was begun by Mrs. Leater Snapp and Mrs. Emmet Darrell. Mrs. Snapp stated that her husband inferred that they would never get the job done on time, so he took over, spending four tedious hours making the symbol of peace. The float had begun as a clump of fine wire, then cotton batting was added followed by a covering of crepe vealour paper. Its feathers were laundered chicken feathers with an estimated 35 to 40 being used. The two "angels" from left are Dawn Carol Byles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phill Hillcock, and Tracy Hillcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phill Hillcock.—Mercury picture

## Council Votes To Allow School to Lay Water Line Incentive Payments

City Council met in regular session with all councilmen being present.

Council voted to permit Nicholas County High School to lay a 6 inch water line from Meredith Evans property to the new school being constructed, and on to the high school with a fire hydrant being installed.

It was voted to pay the book-up fee for sewer service to the Henry Bramlett residence on Sycamore Street. Bramlett has been paying a sewer fee since 1964 for the service he has not been receiving, because his line was cut at that time and a promise was made by the City to repair the damage, but it was never done.

Councilman Richard Hunt moved to purchase master gas meters for sections outside of town which now use city gas but have no master meters. Such sections include Dorseyville, Liberty Heights, Arnold Heights and East Union. Purchase is to be immediately. Motion by Booth, seconded by Kelley, that City Attorney Jack Conley work with Operations Manager Oliver Vice in preparing a contract requiring out-of-city gas users, on lines controlled by the new master meters, to bear their pro-rated share of gas losses in those lines.

The City will advertise for bids for purchase of a gas leak detector.

Floor tile will be purchased for the office area and apartments in the Police Station, with the tenants being notified of a \$10 increase in rent, effective Jan. 1.

Council appointed Jane Ellen Booth to buy recognition gifts for 5, 10, 15, and 20 year full-time city personnel, and gifts for part-time employees to be presented at the annual Christmas dinner, which will be held tentatively on Dec. 21.

It was voted that the City would purchase a hood for the back hood. Councilman Booth proposed that Operations Manager Oliver Vice with City Attorney Jack Conley, prepare an itemized suggested schedule of trash pick-up fees and proposed expense of system, for Council's trial. Trash expenses are not being met with present fees.

Council agreed to pay \$14 for meals and lodges for Police Chief Allen Earlywine to attend a two-day session, Dec. 15 and 16, on the Eastern Kentucky University campus concerning the Branch-Herz.

Kelley moved to have Councilman Booth to be present on Page 10.

## Abene Elected

William (Cona) Abene, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Abene, has been elected president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the University of Kentucky.

Abene is a senior at the University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



## Elementary School Bonds Sold

This picture, taken by Charles Wilson, is an artist's sketch of the new Nicholas County Elementary School. The school bond issue bids were opened Tuesday by Fiscal Court in Special session. The bid was awarded to J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons & Co., Association for 6.411% interest rate. The total amount of the bond issue was \$1,510,000 which will be paid over a period of 25 years. Other bidders were: Merritt Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., Magnus & Co., 6.8811%; F. L. Dupree & Co., Inc., 6.8951%; UMIC, Inc., 7.1944.

## Local Persons Attending Gov.'s Drug Session

Local persons attending Governor Nunn's Special Session on Drug Abuse in Louisville Thursday, Dec. 3 are: Ken Knapke, Billy Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Conley, Miss Sara Swango and Bobby Anderson.

Miss Swango is chairman of the Nicholas County Drug Abuse Committee.

## Nicholas Library Gets State Aid

The Nicholas County Public Library has received aid from the State Department of Libraries, for the fiscal year 1970-71, in the amount of \$2,075.

## Christmas Seal Plea

Charles Cox, Chairman of the Tuberculosis and Christmas Seal Drive, reminds everyone to remit their donations for the Christmas Seal, as soon as possible.

## New Bus Stop

The Greyhound bus will stop in front of the old city building or police station to pick up passengers beginning Friday, Dec. 11.