

Merry Christmas Greetings to All

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Christmas fun

Young and old alike enjoy the Christmas season as Santa (Herman Convera) makes an early visit to the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home as Mrs. Dottie Marshall and a number of the children presented a Christmas program and gave each patient a small bell and a card they had made. The children were given a candy stocking by Santa. Refreshments were served. Patients shown in the background are Mrs. Eva Blount, Mrs. Lillie Weathers, Miss Cordia Bell and Mrs. Ellen Kenney.

Kentucky burley tobacco markets closed on highest note in history

Foxhunters meet here

The directors of the Central Kentucky Foxhunters met in Carlisle at the Court House on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1971, at a special called meeting for the purpose of reorganization. The date of April 24-27, 1972, was selected for the 1972 Field Trial and Bench Show. The site of the hunt was not selected at this time. It is to be noted that this is a Spring Hunt, which is unusual for the Central Kentucky Foxhunters, but has been found to be very popular in other parts of the country. Fred Harris of Prestonsburg, was elected president. M.A. (Pete) Reid of Carlisle, was elected secretary. An Executive Committee was named, consisting of Judge Floyd Clark, Roger C. Nornack and Roy Blount, all of Carlisle, and veteran foxhunters.

Kentucky burley tobacco markets are closed for a two-week Christmas recess on the highest note in industry history. With more than 267 million pounds sold the Kentucky Department of Agriculture reports a record average for the season of \$80.56 per hundred pounds. Gross sales to date have surpassed the \$215 million mark. Daily averages, which opened at a record \$77.93 Nov. 22 have climbed every day but two during the 16 selling days to date. Volume has fluctuated, averaging slightly more than 16.6 million pounds daily with extremes of 9.5 million pounds last Thursday and 21.6 million last Monday. Volume has topped 30 million pounds three times this season. Last week's volume of 64.6 million pounds was the second lowest of the season, but the week's average price of \$82.50 per hundred pounds was the highest. Gross sales for the week totaled more than \$53.3 million, also down, slightly from the previous week. For the season, Lexington leads in sales with more than 42 million pounds bringing more than \$34.7 million at auction. Other markets that have sold more than 10 million pounds to date are Carrollton, Glasgow, Horse Cave, Mayfield, Owensboro, and Shelbyville. Averages for the season range from \$77.82 per hundredweight at Henderson to \$81.43 at Carrollton. Other markets reporting season averages of more than \$81 include Bloomfield, Danville, Lexington, and Shelbyville. Lexington reported top sales last week of more than 12.5 million pounds. Carrollton, Mayfield and Shelbyville all sold more than four million pounds last week and seven other markets reported sales of more than two million pounds each.

\$1,000 per family
Installment debt, \$2,203,000 locally

To what extent has Nicholas County residents been using installment credit in their purchasing cars, furniture, washing machines, refrigerators and other big-ticket goods and services? The answer is their debt load at the present time? How well are they handling it? Most of them appear to be in good shape. They limited their expenditures for costly items in the past two years or so because of their concern over inflation, unemployment and other aspects of the economy. Some of the money that they would normally have spent in such directions went toward reducing their indebtedness. Nationally, according to the latest figures from the Department of Commerce, the Federal Reserve Board and others, the amount of installment debt outstanding is over \$103 billion. More than one-third of it represents automobile loans. For the American population generally, the debt is equivalent to about one-seventh of its net income, after taxes. In Nicholas County, based upon the national figures and upon local earnings and spending figures, the amount of installment debt outstanding is estimated at \$1,000 per family. That is the overall average. Some families are considerably more than that and some considerably less. Many buy for cash and have no installment debt at all. Of the families that do, a breakdown by the University of Michigan indicates that those with incomes of \$5,000 or less have an average, that those with \$7,000 to \$10,000 have debts of \$1,300 and

Babson forecast

Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1972 will appear in the Dec. 30 issue of The Carlisle Mercury.



CROP AVERAGES '82
Jackie Alexander (left) and Steve Day participated in the 4-H FFA Tobacco Warehouse Show and held their blue ribbon award for their tobacco crop which averaged \$22.00 per hundred. Jackie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Alexander, received a blue ribbon on his crop which averaged \$18.27 per hundred. The Warehouse Company refunded one-half of the sales commission to the participants to be used as premium money.

Attention!

Primarily this issue of The Mercury is made possible by its many advertisers who take space to with their patrons a "Merry Christmas." It is our hope and their's that you the reader will take the time to read the messages published. Other advertisements carry hints for last minute shoppers, food items necessary for Christmas meals, notices of sales, and point-out the fact that local banks (due to an executive order by Gov. Wendell Ford) will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, as well as Christmas Day and Sunday of course.



Honored

Sam Finch, at right, accepts an engraved plaque from Mayor Bill Power, for five years service in the Carlisle police department. The presentation was made at the city's annual Christmas party. - Mercury picture

Convention for County ASC committee is held

Harvey Wagener, Nicholas county farmer, was re-elected to the County ASC Committee for a three-year term and James D. Guance, was elected for one year to fill out the unexpired term of H. S. Vico, deceased, by delegates to the ASC County Convention held Dec. 15, at the local ASCS Office. The delegates also selected Harvey Wagener and Roy E. Snapp as chairman and vice-chairman of the three-member county committee, and named Stanley Alexander and Eugene Letcher as first and second alternate committee men. The County ASC Committee is responsible for local administration of Government farm programs such as acreage allotments, Burley tobacco poundage, loans for eligible crops, conservation cost-sharing on agricultural lands, and Wool Incentive Program. The vacancies were filled and the County ASC Committee officers named by delegates who are newly-elected ASC community committees assist the county committee in farm program administration and help keep farmers informed of program provisions. County committees are elected by the community committees to serve staggered three-year terms, so that ordinarily one vacancy occurs each year. The county committee alternates are elected for one-year terms. The newly elected county and community committees took office January 1, 1972.



Santa Claus here Friday

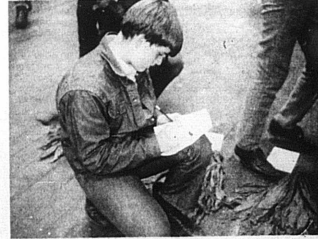
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Social Security office warns of flimflam artists in area

It's almost Christmas, but it's also the season for the flimflam artists. Roy L. Colyer, Manager of the Lexington Social Security Office reports that three men, posing as Social Security Representatives, are now operating in the Southeast. Their scheme goes like this: They write a large check for \$1,000 to the Social Security Doctors and the other a Social Security Representative, visit the home of an elderly person and tell him that he may be entitled to additional social security benefits if he is disabled. They convince the person they can conduct the necessary physical examination, usually in the bedroom. Then while the fake "Doctors" are examining the person, the other man searches the house for money. One elderly couple in Stokes County, North Carolina, lost nearly \$1,000 to this group of con artists last week. Mr. Colyer points out that all Social Security Representatives have identification, which includes a picture of the employee. If you



4-H TOBACCO CONTEST IS HELD
Len Crimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thomas Crimes, placed first in the 4-H Tobacco Grading Contest held recently at the Growers Tobacco Warehouse in Mt. Sterling. Len received a Champion ribbon and premium money award. The 4-H FFA District Tobacco Show and Sale was sponsored by the Mt. Sterling Warehouse Association.

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