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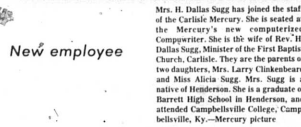
Santa to visit here Dec. 23

Santa Claus will visit the Nicholas County Courthouse Square Saturday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. His visit is sponsored jointly by the American Legion and V.F.W. Apples and candy will be distributed. From the Courthouse Santa will go to the Nicholas County Hospital, then to the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

Tot saves lives of 2

David Cecil, 3½ year old son of Mrs. Brenda Cecil, lives, saved his mother's and his sister's lives recently when he precariously tugged at his mother until he managed to awaken her after she was partially overcome by smoke. She grabbed the two children and escaped with them. She then returned and put out the fire around the kitchen stove. Hickey Cecil, 6, was at school at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Cecil and family lived in Carlisle last winter where she worked as a housekeeper for E-Dell Beasley Salon. The children's grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, is a licensed practical nurse at Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.



New employee

Mrs. H. Dallas Sugg has joined the staff of the Carlisle Mercury. She is seated at the Mercury's new computerized Compuwriter. She is the wife of Rev. H. Dallas Sugg, Minister of the First Baptist Church, Carlisle. They are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Larry Clinkensbeard and Miss Albia Sugg. Mrs. Sugg is a native of Henderson. She is a graduate of Barrett High School in Henderson, and attended Campbellville College, Campbellville, Ky.—Mercury picture



Service plaques

Clo Fryman, left, and Mike Jones, right, receive plaques for five years of faithful service from Mayor Bill Power. Thursday night concluding the city dinner party held at Garrett's Restaurant.—Mercury photo.



ATTEND TRAINING SESSIONS AT UK.—The University of Kentucky College of Social Professions is conducting six three-week sessions to upgrade case aides and interviewer aides of the Kentucky Department of Economic Security, under a \$48,825 grant from Public Service Careers and the U.S.

Department of Labor. Among those attending the fourth session were (from left) Dr. Ben Granger of the UK College, a lecturer to the group, Mrs. Jayne Whitley, Carlisle; Mrs. Nicky S. Key, Danville, and Mrs. Evelyn Kralow, UK coordinator.



Hidden from view almost!

The Fiscal Court of Nicholas County is pictured with the new Caterpillar Bulldozer recently purchased with revenue sharing funds under the Federal Revenue Sharing Act to operate the Sanitary Land Fill Disposal System now in operation on the Nicholas County farm. This purchase was made in accordance with a previous news article a couple of weeks ago to notify the citizens of how the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds are being spent.

Midnight Mass at local Shrine

Midnight Mass will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Christmas Carols will be sung by the church choir beginning at 11:45 p.m.

The Rev. Herman Kamlage, the Mass celebrant, will deliver the sermon on the topic "The Wonder of Christmas." The choir will sing the High Mass. Christmas Carols will be sung during Mass, featuring Mrs. James Simon's antique music box.

Everyone is invited to attend. Midnight Mass services.

Contact Representative to help Veterans

A contact representative of the Bureau of Veterans Affairs, will be present on Dec. 28 at the County Judge's office in Carlisle to assist veterans and their dependents with claim for benefits due them as a result of their military service. He will be present from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mercury office to be closed Dec. 25-26

A white Christmas in Kentucky? chances are slim, records show

If you are dreaming of a white Christmas such as Grandpa used to tell about, the chances of your dream coming true range from about six percent in the extreme western end of the state to 10-20 percent over most of the rest of Kentucky.

These percentages, according to A.B. Elam Jr., climatologist for Kentucky at the National Weather Service Office, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, are based on snowfall records kept for many years. He emphasizes, also, that these are probabilities, not forecasts, and warns against snow enthusiasts setting their hopes too high. Records of white Christmases past indicate that such meteorological events are not unusual occurrences in the Commonwealth.

In the past 23 years, says Elam, there have been only seven Christmas Days with any significant snow cover over Kentucky — and all seven of these circumstances occurred during the past 12 years.

In 1960 and 1961, there was a snow cover of one inch or more over most or all of the state. In 1961 and 1962, snow cover was limited chiefly to the south and southeast. And, in 1966, snow cover was general except for much of the Bluegrass region and the northeast.

In 1970, snowfall on Christmas Day was general and the heaviest since the 1930's. Snow cover ranged from one to six inches over the greater part of Kentucky and probably was much deeper in the higher elevations of the southeast. On Dec. 25, 1970, some snow fell in most sections of the state in the afternoon and evening with up to two inches in parts of the eastern third.

Christmas Day last year was snowless. Rather, it was a cloudy, drizzly day with temperatures averaging from 10 to 20 degrees above normal. As a matter of fact, except in the higher elevations of the southeast, there was little snow at all in Kentucky during the entire month of December — less than in any December since 1940.

So for those dreaming — or longing — for a white Christmas, and for others who would just as soon see it green, these are the probabilities based on records of years past, Elam says. The amount of precipitation might be present this Christmas — and then again it might not.

Everyone is invited to attend. Midnight Mass services.

Christmas Eve vespers at Cane Ridge

A year-long observance of the bicentennial of the birth of Barton W. Stone, founder of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will be climaxed with a Christmas worship service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, in the old Cane Ridge Meeting House near Paris.

The vesper service marks the actual anniversary date — 1772-1972.

Dr. Richard Pope of the Lexington Theological Seminary will be the speaker for the service, his sermon topic to be "A Man to Remember."

"Stone is a man to be remembered," according to Dr. Hoke S. Dickinson, curator of the Cane Ridge Shrine. "He is remembered for his role in founding the largest Christian body born on American soil — for the fact that he believed that all Christians were one in the Lord and for his passion for Christian unity."

"He is remembered for his insistence that the scriptures are the primary source of Christian faith and practice and not creeds drawn up by man," Dr. Dickinson added.

Orient Lodge to meet Dec. 27

Orient Lodge No. 500 will hold its annual St. John's Day, Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Headquarters Lodge. Lodge meeting to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon in basement of Headquarters United Methodist Church.

After the supper the officers for 1973 will be elected.

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

Dougherty Lodge meets

Dougherty Lodge No. 65 will hold its annual oyster supper Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge hall.

After the supper the officers for 1973 will be elected.

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

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Will hold Christmas Services

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association encourages everyone to worship in the church of their choice this Christmas Eve. Special services are being held at all the churches.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will conduct a Penance Service at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday. The traditional Midnight Mass will begin at 11:45 Christmas Eve. A Christmas Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

The Carlisle Presbyterian Church will hold its regular Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 10:45 a.m. and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 11:00 p.m.

The Carlisle Christian Church will conduct their regular Sunday worship services and at 6:00 p.m. a Christmas play will be presented by the youth and adult choirs directed by Mr. Curt Wilcox.

The United Methodist Church will present special music by their three choirs, Junior, Youth and Senior, at the 10:45 Sunday morning worship service.

The Carlisle Baptist Church will conduct their regular Sunday services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will conduct their regular Sunday morning services at 10:45. The choir will present special music for the morning worship service. At 7:30 p.m. a Candlelight Communion Service will be conducted with special music presented by the choir.

Income tax books

Farm income tax books are now available at the County Extension Office in the basement of the Post Office.



Santa at Nursing Home

Kindergarten children are not concerned by the lack of Santa's beard. He held the attention of each one when he visited him at a Christmas party given last week at the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.—Mercury photo