Open house

A Christmas Open House was given Thursday afternoon, Dec. 19 by Nicholas County School Superintendent Don Elder and the Board of Education in the Education building. Assisting in serving refreshments and hospitality were from left, Mrs. Gayle Bowen, Mrs. Donald Robinson, Mrs. Don Elder, Mr. Elder, and Harry Varner.—Duncan photo

Carroll makes first appointments

Terry McBrayer, state representative from Greenup, and Jack B. Hall, dean of students at the University of Kentucky, will head the administrative staff of Julian Carroll when he becomes acting governor Jan. 3.

Carroll announced the appointments of McBrayer and Hall on Dec. 13. They were the first appointments of his upcoming administration.

McBrayer, 37, has been volunteer director of Carroll's government transition office since Thanksgiving. He will resign his state legislature post on Jan. 3 to become Carroll's chief executive officer.

Hall, 42, who will be responsible for the internal affairs of the new governor's office, will be granted a one-year leave of absence from UK, where he has been dean of students and assistant vice president for student affairs since August, 1970.

McBrayer has served 10 years in the Kentucky House of Representatives. He was elected House speaker pro tempore in 1968 and named by his colleagues as Democratic majority leader in 1970.

"I was prepared to give service in the executive branch, but illness cancelled those plans," said McBrayer. "However, my condition is such that I can still offer something to state government."

McBrayer referred to his plans to run for the office of lieutenant governor in next year's primary election. He shelved those plans in October when his physician advised him that making the political race could endanger his health.

McBrayer said he believes his close personal relationship with Carroll will provide him with an insight into the new administration's philosophy of state government.

"Terry McBrayer and I have a well-established working relationship dating from his time as majority floor leader and speaker pro tem, while I was speaker of the House," Lt. Gov. Carroll said of McBrayer. "We understand each other and I look forward to renewing our work together on a daily basis."

Commenting about Hall, Carroll said, "His appointment is emblematic of my desire to restructure the governor's office and make it a model of efficiency to which the rest of state government can look." Carroll will have two administrative assistants heading his staff, Hall handling internal matters and another appointee, yet to be named, responsible for external activities.

Hall is also an elected county councilman, a position he will resign at the next session of the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Council. He has been with the University of Kentucky since 1960. Prior to that, he served five years in the U.S. Air Force, piloting a B-47 aircraft in the Strategic Air Command.

Home loan interest rates reduced

The reduction from 9.5 to 9 per cent in the maximum allowable interest rates on GI and FHA home loans could mean as much as $9.90 per month savings to the average veteran home buyer, Administator of Veterans Affairs Richard L. Roudebush commented recently.

Over the 30 year life of the average $27,500 GI loan, the total saving from the .5 per cent reduction would be as much as $1,364, the VA Administrator pointed out.

The reduction, effective Nov. 25, was announced concurrently with Housing and Urban Development on Nov. 22.

Lodge to elect

On Friday evening, Dec. 27, at 6:30 Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F&AM will have their annual oyster supper followed by an election of officers.

The Sewing Basket

Evan's Big Tee Burger

Joyful GREETINGS

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J. W. Ecton, Deputy

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Oscar Mayer Pork Piggie Sausage lb. $1.29

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Armour Veribest First Cut PORK CHOPS lb. 99¢

Center Rib lb. $1.19 Center Loin lb. $1.29

Fischers-Weiners 12 oz. 79¢

Crinkle Cut French Fried 2 lb. Ore-Ida Potatoes 69¢

Protein 21 Hair Spray $1.59 13 oz.

King size Tide Detergent $1.89 $.40 In Pack Coupon

Chef-Boy-Ar-Dee: Frozen Pizzas 79¢ Sausage, Pepperoni, Beef&Cheese Cheese,

Lucks Beans 303 Lima, Mixed Kidney Gt. Northern, Pinto 3/$1

Freezer Queen Meats 2 lbs. $1.19 Sev. var. except beef

Promise ½ lb. tubs Margarine 2/79¢

Final Touch ½ gal Fabric Softener $1.59

Quik 'n Sure Mixes Biscuit, Cornbread 2/89¢

Old Virginia seedless 16 oz. Blackberry Jam 97¢

Glad Food 30 ct. Storage Bags 39¢ Garbage Bags 30 ct. 59¢

Mr. Clean Gt. $1.09

Heinz Sauce 49¢ Worcestershire 10 oz.

Polish 9 oz. Klean n Shine $1.09

Cleaner 15 oz. Top Job Cleaner 39¢

Kleenex 50 ct. Dinner Napkins 39¢

Pepsodent 7 oz. Toothpaste 79¢

Crisp'n Tender 3.75 oz. Batter Mix 2/49¢

Liquid Drain Opener Qt. Liquid Plummer 79¢

Green Giant Whole, Sliced Mushrooms 3/$1

Kleenex Boutique 125 ct. Facial Tissue 3/$1

20 oz. Magic Sizing 69¢

Rich N Ready Breakfast Orange Drink Gal. 99¢

Morton House 16 oz. Baked Beans 3/$1

Hunt's 15 oz. Tomato Sauce 3/$1

Hunt's 14 oz. Tomato Catsup 3/$1

Bathroom Cup Dixie Refills 3 oz. 59¢

Delmonico 2 lbs. Elbow Macaroni 79¢

Jiff Smooth, Crunchy 28 oz. Peanut Butter $1.19

Minute Maid 6 oz. Orange Juice 4/$1

8 pk., 16 oz. with bottles Coke, Tab, Sprite $1.29

Yellow ONIONS 3 lb. bag 39¢

Cabbage lb. 12¢

White Florida Grapefruit 5 lb. bag 79¢

Bananas 2 lbs. 29¢

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Poinsettias popular at Christmas

Those big red "flowers" on a poinsettia aren't really flowers. And the colorful Christmas plant could just as well be called "wilidenowia."

The poinsettia's bright blossoms is not the flower but highly modified petal-like leaves called bracts. The actual flowers are tiny yellow rosettes in the center.

The plant is named after Joel R. Poinsett, who went to Mexico in 1825 to serve as United States minister. He so admired the bright red plants he saw growing wild there that he brought the first specimens to the United States and successfully grew them on his estate at Charleston, S.C.

Shown in Philadelphia

Poinsettias were given their first public showing at the exposition of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in 1829, the National Geographic Society says. They immediately aroused the interest of growers around the country.

American botanists named the plant after Poinsett in 1836. Actually, a German botanist, Karl Ludwig Willdenow, already had described and catalogued the plant as **Euphorbia pulcherrima**, "the very beautiful Euphorbia."

In the United States, however, the popular name, poinsettia, stuck. Poinsett himself modestly called it "painted leaves."

It is also known as Mexican flame leaf, fireplant, lobster plant, and shepherdess.

Though the poinsettia has to be potted and protected in temperate regions, the perennial thrives in moist, shady areas of the southern United States, Mexico, and parts of South America. It has been introduced to Hawaii and the Philippines.

The conservatory poinsettia is no match for the plant growing outside in warm regions. On first seeing them growing in the tropics, one Englishman was moved to write:

"What is this thing that hangs over into the road, some 15 feet in height? What but the poinsettia, paltry scions of which adorn our hothouses and dinner tables."

Shoots Are Pinched

Getting a greenhouse poinsettia to mature in time for Christmas takes considerable horticultural skill. In early spring, rootstock is dug up and sent to growers who pot and nurse the plants. They pinch the tops to force new shoots, then pinch the shoots again and take cuttings.

Cuttings are rooted with a special hormone, placed in individual pots, and forced into bloom through rigid light control. If nature cooperates with the grower's skill, the plants are bright and beautiful at Christmas time.

A few years ago, the grower's task was even more difficult because poinsettias would, as the saying went, swoon and die if looked at cross-eyed. They actually were sensitive enough to shed their leaves if exposed to chill air from an open door.

But plant breeders now have developed hardy hybrid poinsettias that will withstand drafts, changes of temperature, and even misguided watering. They also have developed white, pink, and mottled pink and white poinsettias.

A lovely tree

A lovely flocked Christmas tree was set up in the foyer of the Nicholas County Board of Education building Thursday afternoon for the Open House given by Superintendent Don Elder and the Board of Education. Admiring the tree are Mrs. Harry Varner, and teachers Mrs. Kathy Martin and Mrs. Jane Becker.—Duncan photo

Merry Christmas

It's time for family feasting . . . and time for us to say thanks for patronizing our establishment. Happy Holiday!

Marshall's Restaurant

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
This letter is from Garland (Matt) Owens Jr. and Becky Dale. We have been very good this year. Please bring Matt a backhoe, a corn cutter and a bicycle. Becky wants a baby doll, a doll bed and stroller, and a bicycle. We also want a table and chair set, a stove, sink and refrigerator in share.

Please bring our cousins Goober Johnson and Billy Wayne Gilvin some toys, too.

We will leave cookies and milk for you if you put our bicycles together for us.

Thank you,
Matt Owens
Becky Dale

Carlisle Automotive, Inc.

Dear Santa,

My name is Lorna Lyons. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like to have a baby doll, a Give-a-Show projector, and a transistor radio. Don't forget my little brother Scott. He is 3 years old and has been a pretty good boy too. He would like a guitar, pop-up telephone, an whatever else you think he will like.

Don't forget my daddy, he has been good boy (sometimes) and Santa please don't forget my Mam-Maw Lyons, my Nanny and Pap-Paw Hafley. They are always good. We will leave some cake and milk under the tree.

We love you
Lorna and Scott Lyon

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas & a New Year

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Lee Bentz

Christmas Greetings

It's all around — that Christmas feeling! May it fill your holiday with warmth, joy and loving thoughts. We hope you enjoy this time to the fullest.

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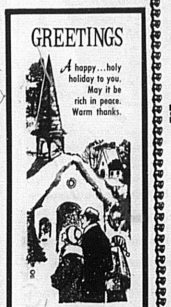

Hall's Barber Shop

Mind if I make a Suggestion?

If my memory hasn't failed me, you promised yourself last year that you would not leave your Christmas Shopping until the last minute. Well . . . you had better get with it, because you have just 5 SHOPPING DAYS left until Christmas.

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