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Mrs. Viola Sapp sworn-in Thursday as Magistrate

Mrs. Viola Sapp was sworn-in last Thursday by Deputy County Clerk Rose Scott as Magistrate of the Fifth District of Nicholas county to fill the vacancy created by the death of her husband, Joe Sapp.

Gov. Julian Carroll recently appointed Mrs. Sapp to the position after her recommendation by the Nicholas County Democratic Executive Committee.

Mrs. Sapp was born in Bourbon county, the daughter of the late H.C. and Mary Herrin. But, she has spent most of her life in Nicholas county.

A member of the Carlisle Christian Church, she has three sons: Clay Sapp, Nicholas county; Luther Sapp, Paris; and Roy Sapp, Millersburg. Mrs. Sapp has four grandchildren.

Her husband, Joe, who died on Oct. 21, was Magistrate of the Fifth District for five consecutive terms. He took office in 1958.

Mrs. Sapp received a certificate from President Gerald Ford after his death honoring her husband for military service in World War I. Last year, Magistrate Sapp received an "Honorary Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky" certificate from Frances Jones Mills, the Clerk of Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Sapp, who lives on the Oxbow Road, attended her first Circuit Court meeting Wednesday night (Dec. 15).

State police raid Carlisle City Club

State police raided the Carlisle City Club on Spring Street in Donoverville Friday night and confiscated 600 containers of beer and 30 half pints of whiskey.

Brownie Hollar and Bill King were charged with possession of alcoholic beverages in a local open territory, according to Trooper John Hall. The two appeared in City Police Court Saturday morning, but the case was continued until next Saturday.

There were about 15 or 20 people in the club when it was raided.

Besides Trooper Hall, the other state policemen assisting in the raid are Sgt. Leslie Simpson, Trooper Robert Scott, Trooper Jim Curry and Trooper Jim Barnes.

Frances Bell injured in accident Friday enroute to Mt. Olivet

Frances Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bell of Nicholas county, was injured in an accident Friday night as the van her sister, Sally Bell, 17, was driving turned on its side and skidded into the seven students in a van heading toward Mt. Olivet to watch the basketball tournament.

Sally Bell told Trooper Curry that her steering column locked and she couldn't get it to turn. As she jerked the wheel harder, it loosened and the van veered and started turning over.

Miss Sally Bell and four other passengers were not injured, according to Trooper Curry. All six girls are Bourbon County students.

Besides the Bell sisters and Kenney, the other passengers were Brenda Sears, Janet and Kelly Ritchie, and Donna Lukins, all of Millersburg.

Homestead exemption increased next year

FRANKFORT—State Commissioner of Revenue Maurice P. Carpenter has announced that his department has notified all county property valuation administrators of a \$1,200 increase in the state's homestead exemption for 1977-1978.

This raises to \$8,200 the property tax exemption of qualifying residential property owned and occupied by persons 65 or older.

Carpenter explained that the Department of Revenue computed the increase based on the rise in the U.S. Department of Labor consumer price index. The recomputation is required from the Department of Revenue every two years under Kentucky law.

The amount of individual exemption allowed in 1975 and 1976 was \$7,000. The new allowance represents an increase of \$1,200 provided in the Constitution.

Carpenter reminded those who become eligible for the exemption in 1977 that they must file an application with the property valuation administrator of their county by March 1.

Health Center to close

The Nicholas County Health Center will be closed to the public on Friday afternoon, Dec. 15, due to a staff meeting. The office will close at 12 noon.



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Local churches list various Christmas services, activities

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Least Grove Baptist Church
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On Sunday, Dec. 19 the Adult Choir will present a special program of Christmas music during the morning worship service. The choir, directed by Mrs. Tom Hardin and accompanied by Mrs. Dennis Berry.

At 7 p.m. on Dec. 19, the Adult Choir, directed by Paul Hardin, will present "A Song Unending," a Christmas cantata by John Peterson. The candlelight service will feature Robert Curtis as narrator; Thomas Hardin, tenor soloist; Mrs. Paul Hardin, soprano soloist; Mrs. John Clinkenbard, alto soloist; Paul Hardin, baritone soloist; and Mrs. Dennis Berry, organist.

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Anyone who would care to meet at the church with the choir to join the group along the way is invited to do so. Persons need not be members of the Carlisle Christian Church.

Those interested in restating this fine old tradition need not call to reserve a place in the group. Just meet us at the church at 8:30 p.m. or join us along the way as we pass by your house.

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Headquarters Methodist Church
The Christmas program for the Headquarters Church will be held Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Spears Collins Jr. and Mrs. Howard Livingston are in charge. Everyone is welcome.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m. Father James Gerrey of Georgetown will administer the Sacrament of Penance.

Thursday, Dec. 23 Father Herman B. Kammage will administer the Sacrament of Penance at 4:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, Christmas Masses will be held at 7:30 p.m. and Midnight Mass will start promptly at midnight.

Midnight Mass participants include Mrs. Rusty Lawrence as soloist, Dr. James Noll, Harmed Koury, Mrs. Walter Kendall and Kelli Robinson will trace the history of salvation in their readings beginning with the Creation and Fall of Man through sin, and ending with the Birth of Christ.

This year there is an old-fashioned Christmas tree and manger scene. Father Kammage will explain the "Meaning of Christmas," geared to the young children gathered around him, immediately after the reading of the Gospel.

Gift, banners, candle lighters and altar boys will be members of the Youth Group.

Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Mass at 10 a.m.

Morefield United Methodist Church
The Morefield United Methodist Church will present "Let Us Adore Him with Our Talents" on Sunday evening, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m., and regular morning and evening worship services will be held on Sunday, Dec. 26.

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