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Snow Queen candidates

Five Nicholas County High School seniors have been selected as candidates for Snow Queen of the Carlisle Christmas Parade to be held Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. They are:

Judene Bow, daughter of Mr. and



Mrs. J. T. Bow of Carlisle, is a member of Student Council, annual staff, Photography Club. She was a delegate to SPOKE Conference and attended the Outstanding High School Senior Woman's Recognition Day at UK. Miss Bow works in the principal's office at NCHS.

She teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She plays piano for morning church services, sings in choir, CYP and participates in Bible correspondence course.



Connie Hopkins is a member of FHA, National Honor Society, Student Council and the annual staff. She attended Girls State at Morehead State University last summer, and the SPOKE Conference last fall.

Miss Hopkins, the daughter of Mrs. Della Lintville and Albert Hopkins, belongs to the Barterville Methodist Church.

Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. Stewart, attends the Carlisle United Methodist Church and is secretary of her Sunday School class. She is also a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Layout Manager of the '78 Annual Staff and a member of FHA in which she is a secretary and is presently working toward her State Degree. She is also the editor of the FHA newsletter, "Horizons", co-chairman of the Christmas float, and was recently selected CO-ED Correspondent.

Miss Stewart attended the Louisville and Outstanding Seniors Woman's Recognition Day, in November. She plans to major in Nursing.



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Rhonda Goodman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goodman of the Headquarters Road. She is a cheerleader, Harrison County BECC, Beauty Contest runner-up this year, a member of Future Homemakers of America and Student Council. She is vice president of FHA.

Miss Goodman attends the Carlisle United Methodist Church.



May Ann Harper is chapter president of FHA and also state reporter. She belongs to the National Honor Society, Student Council, Speech and Drama Club and is co-editor of the NCHS annual.

Miss Harper, the daughter of Mrs. Robert Harper and the late Mr. Harper, attended both SPOKE Conference and Girls State. She is a member of the Catholic Church.



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Searchers plod thru snow seeking missing nursing home patient



Mrs. James Edwin Weathers, a resident of the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home, was found dead at 10:28 a.m. Tuesday about 21 feet from the back door of the home, pictured above. Jack Clark, Nicholas County deputy coroner, said the dead of exposure after wandering away from the home. Sheriff Reese Smith stated that she was last seen in her room around 3:30 a.m. Sgt. Eugene Bowling of the Lexington Police Department discovered the body as snow blew away from it. He and another Lexington policeman had brought a dog to join in the search. Over 20 officials and volunteers, some pictured at right, searched for Mrs. Weathers after she was discovered missing around 5 a.m. She is survived by one brother locally, Matthew Campbell. Other survivors and funeral arrangements at Mathers-Shearer Funeral Home were incomplete at press time. The corner of the roof of the building at left is the Nicholas County Health Department. Pictures were taken from in front of the new Carlisle Assembly with a 35mm lens f11, 1/600 sec.—Mercury photo.

DEBTS PILE UP Two tax bills possible in '78

by Joan W. Conley
All indications are that the 1977 County and City tax bills will not be ready until March or April of next year—and possibly even later, according to Rose Brady, Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator. (See Mrs. Brady's letter to the editor in today's Mercury.)

Some local taxpayers are appealing to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, the recent decision of the Nicholas Circuit Court that an emergency assessment be made of the entire County property rather than just city and Lake Carnico areas. Everything has been stopped until the Court of Appeals can hear the case. Dec. 21 is the deadline for filing papers in the class action case.

In the meantime, Nicholas County Fiscal Court has borrowed \$20,000 since July 1, according to Nicholas County Court Clerk Rose Scott. And, it will be forced to continue borrowing until taxes start coming in. The County usually borrows in August before tax monies start arriving. In 1976, for example, the county borrowed \$10,000 to start the Fiscal Year.

But, this year is different! The county is receiving no money, but spending \$8-10,000 per month just for payroll and bills. This does not include the road department. The Court of Appeals must act before the taxing process can begin again. Then notices must be mailed by the PVA; a one week inspection period must be set up; the county Board of Appeals must hear all appeals—could take up to four weeks or longer; changes must be recorded; and the assessment must be certified by the state.

Then it will take the county clerk's office at least two months to figure the taxes. Miss Scott said: "I hope the Sheriff can mail the bills and start collecting. The tax bills next year. The 1978 tax bills will probably be

ready in October or November, if the PVA's office can catch up. This gives Nicholas County two tax bills in one year—a hard bill to swallow for any of us, especially the farmer who is selling his crop now. He will not have additional income for another year.

City will have to borrow. The County is not the only taxing district being forced to borrow money. Although, the City of Carlisle has not borrowed to date, City Clerk-Treasurer Joyce McIntyre is sure that the City will have to borrow money to meet expenses before long. License bills have been sent out early, and that will help some, Mrs. McIntyre stated. But, probably by January the city will become a debtor, too, to meet ordinary expenses.

Schools using renovation monies. The Nicholas County Schools happily do not anticipate going in debt to weather the tax storm because they are using monies accumulated during the last four or five years for future major renovations. This money is now being

Grid banquet well attended

The Nicholas County High School Football Team was honored at a community-wide appreciation dinner held Friday night at the North Central 4-H Camp. Approximately 250 persons attended the dinner sponsored by the Carlisle Rotary Club. Charles Cox, master of ceremonies, called upon the following for brief remarks about the team: Fred Atkinson, Tom Atkinson, coach at Mayville, Roger Warnock, Joe Frank Conley, Calvin Wills, Jeff Jolly, Coach Bobby Jenkins, Superintendent Don Elder, and Head Coach Ben Pumphrey. The members of Wesley Chapel OMC decorated and cooked the dinner.

used for ordinary expenses. The schools are holding back any major expenditures during this time.

Having these monies in reserve at this time is saving the taxpayer considerable interest that would have been due on the borrowed money if that had become a necessity.

This money will eventually be used to help defray the cost of an addition to the schools or a new middle school both of which are already needed because the present schools are so overcrowded. It is not money that is obtained from the 20 cents per \$100 valuation tax passed by the voter for the new elementary school, as some people believe. If enough money can be saved for major renovations, then an unpopular bond

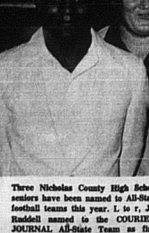


issue might possibly be avoided, or considerably lowered.

Library to borrow. Ralph Coover, president of the Library Board said last week that the state-aid check was sent to the Nicholas County Library early to help relieve the situation there.

However, about January, the Library will be forced to borrow money to meet ordinary expenses. Ordinary library expenses amount to well over \$1,000 per month, it is estimated.

Hospital tax set on 1977 bill. The voted tax for the new Nicholas County Hospital will not be on the 1977 tax bills, it will be included on the 1978 bills—the amount to be determined.



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All Staters

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