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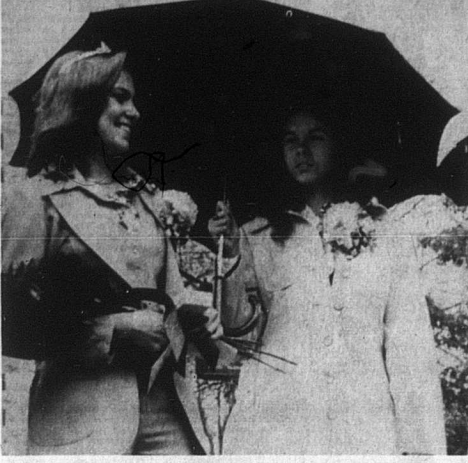
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## Parade winners

### Methodists win first for float; Pam Hopkins crowned Snow Queen



Snow Queen

Pam Hopkins, left, smiles in the rain after she was named Snow Queen during the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas parade. The Snow Queen candidates were chosen and voted on by NCHS seniors. Holding the umbrella at right is another candidate, Charlene Russell. — Photo by Jeff Kerr.

On a cold and rainy Saturday the Carlisle United Methodist Church won first place for its float and Pam Hopkins was crowned Snow Queen during the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade.

For the second week in a row bad weather affected the parade. Originally scheduled for Dec. 9 Kentucky's record flooding and a freeze that weekend left many of the parade's entries stranded at home.

The parade was rescheduled for Dec. 16 and the rain started shortly before the 3 p.m. starting time. The Nicholas County High School band was unable to perform but six floats, including one from Millersburg, two marching units and several other units did make the trek from NCHS to the town square. They included Santa Claus on the Carlisle Fire Department truck, who tossed pieces of candy to the many children and adults that braved the rain to see the parade.

The Methodist Church took first place in the float competition, followed by the FFA-FHA float in second and the 4-H float in third. Other floats entered were made by the Ecology Club, the Carlisle First Christian Church and the Millersburg Fire Department.

Miss Hopkins, winner of the Snow Queen crown, is a senior at NCHS. She is 17, the daughter of Della Linville and Albert Hopkins and co-captain of the girls' varsity basketball team. She also serves as secretary of the National Honor Society and is president of the Student Council. She attends the Moore-

field Methodist Church and plans to attend Morehead State University after graduation.

Other candidates in the contest, who were chosen and voted on by the students, were Charlene Russell, Patricia Parr, Julie McDonald, Joanne Owings and Karen Setters.

## Carlisle Manufacturing has 10th anniversary

Carlisle Mayor Bill Power has proclaimed the month of December to honor Carlisle Manufacturing Company for its tenth anniversary in operation.

A plaque commemorating the event was presented to company representatives at the city's annual dinner Tuesday night at Carnico Country Club.

The proclamation read as follows: PROCLAMATION WHEREAS; Carlisle Manufacturing Company is celebrating its tenth birthday in our community; and

WHEREAS; Carlisle Manufacturing Company has added in the growth and progress of our community; and

WHEREAS; Carlisle Manufacturing Company is growing with our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I William Power, Mayor of Carlisle, Ky., do hereby proclaim this month of December as the time to honor this plant, and I want to express the city's thanks to Mr. Russell Bell and Mr. Bob Paul and

employees for a job well done. SIGNED this 19th Day of December 1978 at City Hall, Carlisle, Ky.

WILLIAM POWER, Mayor



Just three days left!

## Remember the birds

### Here's how—and what—to feed them

By Nevyle Shackelford

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Most of the time Old Mother Nature provides enough food for her wild children, but sometimes late in the season or when snow blankets the earth, many resident birds find life extremely difficult indeed. Unless they can find sufficient fuel to stoke their tiny furnaces, many of the less hardy individuals may perish in and from the cold.

A bird feeder set up in the backyard, on a window sill, or in some other protected spot will help prevent this eventually. The person feeding the birds will benefit, too. He will derive pleasure from doing a humane deed and will no doubt enjoy the lively bird company. He can learn to identify birds, appreciate their beauty, and then have them around to sing to him and catch his bugs come spring.

A bird feeder need not be an elaborate thing and the more rustic, the better. It can be an open-sided box, a

plastic milk jug with a hole cut in its side a few inches above the bottom, or just about any other kind of a small container that can be easily stocked. It should be erected in a spot sheltered by a building, a tree, or some other object where it can be easily seen from a window from which the birds can be watched.

Birds will eat just about anything that humans do, but a combination of foods will attract the most species of birds. Members of the sparrow family like the cardinal, junco, and song sparrow are able to handle hard seeds and grain.

Sunflower seed is a favorite of nearly all birds, especially chickadees, titmice, and nuthatches. They will also feed on a seed mixture and like woodpeckers and Carolina wrens, are also very fond of nut. A large piece of suet placed in a mesh bag, such as stores get holding catkins and other produce, and swung from a tree limb

will stave off bird hunger for several weeks.

Peanut butter mixed half and half with cornmeal, will drive most birds "half out of their minds. Although I have never seen such an incident, some bird feeders say that unless mixed with cornmeal, the sticky peanut butter may choke some small birds to death.

Chopped nuts, cracked walnuts, popcorn, oatmeal, bread crumbs, meat scraps, raisins, and table scraps also make good bird food.

Along with food, birds also need water in winter, especially when streams and ponds are frozen over. An eggshell dish of warm water should be placed near the bird feeder each time food is put out for the birds.

There is some question as to whether or not bird feeding is actually beneficial to bird life. Those questioning the

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## Sailing ships

### Carlisle native makes loooooong cruise

(Editor's Note: Claude B. Lawrence, a native of Carlisle, recently took his longest sailing trip at the age of 77—a little jaunt of 1,700 miles from Michigan to the Bahamas. This story from a Florida newspaper recounts that journey. It was submitted by Lawrence's sister, Mrs. Edith Bryant of the Green Valley Apts. in Carlisle. Mrs. Bryant reports that her brother sends her the Mercury for Christmas every year and his next project is to re-visit the Statue of Liberty, which he last saw as a returning veteran of World War I 60 years ago.)

by Michael Fastert  
Journal Staff Writer  
DELTONA — Claude Lawrence hadn't set foot on a sailboat until he retired. But last month at 77, the Deltona resident completed a 1,700 mile journey from Michigan to the Bahamas and he's ready to do it again next year. It's a tremendous feeling at sea. You're not wasting any fuel. You just

catch the Good Lord's wind," Lawrence said in an interview last week as he recalled the details of the trip aboard a 30 foot sailboat called Neroceta.

It took 33 days to take the boat, which belongs to his 82 year old son from his summer home in Port Huron, Michigan to Nassau, where the Lawrence family uses it for the winter.

"It was the first time I've been on a long sailing trip. I learned a lot that you can't find out sailing on the Great Lakes," the 13 year resident of Deltona said.

As he paged through a log book he had kept, Lawrence rattled off a series of historical landmarks viewed from the craft on the Erie Canal and Hudson River, some of which he hadn't seen since he was on a troop ship in 1918. He detailed the process of going through the locks on the canal — three to higher levels and 20 to lower for a drop of 600 feet — with the skill of a seasoned sailor. "It wasn't all smooth canal waters and

sightseeing, however. At times the waves were 20 feet high and for all of the four day trip from Charleston, S. C. to the Bahamas, Claude B. Lawrence, his son, Claude S., and a Canadian sailboat racer, J. Paul Mellon, were on their own.

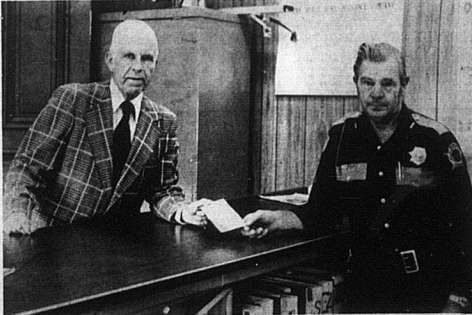
"When you're getting tossed around by waves that big, it scares you some, but that goes with sailing," he said. "It's a little rough on the kidneys."

There were a few times when the Lawrences and a friend who sailed part way with them, were so busy keeping the craft on course, they could find little time to eat. When the seas were rough they couldn't cook, but when there was good wind and calm water, they ate like sailors on leave.

Is age a handicap for enjoying sailing, especially on a monthlong excursion?

"The only age disadvantage is that sometimes I feel I can't help as much as

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Taxes paid

C.A. Harris, Carlisle South Central Bell Co. manager, hands a check for \$14,471.24 to Nicholas County Sheriff J. W. Eades, for 1978 property taxes in Nicholas County. — Mercury photo.