

Christmas parade at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

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Bobby Sexton represents co-op in Va.

Bobby Sexton of Carlisle, elected delegate, represented local Southern States Cooperative's members at the association's 57th Annual Stockholders' meeting held in Richmond, Va., Nov. 19 and 20.

Also attending the session was Mrs. Sadie E. Raney, manager of Southern States Carlisle Cooperative. They heard Executive Vice President and General Manager Gene A. James report that Southern States had reached \$625 million during the fiscal year which ended last June 30. This was an increase of 20 percent over the previous year.

James also told the business session at the Mosque Auditorium "that savings from operations, after income tax and equity earnings, came to \$14.2 million, almost double that of a year ago."

James shared the reporting at the session with Jack A. McElhugh, group vice president, wholesale services; Harris K. Swain, vice president, retail services; Paul E. Mullins, group vice president, operations services; and Beverley W. Armstrong, vice president, finance.

James told the delegates that "after allowance for reserves, the Board of Directors had authorized the payment of a patronage refund of 13 percent on purchases and 3 cents per bushel on grain marketed. Those refunds are paid 40 percent in cash and 60 percent in patronage refund allocations which will be redeemed at a future date."

In his report, McElhugh states that "feed tonnage was down slightly from 540,000 tons the prior year to 546,000 tons. But because of inflationary pressures dollar volume was up from \$88.9 million to \$93.2 million."

Fertilizer volume was up from 63,000 tons the previous year to 66,496 tons, an increase of 5.4 percent. Dollar volume was \$29.3 million compared to \$17.1 the year before. Inflationary pressure and not tonnage was responsible for most of the increase.

Petroleum volume reached \$122.1 million, a record figure, while gallonage decreased about 8.2 percent.

Farm supply volume was slightly

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Santa visits Baker's Friday night to talk to the children

Nicholas County Bluejackets preseason basketball

By Meg Conley and Peggy Stewart
The Nicholas County High School boys basketball season will begin on Dec. 2 against Lexington's Yates Creek at home.

Coach Mike Kenney sees the team as a hustling, quick team with good speed and defensive-minded play. "Our success depends on blocking out, constant hustle, and getting high percentage shots," states Coach Kenney.

Tracy Howard, a varsity cheerleader, commented, "I have high hopes for this year's team even though we have lost some very outstanding play-

ers. The players seem determined and ready to play. I am honored to be able to cheer for them and will stand by them through everything to come, good or bad."

Another varsity cheerleader, Carlotta Anderson, added, "We have a small, but fast team. Our team has a lot of experience and they have what it takes to make it to the Regional Tournament. I'll be there to cheer them on no matter what."

Mirsha Mattox, yet another varsity cheerleader, had this to add about this

year's team, "I don't know much about the other teams in our district, but I know Nicholas has been working and practicing really hard. This could be the year we go somewhere!"

This year's schedule is one of the toughest the team has had in years. Coach Kenney feels that by having such a tough schedule the team will gain from it and this will help in district rivalries.

There will be three seasonal tournaments: Burley Invitational at Mason

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1981 crop burley tobacco quota meeting Dec. 16

A public meeting to discuss the proposed national marketing quota for 1981 crop burley tobacco will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, in the E.S. Good Barn, near the Commonwealth Stadium, on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will conduct the meeting. Current law requires that the amount of the national quota for burley tobacco for the 1981-82 marketing year be announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture no later than Feb. 1. The 1981 marketing year begins Oct. 1, 1981.

Persons unable to attend the Lexington meeting are invited to submit their comments in writing not later than Jan. 19 to the Director, Price Support and Loan Division, ASCS-USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

All written comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the director, room 2415 of USDA's South Building.

The percentage of sales placed under loan was practically nil. Gross sales opening week totaled 134,343,971 pounds and averaged \$16.94 per hundred. This was up \$22.45 per hundred from the first day last year when 107.6 million pounds returned \$482.19. Baled marketings made up 11,701,611 pounds of total sales and averaged \$16.01 per hundred. Resales totaled 3,866,274 pounds this week.

Averages increased generally \$20 to \$30 per hundred for most grades compared with levels set the first day last year. The practical top price was \$166 per hundred pounds, which is also the average for a majority of grades. Nondescript marketings are selling for \$160 to \$166 in most cases.

This week's marketings consisted of smaller percentages of cutters and leaf with more tips and mixed tobacco. From a color standpoint, the ratio of tan and greenish increased substantially while less red and mixed appeared for sale. By group, flyings accounted for about 12 percent of volume; cutters 15; leaf 29; tips 12; mixed 16; nondescript 4; and other about 2 percent.

The Burley Cooperatives received only 2,110 tons of tobacco the first week compared with 721,766 pounds the first week last season.

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Tobacco prices exceed hopes

Burley tobacco prices during the first week of auctions exceeded most expectations, reports the Federal-State Market News Service. The general average was by far the highest on record as practically all marketings sold for \$166 per hundred pounds. Quality of the moderate to heavy volume was similar to opening week last year. Baled tobacco made up almost 10 percent of sales and sold for the same price as

Tiny Tim and Scrooge on stage here Dec. 16

Tiny Tim and Scrooge will be on stage at the Nicholas County Elementary School on Dec. 16. When the curtain rises at 8 p.m. all of the favorite characters of Charles Dickens' well-known "Christmas Carol" will appear.

Advance tickets for the performance are being sold by Albertson's, Carlisle Drug, Carlisle 5 & 10, Carter's, and Hopkins Drug. A limited number of

tickets also will be available at the door. Box office opens at 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for young people (high school and younger).

The play, entitled "Mr. Scrooge," is a musical adaptation of the "Christmas Carol." It will be performed by selected members of The Little Theatre of Mt. Sterling who are being sponsored by the Nicholas County Historical Society.

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Carlisle roads and routes listed

Heeding the requests of several who have asked *The Mercury* has updated the listing of roads that go with routes and presents same:

For your Christmas mailing and all year round, John Anderson, local Postmaster, has provided the following list of routes and roads of the Carlisle Post Office.

ROUTE 1
Roads: Burns, Carpenter, Concord (Upper Jacktown Road side of Old Concord Church), Gillispie, Levese Sharpburg, Lower Jacktown, Miller Station, Ox Bow, Pleasant Spring, Roundberry, See, Soper, Taylor Creek, Upper Concord, Upper Jacktown.

ROUTE 2
Roads: Concord (East Union Road side of Old Concord Church), East Union, Gravel, Jordan, Maple Grove, Milltown, Moorfield, Mt. Zion, Sora Grass, Sorenst, Upper Lick.

ROUTE 3
Roads: Bartterville, Barefoot, Banker, Headquarters, Huddell, Crooked Creek, Mayville 68 (to Short Stony Road), Mt. Moriah, Neidman's, Old Park, Panther Creek, Saltwell, Rose Hill, Sugar Creek, Suggs, Walnut Grove, Pikes, Arthur, Pears, Others: Buffalo Trace, Crayton Creek.

ROUTE 4
Roads: Cane Run, Claidy Creek, Dunn, Gallows 34, Hill, Goose Creek, Gravel, Hickory Ridge, Lehman, Locust Grove, Myers 21, Pennington Ridge, Mayville 68, Lake, Whetstone.

ROUTE 5
Roads: Lake Carnico area, Old Highway 68 (Blue Licks, below Short Stony to Blue Licks Park), Stony Creek, Short Stony Creek, Mt. Lane, Green Valley Apartments.

Discussing auction

Scrooge's housekeeper, played by Judy Byron, and two undertakers, John Stegner and Ashley Tyree, discuss the auction of Scrooge's possessions with the Ghost of Christmas Future, Bill Ratliff.

Scrooge will observe this scene and realize that he will not live to see the next Christmas. Others in the cast, not normally in the scene, contemplate their own lines for a forthcoming scene. — Poline photo



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