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The Christmas season

The Carlisle Christmas season began last week with the putting up of the brand new Christmas decorations purchased by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce. Here, Stanley Wayne Caswell of the Scrubgrass Road, an employee of Kentucky Utilities, puts up a tree in front of Barnes' Grocery on Main Street.—Mercury photo.

### Mrs. Thomas C. Johnson succumbs

A well-known Carlisle resident and long-time school and Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Thomas C. Johnson, 65, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1982 at the Nicholas County Hospital after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband and two sons. (See obituary for funeral details.)

Mrs. Johnson taught English and drama at Carlisle High School and Nicholas County High School during the 1950's and 60's.

### Snow removal priority

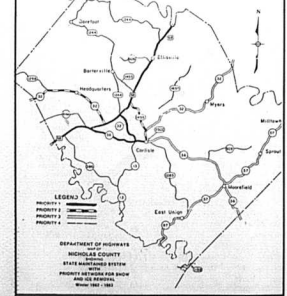
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\* See Burley on page 4



## Legal moves continue But wet-dry elections are still set for Saturday at city, Myers

The circuit court ruling by Judge G.A. Famularo, allowing a local option election in the Myers precinct Saturday, Dec. 4, is being appealed to a higher court, Rev. Bob Gipson, secretary of the Citizens for a Better Community (CBC), has told the Mercury.

"We are prepared, if necessary, to carry this appeal to the Kentucky Supreme Court," Gipson said, "and we hope to get a court injunction to stop the election."

In arriving at a decision to make the appeal, members of the CBC said they "unanimously agreed" that the issue at stake is of supreme importance, "not only to the residents of Nicholas County but to all the people of Kentucky."

The series of legal events began when residents of the Myers precinct, apparently angered by the submitting of a successful wet-dry petition by voters in the four Carlisle precincts, submitted one of their own for a local option vote. But even though the petition did have enough names, County Attorney Jack Conley said the petition was invalid because one precinct could not vote in a county that had already voted itself dry.

The Famularo decision of Nov. 18 struck down that ruling and allowed the election to take place this Saturday, Dec. 4.

Observers say

Residents of the community with whom the Mercury has spoken seem to believe the wet-dry election will fall in Carlisle, but these same observers

### Bulletin

Just before press time, the Mercury learned that the appeal of the court decision allowing the Myers liquor vote Saturday was to be argued to the Court of Appeals in Hartford late Thursday. The "dry" forces were asking that Judge Famularo's decision allowing the election be studied for its validity, and that, in the meantime, the election at Myers Saturday be voided. The Citizens for a Better Community forces were hoping for a decision by Wednesday. The validity of the Carlisle local option vote was not being contested.

## Christmas parade Crowning of queen set for Saturday too!

Six Nicholas County High School girls will compete for the title of "Snow Queen" Saturday at the conclusion of the Christmas Parade, organizers have announced.

The girls are Tracy Howard, Jennifer Hughes, Pam Nislett, Monica Moore, Hope Charver and Patricia Small.

The crowning ceremony will take place on the courthouse steps immediately following the parade.

The parade floats will gather on the school grounds, Doug Garrett said, and be ready to leave at about 6:45 p.m.

The parade should pass through downtown at about 7 p.m. The route is along Main Street from the school, past the courthouse, turning left (north) onto Broadway and left again onto Chestnut, stopping behind the courthouse. The queen candidates will then gather on the front steps of the courthouse down next to the sidewalk for the ceremonies.

At press time, seven floats were going to be in the parade, with the

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### Circuit Clerk closed Saturday

Circuit clerk Aulis E. Watkins has announced that her office will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 4, because a portion of her office is being used as a voting precinct.

think the Myers precinct has a better than 50-50 chance of going wet. They base this opinion on the fact that more than 80 percent of the registered voters in the precinct agreed the petition.

County Clerk Rose Scott says she has 338 names of registered voters on the roll for the Myers precinct with "few" to be added since the last election. "I think there's five or six more names to go on there," Rose Scott said. One hundred seventy-six persons signed the petition and based on 238 registered voters, that is 32 percent of those registered.

At press time, there was talk amongst members of the Citizens for a Better Community, hoping for the injunction to stop the election on Saturday.

The laws of the state, as interpreted in the past by its highest courts, are quite clear in prohibiting a single precinct in a "dry" county from holding such an election," the CBC news release to the Mercury said.

Needs financial help

The CBC news reports that there is definite need for financial support. Any persons or groups desiring to add to this appeal process are asking to send their contributions to Mrs. Dottie Marshall, 300 Kennedy Hospital, Carlisle. Please make all checks payable to "Citizens for a Better Community." All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

The Citizens for a Better Community have also been working to defeat the referendum on the sale of alcoholic beverages here in Carlisle. They used the process of finalizing plans and strategies for Election Day, Dec. 4, a meeting for this purpose will be held at the First Baptist Church, Thursday, Dec. 3, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Carlisle election

Meanwhile, four Carlisle precincts of Mayfield, Engine House, Mathias and City Building precincts will vote Saturday on the question: "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in Carlisle, Kentucky?"

Only those persons who are registered voters in the city of Carlisle will be allowed to vote.

It was pointed out by County Clerk Rose Scott that some citizens who are registered to vote in county elections actually live in the city precincts.

These persons will not be allowed to vote in Carlisle Saturday.

Carlisle, being a fourth class city, has the legal right to vote itself wet if it wants to, even though the county is dry.

Polls in Carlisle and at Myers will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., just as are other elections.

### Text of Judge Famularo's order

This is a copy of the order signed by Judge G.A. Famularo allowing the Myers election. It is dated Nov. 18, 1982.

ORDER

Bobby A. Bewles, Clay Fryman and Tom Henley vs. Renee Small, Nicholas County Judge-Executive.

This action appearing before the Court on motion of the Plaintiff is that the Defendant be directed to enter an Order directing an election to be held in Myers Precinct, Nicholas County, Kentucky, for the purpose of taking the sense of the people within said precinct as to the discontinuance of prohibition within said precinct.

At Carlsle have the responsibility and duty to use the clear and commonly accepted meaning of the language set forth in our statutes and to construe them liberally, this Court is of the opinion no other just or correct decision could be rendered in light of the unambiguous language set forth in KRS 242.020, the definition of "territory" in KRS 242.013 and section 61 of the Kentucky Constitution.

Given under my hand, this the 18th day of November, 1982

/s/ Hon. G.A. Famularo  
Judge, Nicholas Circuit Court

Have Seen and Notice of Entry Waived

/s/ Sam W. Arnold III  
Attorney for Plaintiff

/s/ Joseph H. Conley  
Nicholas County Attorney  
Attorney for Defendant

### A common sight in Carlisle

In recent months, this has become a common sight in Carlisle. All three Lexington television stations now know exactly where we are located. They have been here covering liquor, politics, taxes and the new gas lines. In this shot, Channel 37 films a look at the court

brief filed by Myers residents to allow a liquor vote in their precinct. The resulting favorable decision has been applauded by the "dry" forces, the Citizens for a Better Community.—Mercury photo.