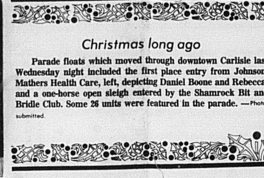


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Christmas long ago
Parade floats which moved through downtown Carlisle last Wednesday night included the first place entry from Johnson-Mathers Health Care, left, depicting Daniel Boone and Rebecca, and a one-horse open sleigh entered by the Shamrock Hill and Hridge Club. Some 22 units were featured in the parade. —Photos submitted.

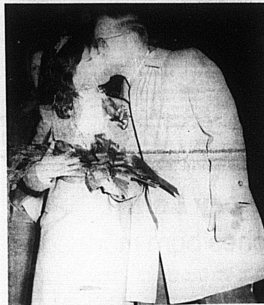
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Christmas Parade termed 'best ever'



Official kiss from the mayor
Mayor Franklin Hughes has the pleasant duty of kissing Stephanie Ockerman, crowned 1983 Snow Queen by last year's winner, Patricia Small. The parade was held on a cold December 7 night. —Photo submitted.

Miss Stephanie Ockerman, a senior at Nicholas County High School, was crowned 1983 Snow Queen during the annual Christmas Parade here last Wednesday night, Dec. 7.

The parade was described as the biggest and best in recent memory.

A float entered by the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Center was first place and \$100 in float competition which drew 11 entries. In addition, several groups, including the NCHS marching band, and Santa Claus were in attendance.

The float, a replica of the Daniel Boone cabin at Forest Retreat, also participated in the inaugural parade.

OTHER FLOAT winners were: NCHS 4-H Team, second place and PE, NCHS FFA, third, 80¢ and Carlisle Community Woman's Club, fourth, 5¢.

Delma Livingston and Sharon Wilson, County Extension office, were float committee co-chairmen. According to Livingston, turnout and response were "just great. We certainly appreciate the many reviews we received."

THE PARADE was postponed from Saturday, Dec. 3 because of rain. The four-hour County High School band was forced to cancel its scheduled appearance here due to a previous commitment.

However, a Millersburg float, entitled "A Charlie Brown Christmas" made a guest appearance at the invitation of John Burke, president of the sponsoring Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce. The float had been created for the Dec. 5



It was cold enough for Snow Queen
Candidates for Snow Queen of the 1983 Christmas Parade arrived atop a convertible. Not shown: Marsha Hunt and Diane Ritchie. All from left, Stephanie Ockerman, Tracy

Let there be... More lights for City!

Three new street lights will be installed by Kentucky Utilities Company, as recommended by the Building, Fire and Lighting committee of the City Council, and Mayor Franklin Hughes.

The sites designated are, (1) at Kennedy High School, near the home of Joe Jennings; (2) in the alley behind the home of Webb Hustin, Sam Reynolds and Charles Gates on Spencers Street; and (3) near the cemetery gate by the home of Ronnie Broderick on Second Street. The bulbs will be 500 lumens high pressure sodium.

OTHER recommendations were to switch a light near Larry Mitchell's home on High Street in Bereasville, and

move a pole in the alley behind the Carlisle Drug building on Main Street.

These recommendations complete the reworking of the street lighting in Carlisle recently undertaken by Kentucky Utilities.

Betty Barlow reported that she had been asked about a stop sign being put up at the intersection of Broadway and North Street.

Mayor Hughes said that Broadway is a state maintained road, and the city could not put up a sign. It is recommended that, at a later date, the state highway department in Flomington could be contacted about the sign.

Schools out Dec. 21

Nicholas County schools will dismiss Wednesday, Dec. 21, for the Christmas and New Year holiday period. School will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1984. It was announced at a meeting of the school board Monday night.

January 2, when school would have normally started, is a state holiday.

A called meeting of the board is set for the Friday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 a.m. to discuss any and all legal business.

THE BOARD approved the following measures:

To adopt The Process Policy and Procedure Manual as recommended by the school board.

To participate in a Drop-Out Study with the state Dept. of Education.

passenger school buses.

A sick and/or maternity leave for Bonnie Dabney from Jan. 23-March 4, 1984.

Special Education field events for the 1983-84 school year.

Accept the resignation of Sylvia Johnson as cook, effective immediately.

Place Mrs. Gayle Barlow in attendance, Mrs. Viola Cheever a P.E. aide and employ Marjorie Wilson as an aide to transport a student to Health County.

Employ Mrs. Hannah Gabriel as a third grade teacher for remainder of 1983-84 school year.

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FCIC estimate Eight out of 10 growers have tobacco losses

Eight out of 10 tobacco growers in Nicholas County will end up in a loss category this crop year, that's the estimate of John E. Soper, district director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) for Eastern Kentucky.

Some 3,402 acres on 1,044 units (approximately 90 percent of all tobacco raised here) have an insured liability of \$10,264,070 with FCIC.

"This means in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000 in insurance payments to Nicholas County farmers," Soper told the Mercury this week.

Insurance payments for the past three years were \$3 million.

"Based on crops already sold, a 1,000-120 pounds to the acre average looks like a pretty good yield," Soper said.

Last year's yield was about 2,200 pounds to the acre. The normal average is about 1,500 pounds per acre in Nicholas County.

Open house marks Stone's retirement

Frank Stone, vice-president of the First National Bank of Carlisle and manager of its Moorefield branch, has announced his retirement, effective Dec. 31.

He will be recognized by the bank for his almost 28 years of service at the annual Christmas party for employees and directors on Monday night, Dec. 19, at Carlisle Country Club.

Stone started his banking career as a teller on April 15, 1955 when First National had six employees and assets of approximately \$1.1 million. Assets today are about \$22 million handled by 28 employees.

He was named assistant cashier in 1958 and a vice-president two years later. He served as teller and loan officer in the Carlisle bank until 1963 when he became branch manager in Moorefield. He is assisted there by

Mike Hiltok.

AN OPEN HOUSE has been scheduled at the Moorefield location on Dec. 20 from 9-5 p.m.

According to Andy Dudley, bank president, "Frank looked the lives of so many people here and in the Moorefield community. He wants the opportunity to personally thank everyone for their patronage there over the years."

"Frank's loyalty and reliability unquestionable. If all our operations ran as smoothly as the (Moorefield) branch office has it would make life in the banking business a lot easier," Dudley said.

FRANK WAS BORN and raised in Nicholas County, the son of the late W.P. and Pearl Stone. He and his wife, the former Lucille Hampton, live in Moorefield.

HE ALSO STATED that due to the number of less claims this year additional adjusters have been added to the force. Adjusters, under the supervision of Ed Hatten, include John

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