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LeMaster, Huddleston to lead parade



From the bottom...

The restored electric flag begins its ascent to the dome atop the courthouse today afternoon. Helping clockwise, from left, are Reno Runck, Doug Gorrett, Jim Barnes, John Hamilton Jr. and Proc Blair work at the ground level.

The annual queen parade, a highlight of the 1984 Blackberry Festival, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The five candidates for queen and other marching units will assemble at the local school at 7 p.m. for the parade down Main Street and around the courthouse square before being introduced to the crowd by veteran master of ceremonies, Bill Power.

Contestants for the title include Ginger Fryman, Paige Hancy, Denise Highland, Lisa Shure and Pam Sparks.

Jim LeMaster, state representative from Paris, will serve as grand marshal of the parade and crown the 1984 queen, according to festival chairman William Harbin.

U.S. Senator Walter (Dew) Huddleston notified American Legion officials Monday that he will be in Carlisle Thursday in time to ride in a horse-drawn wagon driven by Dorsey Lynn Watkins. Sen. Huddleston is expected to make a brief speech.

The Chamber of Commerce-sponsored dunking booth "celebrity auction" is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. Thursday on the courthouse steps.

Auctioned to the highest bidder will be several well-known Nicholas County items who will be subject to a brief dip in the drink below their perch atop the booth.

A partial list of "targets" include Mayor Franklin Hughes and councilmen Clarence Cerd and Tommy Vaughn, Deputy Sheriff Chuck Smith, Larry Huddleston, First National Bank, Proc Blair, local accountant; Jimmy Carter of Carter's of Carlisle; Bill Clark Jr.; Tastes Freese; School Bus; Donald Elder, Principal Gerald Hammons, State Police Trooper John Hall and John Burke and Rob Heiser representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Each high bidder will have five chances to trip the switch that dunks the "victim."

POWER has entered most festivals since the event was called a "throw-away" in 1941. At that time was sponsored by the local VFW, which Power was commander. Victims who have officiated at the microphone include the late Alva H. Kendall and Bill's brother, John D. Power.

Power figures that he will at least have 300 appearances, although "I'm really not sure I gave up counting a long time ago," he told The Mercury.

"Music and street dancing will follow the coronation of the queen. The Culture Show will provide carnival rides in the courthouse lawn throughout the festival.

A MEMBER of organizations are manning booths. The Community Women's Club will be the official "Last Child" station where youngsters see



...to the top!

John Burke gives the high sign on the 1917 vintage flag procession in destination about 3 p.m. Assisting Burke is Mike Doran.

'Long may she wave'

A special highlight of Wednesday night's activities was to have been the dedication of the restored electric flag atop the courthouse.

The flag, which hasn't waved since 1964, was repaired by the S & W Sign Company of Lexington for about \$2,000 raised through contributions from civic groups, businesses and individual donors.

THE FLAG was first installed on Monday, May 21, 1917. The following article, headlined "Electric Flag Flying" appeared in the May 24, 1917 Carlisle Mercury.

The stars and stripes now wave from the courthouse nightly. The new electric flag, 84 1/2 feet, was placed on the lower Monday and Monday night, the motor was set in motion, and Old Glory began to wave.

The flag was purchased by voluntary subscriptions of the citizens of Carlisle.

Free textbooks!

Decision by local board said to be first in state

The Nicholas County Board of Education, at its special meeting held on June 26, voted to provide free textbooks to Nicholas County High School students this coming year.

In telephone conversation with State Department of Education official John Showmaker last week, it was learned that the Nicholas County Board of Education was the first local board to indicate to the state that it would provide free textbooks to high school students. Showmaker commended the board on this decision.

For the past several years, funds have been provided by the state through the Department of Education for this purpose. The last Legislative session did not provide funds for the continuation of this program but gave local districts three options in providing textbooks to high school students.

—To purchase the high school books. They then have the option of selling, renting or providing the books on a free loan basis to the students.

The free textbook program at the elementary level remains the same.

The board felt that the cost of purchasing or renting the textbooks would have caused financial hardship on many families in light of the fact that a family with three students in high school would have spent approximately \$150 per year on textbook rental.

"Our school board has taken action, which shows their continued interest in providing quality education to our students while holding doors to parents," according to Donald G. Elder, local superintendent of schools.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board acted on the following measures:

—To accept the treasurer's report for regular and Chapter 1 accounts.

—To pay final bills and salaries for 1983-84 school year.

—To purchase \$720 in science equipment for high school.

—To employ Ginger Fields to work with drill team.

—For the Nicholas County Board of Education to declare its intention to adopt, under proper certification, a tax rate not less than the amount required to participate fully in the Power Equalization Program for 1984-85.

—To allow Babe Ruth League to use high school field for district tournament.

—To accept John H. Green Company bid on deck #67 for \$29,90 per job.

An auction of surplus school equipment will be held July 7 at 10 a.m. on the parking lot adjacent to the high school.

Remembrances of Hildreth School

Tower bell, pot-bellied stove and water bucket recalled

By June H. Bee

Going to school is an experience, but attending a one-room is really an experience.

I remember attending the Hildreth School, with the huge bell in the tower on the roof, ringing for miles to tell children that it was time for school. Ringing the bell was a special privilege, reserved only for the older boys in the class (girls did not ring the bell, since Women's Lib was unheard of then).

I remember the giant pot-bellied stove, which stood in the center of the building. It was the teacher's responsibility to come in early in the morning to kind a fire, so the room would be warm when class time came.

Large windows, reserved for the older children, were placed close to the window, so in the winter time the children would be cold, while the younger ones were warmed by the wood-burning stove in the room.

The tables were turned in the spring, however, when the window provided breezes on warm days.

I REMEMBER reading the Bible before classes began, reciting the Lord's Prayer, and saying a prayer. We didn't know at the time that our civil rights were being violated (we could see a little violation in this day and age). It was probably the only religious training a lot of children had.

I remember following the path outdoors to the restroom, and having to drink water from the cistern just outside the door. Everyone drank from a bucket. If you did not own a cup, one would be made by folding a piece of paper which, although not fancy, suited the purpose.

Of course, some things never change. Like today, recess and lunch time were looked forward to with anticipation.

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Hildreth School, 1903

Hildreth School on it appeared in 1903. The one-room schoolhouse, located in the Licking precinct near Blue Licks, is the object of a preservation attempt by the Nicholas County Historical Society. While

members of this class are unidentified, the gentleman on left, holding a book is the late Arthur Mullikin, first known teacher. The photograph is from a collection owned by Mrs. J. A. Standford.—Photo by members.

Larry Wills heads Rotary

Larry Wills has been installed as the new president of the Carlisle Rotary Club, replacing Roy Glanville.

Roger Winbeck, a charter member of the Rotary Club, installed the new president and other officers. They include Jerry Lantieri, vice president; Clarence Terrell, secretary and Roger Beard, treasurer.

The club meets on Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the old depot.

