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Hey, kids, write Santa

In keeping with a longstanding tradition, The Carlisle Mercury will again publish letters to Santa this Christmas season.

Youngsters are invited to write Santa, in care of The Mercury, telling what they want him to bring them for Christmas. Mothers and fathers may help by taping along their wishes.

Groups are encouraged to participate by taping in their remembrances of Christmas past, or whatever might be appropriate during the holiday season. Letters will appear in the season prior to Christmas.

So, get busy, it's later than you think!

Community Thanksgiving service Nov. 27

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be host to the Community Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The service will include a message by the Rev. David W. Rogers of the Wesley Chapel, U.M.C., and musical and choral presentations from various churches in the community.

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association president, Rev. Alvin H. Campbell invites everyone to come and share in this service of fellowship and thankfulness.

Courthouse closed Thursday, Friday

All offices in the Nicholas County Courthouse will be closed both Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

These offices normally open on Saturday morning, including the county clerk and court clerk, will open at their usual times.

What am I bid?

Auctioneer Merrill Anderson of Newman, Illinois fields a bid on one of 93 Somerset colts which sold at auction at Woodford farm last month.

Cliff Shumate just got the bid, which attracted manager C. H. Shumate just prior to the sale, which attracted several hundred persons. Lower left: Helen and Earl Harmon and Mrs. John Soper look over a pen during pre-sale viewing. Lower right: Mr. and Mrs. James Balfour check their program.



Santa Claus is arriving Saturday!

Street decorations are in place and the anticipation of the approaching season is causing spirits to run high as Carlisle prepares to stage its annual Christmas Parade this Saturday at 12 p.m.

Sponsored by the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, the parade will form at the elementary school, under the direction of Dudley Vaughn. It will move east on Main Street, through downtown and around the courthouse square.

The Junior High Band will supply music. A color guard from the Kentucky National Guard, Carlisle, will escort open candidates Sherry French, Carla Hall, Janell Hall, Mary Ann Hollar and Amy McFarland along the parade route and by the reviewing stand in front of the courthouse.

MINI SNOW Queen 1985 will be crowned by Mayor Frankie Hughes. The Carvers Chapter will be set up on a singing exhibition at the parade's conclusion, weather permitting.

The WEDCO Health Department is sponsoring the appearance of reindeer to entertain the youngsters.

The Nicholas County Library bookmobile will be decorated in colors of the season.

Members of the local Lions Club will distribute candy to young people from a truck as it makes its way along the parade route.

The Gold Wing Head Riders Association, Chapter 1, of Lexington will ride in the parade and stage a bike riding exhibition.

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FIDELITY - carrying out "A Small Town Christmas" theme - entered its data are being sponsored by the Carlisle Community Women's Club, the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Baptist Church, Carlisle Christian Church, Nicholas County Hospital, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Gungor's School of Dance.

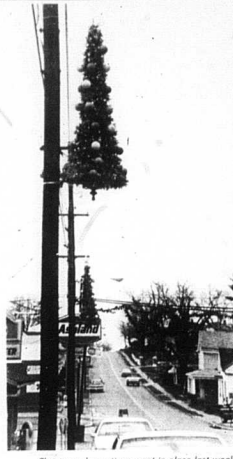
Cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in the float competition. Groups still have time to enter. Call Mrs. Barbara Hopkins, coordinator, at 289-2031 not later than Friday.

A Christmas bazaar at the Neal Building on First Main will feature Christmas craft items, antiques, handmade decorations and food items. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call Mrs. Clarence Cook, 289-2414 to compare items for sale.

EXEMPLARY school students have designed ornaments to decorate a Christmas tree that will be put in place on the second floor balcony of the courthouse just prior to the parade.

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Christmas decorations went in place last week along Main Street

Judge says no to sales of booze

U.S. District Judge G. W. Winkler refused to issue an injunction Monday afternoon which would have allowed liquor store dealers in Nicholas and Magoffin counties to stay in business past the Nov. 25 closing.

As a result, sales of liquor and beer were suspended at midnight Monday at four liquor stores and six beer carryouts here, as well as those in Magoffin County.

Jimmy Shaw, who has acted as spokesman for local liquor interests, said The Mercury several weeks ago that should the latest attempt to stay in operation fail, a petition would be circulated to hold another wet-dry election in the near future.

He reiterated this plan Monday but said that it had not been determined whether to circulate it county-wide or in the city limits.

State liquor laws permit cities of the first four classes in dry counties to vote on the issue.

ENTRANCE ALSO declined to grant an injunction against closing the store where the store owners appealed has decision not to grant the original injunction.

Motion for the injunction to halt the suspension of licenses of liquor dealers was to have been heard Nov. 20, but was delayed until Monday.

The ruling followed lawsuits filed in federal court at Lexington, Nov. 14 seeking to overturn an earlier Kentucky Supreme Court ruling that nullified wet-dry elections in the two counties.

The state Alcohol Beverage Control board had notified dealers that legalized sales of alcoholic beverages would be terminated at

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Ambulance service bid put on temporary hold

Fiscal court received only one bid to supply the county with ambulance service, that from Howard McDonald for \$13,000 as the county's contribution, at its November 20 bid opening.

McDonald, who operates Nicholas County Ambulance Service currently under contract with the county, also submitted bid figures of \$50 for in-county runs, and \$80 for road trips to Lexington, plus \$1.50 per loaded mile. There would be no charge for waiting time, this expense being charged to patients.

Court voted to table the bid until Judge Executive Forest Spivey can meet with Carlisle City Council, which has past bids equated money towards the ambulance service should bid be hoped to bid down with members of council in the next few days.

IN OTHER matters brought before magistrates meeting in regular session Nov. 20, Sgt. Wayne Capps

and Gordon Sargent of the National Guard asked that court donate additional land at the county farm which adjoins the present National Guard Army land on Concrete Road, Highway 2.

Court instructed County Attorney Joseph H. Cooper to write the Attorney General in the legality of a land donation. After this opinion is received the court will make a decision. The \$200 has sought additional land for improvements for

quite some time and it was the second appearance of Capps and Sargent before the court this month. The check in the amount of \$1,000 was authorized by Nicholas County Senior Citizens as part of their budget appropriation for fiscal year 1986.

Court also authorized the purchase of a Xerox Copier 1025 for \$2,000. It will be used in the County Clerk's office, with the present copier moved to the County Judge's office.

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Day Care facility may close

Nicholas Countians are being asked to rally around the Day Care Center. If support is not forthcoming, it's likely the facility will have to close its doors.

Mrs. Margaret Hunter, Rural Progress Coordinator for Community Action, told The Mercury that a total of \$1,500 is being sought to "buy time" for three months to get the program on a self-sustaining basis.

The business presently faces a \$1,500 deficit, with expenses exceeding income. The center, located in the old hospital building, is only partially funded by Community Action.

Jack Butler, executive director of Community Action serving Nicholas and three other counties, has indicated that the program here will have to discontinue unless it can become self sustaining.

The center now serves 26 Day Care youngsters, in addition to 24 children in the Head Start program. An additional 16 would put the program at the break-even point. It is licensed to accommodate 44.

Charges are \$1 per child, with the second child in a family accepted at half that fee.

Breakfast, lunch and a snack are served five days a week, with nutritional value meeting the USDA daily requirements for balanced meals.

"It's a child at nothing else other than what he or she is served here it would be sufficient in terms of meeting daily nutrition needs," Mrs. Hunter pointed out.

Mrs. Hunter has been contacting a number of local organizations and officials in an effort to raise the needed funds, and community support. The facility has three full time and one part-time employees.

Opening day burley sale prices down

Tobacco growers received good news and bad when burley market opened in Kentucky Monday.

The good news was that tobacco companies bought approximately 90 percent of the opening day crop, a sharp contrast of recent years when more than 20 percent went to the "post" of just that fails to bring the appetite.

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