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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



From the notebook... Mountain of Love

It's a busy time of year for nearly everyone, and with this time of year... the holiday season, the thoughts of many turn to family, presents and turkey.

In Carlisle and Nicholas County there are a great many fund raising and other types of activities going on to help benefit many from the county.

The annual toy drive, sponsored by Mark Hughes and Richard Gardner of the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department has blossomed into a Mountain of Love, sponsored in part by Nicholas County Hospital.

The drive will be for everything, in addition to toys. Rob Hester, N.C. Hospital Administrator, is hoping the people of Nicholas County will come forward again this year to share with those less fortunate.

The hospital and its staff will be operating as a collection point for clothing (new and good used) food, and monetary donations for Christmas.

All monies collected will be converted into necessities for less fortunate and distributed.

There will be a concerted effort this season to reach as many as possible. Hughes, Gardner and members of the fire department will continue to handle solicitation and delivery of toys to many children in the county. Social service agencies will be assembling a list of needy families for clothing, food, etc., which will also be delivered during the toy season.

If you want to help in any way, please contact Hester at Nicholas County Hospital. The theme for this year's drive is: Nicholas Countians helping Nicholas Countians. It's a worthwhile cause. Please help as much as possible.

Fire truck drive

While many other fund raising activities are going on, the county fire department is still in the process of raising funds for its new fire truck.

While some money has been raised to go toward the purchase, the fund is still short by several thousand dollars.

According to organizers donations are continuing to come in, however, the department is hopeful to have a great deal more on hand by the time the new truck arrives.

Should you want to make a contribution make your check payable to the N.C.V.F.D. and mail it to Elm Street, Carlisle, KY 40311. Old Fashion Christmas

I hope you will be able to make your way downtown, November 28, for the Carlisle-

Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce sponsored Old Fashion Candlelight Christmas.

You will be able to register, Saturday only, for a drawing for \$200, \$100, and \$75. The money, which will actually be a Carlisle spending certificate, can be spent at any Carlisle merchant, and is being presented by the Chamber of Commerce.

You must register during the day at a Carlisle merchant and be present for the drawing at about 8:15 p.m. in front of the courthouse.

Of course there will be several other events going on during the day with the Nicholas County High School band performing on the courthouse lawn beginning at 5 p.m.

In addition the First Baptist Church choir will be on hand for some Christmas singing and other church choir members will join in, and I hope you will too, in a community sing of traditional Christmas Carols.

Beginning at about 8 p.m., the traditional crowning of the Snow Queen will begin.

Following the queen's announcement, the drawing for the Carlisle spending certificates will be held.

Although the list for thanks is long, I would like to thank Barbara Hopkins and Pat Allison for helping get a lot of this together. The groups, too, deserve thanks, and Linda Vandlingham, a special thanks for providing the sound system for the day's use.

The N.C.V.F.D. will have a bean soup and country ham booth, to help fill empty stomachs. Also the Blue Licks Christian Church youth group will be holding a Chili Dinner from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the basement of the Nicholas County Library.

Other groups will also be holding fund raising activities. The FFA will be selling flowers, the Academic Boosters will be selling Christmas items, and there will be more.

Many local merchants will be participating in The Carlisle Mercury window decorating contest, and last but not least Santa Claus will be on hand to greet the kiddies. He plans to make a grand entrance.

The Community Woman's Club will be assisting Santa in festive attire handing out goodies to children.

There may be more, so make plans to visit downtown.

Many local merchants will have special buys during the day to help with that early Christmas Shopping. Look for many of these specials in this week's Mercury.

Don't miss out... stay at home in Nicholas County and enjoy the many activities of the Old Fashion Candlelight Christmas in Carlisle... and get an early jump on Christmas shopping.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

New Jaycees Project

A Jesse Stuart Book for Kentucky's Sixth-Graders

Author and educator Jesse Stuart knew that one of the best ways to educate youngsters was to make learning fun. His books for children are characterized by simple story lines and a common sense, humorous approach to life's problems.

Recognizing the impact of Jesse Stuart's books, Kentucky Jaycees President Gary Moore announced that the board of directors has adopted The Jesse Stuart Book Project as a statewide program for 1987-88. The project's goals include providing every sixth grade public school student in Kentucky with a copy of Jesse Stuart's book, A Penny's Worth of Character while also promoting adult literacy and G.E.D. projects.

The Jaycees and the Jesse Stuart Foundation, co-sponsors of the project, are being supported by the Governor's Commission on Literacy, the Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky Educational Television.

A Penny's Worth of Character features a young boy, Shan, who wants to buy a candy bar and lemon soda, a total of 10 cents. His mother tells him that he can take paper sacks to the store, sell them for a penny each and buy his treats. Shan collects nine sacks that do not have holes, but for the 10th sack he selects one he knows has a small hole in the bottom, placing it in the middle of the stack. Beyond the sack with the hole, Shan buys his candy bar and lemon soda, but leaves the store feeling unsettled about his lack of success. When he arrives home, his mother has discovered his deception, finds a sack without a hole and sends him back to the store to trade his sack with the hole in it. Shan learns a lesson about the importance of having a penny's worth of character.

Although it's appropriate for fourth through sixth graders, the book will be distributed to only sixth grade students. They are more apt to enjoy a book that they can easily understand, while other grades may have to struggle with reading it, according to a spokesperson for the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

The Jaycees will raise funds for printing and distribution of the book to local boards of education. The Jesse Stuart Foundation will print and deliver the book to the Jaycees. The five groups will join in promoting the project to citizens, local school boards and superintendents, and to governmental and educational leaders.

Of Kentuckians over the age of 25, 31 percent have less than an eighth grade education. Of those, many are either illiterate or unable to function well in our society because of their poor educational backgrounds. Committee members include Mike Brown of Scottsville, Archie Hicks and Rodney Barry of Owensboro, Padgett Caswell, Jeff Egert of Ft. Wright, Steve Miller of Lexington and Dale Faehl of Ashland.

The money raised covers the cost of printing, binding and delivering the books - \$1 per book. Only as many books will be purchased as money is raised to pay for them. For example, if \$5000 is raised, 5000 books will be purchased.

The Jesse Stuart Book Project manager is Bill McCain, president of the Winchester Jaycees and chairman of the project's steering committee. Committee members include Mike Brown of Scottsville, Archie Hicks and Rodney Barry of Owensboro, Padgett Caswell, Jeff Egert of Ft. Wright, Steve Miller of Lexington and Dale Faehl of Ashland.

Support The Jesse Stuart Book Project



A Penny's Worth of Character, a simple story told with humor and wit, intrigues adults to enroll in a local education program in an effort to eradicate illiteracy in Kentucky when you're asked to support The Jesse Stuart Book Project, please be generous.

For more information call 202-294-3846.

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To encourage children to read for the joy of it, we're giving every sixth-grade public school student in Kentucky a copy of Jesse Stuart's

game. Ah, the thought of the smell of popcorn arouses the sports fan in me even now.

I can hear the roar of the crowd now and the cheer of cheerleaders rising above that. At times like that you can feel the excitement burst through the audience like a lightning bolt.

I guess you could say living in Kentucky this time of year is the next best thing to being in heaven to me.

Basketball country some call it. I can see why with all the highly ranked college teams.

Yes, I think there's more to watching good basketball action than just college ball. So many fans miss out on the high school action. Some basketball fans like myself have underestimated the high school games for too long.

I think all basketball addicts should try a dosage of high school action, at least just once. You never know, you may be surprised like I was.

Miller's Message

By Chip Miller



It's hoop time...

It's that time of the year. Yes, I can smell it in the air.

Basketball fever! It rolls around every November.

University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead - it all begins for these teams in the wintertime.

And then for the local enthusiast there's the high school action. This season looks promising for those Bluejackets fans, too. There's nothing like putting on your favorite sweater and heading for the nearest

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Carlisle Old Fashion

The Carlisle - Nicholas Co. Chamber of Commerce Invites You and Your Family To Downtown Carlisle All Day... November 28 For A Day of Fun and Festive Shopping

Something Special... A Gift this Christmas From the Jewelry Patch. Make it a Christmas Gift Impossible to Forget. Registration begins November 28 for a \$500 1/2 carat diamond ring to be given away Christmas Eve. No purchase necessary. Open Until 8 p.m., Nov. 28. Jewelry Patch. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 - 5, 305 E. Main, Carlisle, KY. Please call The Nicholas Center Building, Phone: 289-5108.

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