

City of Mt. Vernon employees were busy decorating the street lamps on Main Street in preparation for Saturday's parade.

## Certificate of Recognition

A Rockcastle County woodland owner was recently presented with a certificate of recognition from the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times "Tom Wallace Farm Forestry Contest", according to Kenneth Thompson of the Kentucky Division of Forestry. A certificate of recognition for having carried out woodland management programs with definite objectives and having protected and improved her woodland was presented to Nancy Williams, by Kenneth Thompson at her home in Conway.

The Farm Forestry Contest, sponsored each year by the two Louisville newspapers, seeks to promote good forest management by recognizing those Kentucky and Southern Indiana woodland owners who are doing outstanding jobs in managing small woodland tracts. The contestants are nominated annually by foresters and compete for \$1,000 in prize money for the top three winners. Besides cash prizes, all county district winners receive specially designed plaques.

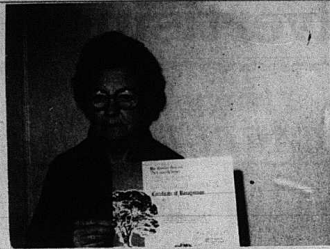
Items considered in judging nominations include carrying out specific management plans for protection against forest fire, grazing by livestock, and forest insects, and diseases. Also included is woodland management accomplishments such as timberland improvement, tree planting, products harvested, erosion control, wildlife habitat enhancement, and recreational development.

Mrs. Williams began her woodland management in 1963 when she requested a forest management plan. Since that time, Nancy Williams has had this forest management plan revised and updated four times. Under the technical assistance of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the land has been protected from destructive grazing with the construction of fencing around the woodland. Nancy Williams has taken precautions to prevent damaging wildfires by constructing a half-mile fire break and keeping a sharp watch over her woodland for the

possibility of wildfire. With the assistance of foresters from the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Nancy Williams has recently completed planting 6,000 shortleaf pine and preparing about 70 acres of ground to naturally regenerate itself after she had conducted a clearcut or complete harvest over an 80 acre area. This 80 acre area was harvested in 1981 and resulted in the sale of 200,000 board feet of timber.

Mrs. Williams has also been active in improving existing stands of timber as she has thinned and pruned several pine plantations, totaling some 70 acres. These timber stand improvements have been conducted along with other improvements such as constructing hiking trails and planting food and cover plants for wildlife.

Over the years, Nancy Williams efforts have paid off in a healthier, better looking woodland, with some income from the property. Other benefits of her efforts include increased timber production, improved wildlife habitat, and game populations, and improved recreational opportunities. The successful completion of the practices outlined by her forest management plans has resulted in a woodland that benefits Rockcastle County as well as Nancy Williams. Therefore, she is presented with this Tom Wallace Farm Forestry Cer-



Mrs. Nancy Williams

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tificate of Recognition to recognize her outstanding forest management program.

This recognition is something Rockcastle County residents can be proud of; however, there is much more land in the county that needs to be properly managed if it is to continue to produce high quality timber, wildlife, and recreation. Everyone who is in-

terested in receiving similar forestry assistance and joining the ranks of outstanding forest managers as Nancy Williams has, should contact their local forestry representative, Steve Bullen, at Scaffold Cane, phone 256-2957, or 356-5794, or the District Office of the Kentucky Division of Forestry at P.O. Box 130, Pineville, Ky., 40977, phone 337-3011.

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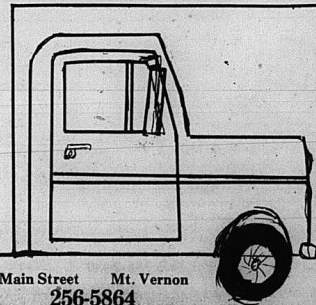
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