

# Burley tobacco sales Nov. 25 thru Dec. 19

Auction sales of the 1974 crop of burley tobacco will continue from Nov. 25 through Dec. 19, four days a week, before recessing for the holidays. During the first week, auctions will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday—closing for the Thanksgiving Day holiday Nov. 29. Thereafter, sales will be held on the first four days of each week. After the Christmas-New Year holidays, selling will resume Jan. 8 and continue on the various markets in the eight-state burley belt until the crop is sold. Sales will be conducted for three-and-a-half hours on each selling day—at the rate of 360 baskets per hour or 1,260 baskets per day, for each set of buyers. The selling dates, and other procedures for marketing the crop were set by the Burley Sales Committee

at a meeting in Lexington Oct. 31. Hours of sales are set by local tobacco boards of trade, but the committee urged that afternoon sales not be resumed earlier than 1 p.m. local time. This year's crop, the fourth marketed since the poundage program adopted in 1971, will carry an average support price of \$6.96 a hundred pounds—an increase of \$0.96 per hundred over 1973's average of \$7.96. Support prices by grades will show increases of \$0 to \$7 a hundred pounds. Grade supports will range from \$65 to \$60 a hundred, according to the rate schedule listed by the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, which administers the support program in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Missouri. The 1974 burley crop production was estimated in October to range near 361

million pounds, but later estimates will be made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture before the marketing season begins. Tobacco is eligible for price support only if consumed by the original producer and only if produced on a cooperating farm. To qualify, producers also must certify that they have not used DDT or TDE chemicals on their tobacco. The 1973 crop of burley brought a headline average of \$10.80 a hundred pounds. Production netted 481 million pounds, making it the second short crop in a three-year period. Stocks of tobacco held by the associations administering the price support program—tobacco taken from previous crops—have dropped over the last year to less than five million pounds, virtually eliminating any substantial "reserve" supply of burley.

## MAY SAVE MONEY

### Using muriate of potash for tobacco growing

Using the right kind and amount of fertilizer will continue to be important for the profitable production of burley tobacco in 1975. Indications are that fertilizer prices will continue to rise during the next year, according to J.H. Smiley, Extension tobacco specialist at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. Smiley points out that it is difficult to know which kind and amount of fertilizer to use without having your soil tested. Sulfur nitrogen fertilizer is water soluble and moves through the soil, so you probably won't want to apply nitrogen fertilizer until spring. However, if the soil test indicates that you need

phosphorus and potash, you may want to apply these elements first, rather than waiting until spring. They are not easily lost from the soil through leaching, and thus can be applied whenever it is most convenient. If your soil needs potash, Smiley says you may be able to save money by using muriate of potash. Muriate of potash is a cheaper source of potash than the sulfate form and may be easier to obtain this year. Because of its chloride content, muriate of potash is not usually recommended for fertilizing tobacco. However, Smiley says there should be no problems from using

muriate of potash to supply part of the potash needed if it is used. As much as 200 pounds of muriate of potash per acre can be used safely in the fall before Dec. 15 on fields where no manure has been spread, according to Smiley. When fertilization is done in the spring, no more than 100 pounds of muriate of potash should be used. Otherwise, enough chloride may be present in the soil to reduce tobacco quality.

## Grade advance for '74 crop burley tobacco announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced advance rates for grades for the 1974 crop of burley tobacco ranging from 65 cents to 90 cents a pound. The rates reflect an average support of 85.8 cents a pound, about 8.7 percent above 1973. Increases over 1973 grades range from 5 to 11 cents per pound. As in past years, growers will offer their tobacco at auction markets in the usual manner, and advances will be made available through producer cooperative associations. Under the poundage quota program now in effect for burley tobacco, farmers who certify that they have not used pesticides containing DDT or TDE on their tobacco can market up to 110 percent of their farm poundage quotas with loans. However, any marketings over a

farm's poundage quota will be subtracted from next year's quota. As in the past, no advances will be made on any tobacco graded NOG (No Grade), U (Unsound), W (Damaged Keeping Order), or scrap. Marketings of the grade, however, will be charged against the quota for the farms upon which they were produced. Additional copies of the rate schedule may be obtained from the Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Burley tobacco is grown primarily in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri. If you are interested in looking at the rate schedule for 1974, you may visit the ASCS office, where one will be made available.

## Balloting underway in wool, lamb promotion referendum

Any Nicholas county wool or lamb producer who has not received a referendum ballot and an explanation of the proposed new agreement covering wool payment deductions for product promotional purposes may pick them up at the county ASCS office, reports Paul E. Hall. The mail referendum is being conducted nationwide by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to determine if wool and lamb producers want USDA to continue to make deductions from wool payments for use by the Advertising and Sales Promotion Council for wool and lamb. To be counted, ballots must be mailed or delivered in person to the county

ASCs office before 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15. Anyone who has owned sheep six months old or older for at least 90 consecutive days during 1973 is eligible to vote. "Ballots have been mailed to all producers in the county known to be interested," Paul E. Hall said. "Anyone who feels he or she is eligible to vote and who had not received a ballot should check with the county ASCS office as soon as possible. The U.S. Department of Agriculture in this matter is to conduct a fair and impartial referendum, via secret ballot. Every effort is being made to ensure that all eligible voters are informed and receive a ballot. As will all USDA activities, the referendum is being conducted without regard for race, color, sex, religion, or national origin of participants," Hall added.

## Orient Lodge to meet Nov. 9

Orient Lodge No. 500 will have a called meeting Saturday night, Nov. 9, at the Headquarters Lodge hall at 7 p.m. for the purpose of conferring and degree work on two candidates. All members are urged to attend.

**RETROACTIVE PAY**  
Individuals that were members of the Kentucky National Guard during the period Oct. 1, 1973 thru Dec. 31, 1973, and have since been discharged from the Guard, should report their names in Corlisse to fill out appropriate forms for retroactive pay adjustment.

## Education Dept. distributes \$617,452

The state Department of Education is set to distribute almost \$600 million to local school districts during the 1974-75 school year. Allowments are calculated using the average daily attendance at district schools during 1973-74. Nicholas county district will receive the following state funds: \$617,452.22. According to superintendent of public instruction Dr. Lyman V. Gieger, "The foundation program is based on the principle that the state and the local school districts will share the cost of education." The method used to support education in Kentucky is called the minimum foundation program. Locally, the following amount must be raised in taxes to support the minimum foundation program: \$176,053.49. The Bureau of Administration and Finance determines the amount each district must provide by comparing the value of taxable property in the district with the value of taxable property in the state as a whole.

Additional money and additional teachers may be added by the local district, but the total cost of the foundation program here will be \$793,505.71.

## Cub Scout meeting Nov. 14

An organizational meeting of Cub Scouts will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carlisle Christian Church. All boys ages 8, 9, 10 who are interested in becoming Cub Scouts are invited to come and bring their parents. Also, all Cub Scouts and their parents are invited. The program of Cub Scouting will be explained by a local representative. Don Wagner, Cubmaster, would like to encourage all interested boys to come and find out how much fun can be had in Scouting!

## Legion supper

The American Legion will have an old country ham supper on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. All past and present members and wives are invited. Women can bring a dish if convenient.

**Reminder given**  
Past and present members of the History of Nicholas County "is Dec. 15, 1974. James Miller editor of this section of the history to be published by the Nicholas County Historical Society.



DARK PICTURE

Mercury photos

## Vandals damage lumber

One or more persons attempted to set a truck load of lumber and building materials afire Saturday night at a building site on Sharon Way. The house under construction is the property of Clifton Waugh. When vandals failed to set the lumber on fire (note arrow in picture at left), it is presumed they then moved the truck to a nearby culvert and dumped a large portion of the load. The truck was property of Fred Jones & Son, general contractors. Mr. Waugh stated that State Police, as well as City were investigating the case.

## Nicholas Board of Education to meet with Council Monday

Representatives from the Nicholas County Board of Education will meet with the Carlisle City Council at the council's next regular meeting Nov. 11, in an effort to reach a compromise on the incorrect gas bill for the Carlisle Elementary School. The meter for the school was misread for a period of 13 months resulting in a difference of approximately \$6,000 between what was billed and the amount of gas actually used. Carlisle Mayor William Power met with the board at the October meeting at which time the board offered to pay half of the disputed amount. In other business, the board approved

contracts for non-resident students from Bath, Fleming and Harrison counties. Supt. Don Elder told the board he had been approving field trips between board meetings for trips not previously okayed. He asked the board if he could continue this policy and they agreed. Elder also reported on the recent inspection by the State Fire Marshal. He said all the buildings were in good shape and the only major recommendation was that fire doors be used to separate the gym from the rest of the school. Mrs. Charity Griffin was given permission by the board to change the beginning date of her maternity leave

from Jan. 20 to Feb. 10. Mrs. Griffin will return to the classroom on April 7. Mrs. Brenda Lawrence was granted maternity leave from Nov. 29 to Jan. 31.

## City water off

City water was turned off Friday night around 7:30 p.m. in order to install a new fire hydrant at Walnut and Main. The city crew worked until approximately 2 a.m.

## PROPOSED NET LEAGUE

Coaches and players are asked to attend a meeting for the Nicholas County Basketball League on Friday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Carlisle Armory.

## Lecture series fund raising memorial for Joe Creason

A fund raising campaign is underway to establish a continuing lecture series at the University of Kentucky in memory of Joe Creason. Creason was a widely-known columnist for the Courier-Journal who died suddenly last August. "The Joe Creason Lecture Series" will bring to Kentucky and the campus of the University of Kentucky outstanding journalists to meet and talk with students, take part in seminars with other Kentucky journalists and speak before an assembly of students, faculty and the general public.

The lecture series will be made possible in part through a matching grant from the Bingham Enterprise Foundation of Kentucky, Inc. Each dollar donated by friends of Joe Creason will be matched by the Bingham Foundation up to \$25,000. Revenues from the \$50,000 will enable the series to continue for years to come. The Bingham family publishes The Courier-Journal. The Bingham served the Courier-Journal and the people of Kentucky with great distinction for many years. It is pleased that the Foundation, UK

alumni and friends will join to create this living memorial to Joe which will benefit Kentuckians whom he so dearly loved," said Barry Bingham Jr., vice president of the Foundation and editor and publisher of The Courier-Journal. Friends of Joe Creason are asked to send their gifts to the Office of Development, Room 204, Administration Bldg., University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. 40506. Checks should be made payable to the University of Kentucky, and all gifts are tax deductible.