

Pesticides—endrin, toxaphene included

Paul E. Hall, executive director, Nicholas County ASCS office announced recently that based upon recommendation of the National Tobacco Advisory Committee "To-bacco treated with Toxaphene, Endrin, DDT, or TDE after being transplanted will not be eligible for price support. Prior to the issuance of a marketing card, you will be asked to certify whether or not a pesticide containing any of these chemicals was used on the tobacco."

"Action to withhold price support on tobacco treated with these chemicals was made necessary because their use threatens the export market for tobacco."



Senator Dee Huddleston

REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

CIACOMMITTEE IS ON SCHEDULE

I have been asked several times about an article written by nationally syndicated columnist Jack Anderson, which alleged that the Senate's Select Committee on Intelligence Operations is to be divided and split. His information was based on a memo reportedly written by a committee staff member.

First of all, if a staff member did write such a memo, and we can discover who it was, he or she will be

fired. This is the first "leak" from the Committee—and we do not intend to tolerate such irresponsible behavior.

The Committee is dealing with very sensitive material and information, most of which I cannot talk about openly. And we certainly do not intend to let staff members, for whatever reason, leak such confidential material to the press.

Finally, let me say that the Committee is not stymied and it is not ailing. We are working well together, making good progress, and should be able to hold public hearings sometime this summer. There are differences of opinion within the Committee, just as in any committee, but that has not developed into any "split" that is divisive or that has proved to be a hindrance to our work.

I can assure that efforts might be made to either impugn the motives, objectives, or operating procedures of the Committee by persons who have some say as to grand or some personal motive. But as far as the Committee is concerned, our objective has remained constant:

To examine in detail charges and allegations that have been made about possible illegal activity within the nation's intelligence agencies—and to disprove any false allegations.

While there is always a certain amount of controversy about social-welfare programs, I do not believe anyone in this country and I hope those who are truly in need the right to some help from the federal government. I refer specifically to the several million Americans who participate in the Supplemental Security Income Program, which provides benefits for the aged, blind and disabled.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has reported a bill which extends for one year the eligibility for these people (aged, blind, and disabled) to receive food stamps. I am proud to cosponsor this legislation as a worthwhile and humanitarian effort in behalf of those who genuinely need our help.

STRIPPED LAND now supports cattle, rice, wheat, clover, and timber where heavy equipment once gouged huge craters to remove coal. After more than 15 years of strip mining and reclamation by the Reed and Bandy Coal Co., the Reed's 8,000-acre farm in Pulaski County shows little evidence of coal mining. Officials from the division of reclamation in the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection (right) inspect the land for proper reclamation.

Few signs of stripping on Pulaski county farm

FRANKFORT—Some say good strip mine reclamation can't be done. But one Kentucky company has been doing it for years.

The proof is on an 8,000-acre farm in Pulaski County. Except for a few hundred acres of an active strip mine—looking as messy as that of any typical dirt and coal moving operation—the area shows little evidence of coal mining. About 200 head of Black Angus cattle graze on rolling fields of reclaimed strip mine land. In some areas, rice, wheat, clover and lespedeza serve as a wildlife refuge for quail, quail and French red-legged partridge. The most visible evidence of past stripping on the reclaimed land is several highwalls—or cliffs—left on the edge of pastures or on the side of a pond. About 100 acres of ponds, ranging in size from a half to 10 acres, are stocked with crappie, bluegill, bass and catfish. The ponds provide some of the best fishing in the area.

Since 1958, the Reed and Bandy Coal Company has been stripping 40 to 65 feet of land to remove a 20-inch seam of coal that runs under the farm. That farm is owned by Frank and Bobby Reed, two brothers who have a personal stake in making sure the land is improved properly. They live in the area and plan to keep the land, even after the coal is gone. Also, since they run the mining company, they have the power to insure use of the most appropriate mining and reclamation methods.

After the land was stripped, it was restored to its approximate original contour and fertilized. Fescue, orchard grass, clover, wheat, rice, Korean lespedeza and rice seedlings were planted. Reclamation progressed according to recommendations and specifications of the division of reclamation in the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

According to the Reed's, reclamation hasn't been easy, but it's been worth it. In fact, they say the land they have now is better than it was before.

"Most of the good top soil washed away years ago because of poor farming practices. And, most of the timber just scrub hardwood," said Frank Reed. "Today, we have good pasture land, a good stand of timber

ASCS cost sharing practices available

Paul E. Hall, executive director, Nicholas County ASCS office wishes to remind all land owners that we are accepting requests at the present time for the following practices:

HE-1 Planting Trees: HE-1 Improving stand of trees; HE-11 Sediment retention, erosion or water control structures (includes sediment basins, debris basins, or other similar structures); HE-12 sediment, chemical or water runoff control measures (includes vegetation filter strips, and waterways, establishing cover on critical areas etc.)

If you have any questions concerning these practices or other practices to become available soon please write or call the County ASCS office.

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A first at Nicholas County Schools June 3

Nicholas County Schools Spring Sports Banquet Recognizes golf, tennis, baseball, track, girl's basketball participants



Track

Receiving awards for performance in girls' and boys' track are front row, Sheila Jones, Ricky Mattax, 100 Yard Dash, Steve Fryman, 100 Yard Dash, Ricky Herrington, 800 Yard Dash, second row, Carla Pryor, 200 Yard Dash, Mark Vice, High Jump, and



Golf

Golf team members are front row, Mike Cutler, Sam Dudley, "Most Improved Player", Tate Carter, and Greg Hasey; second row, Tim Dudley, "Most Valuable Player", Cliff Shamate, Damon Booth, and Mike Marlow.



Baseball

Baseball team members pictured are Darbro, and coach Billy K. Anderson. Front row, Billy Darrell, Ricky Mattax. Players absent for picture are Greg Letcher, Hugh Wilson, second row, Darrell Linnville, Gary Grey, Doug Ritchie.—Duncan photo



Tennis

The Tennis team appears to be all picture after having received recognition. Pictured are first row, Elaine Riggs and Bill Guthrie, coach; second row, Diane Fryman, Ricky Hunt, Mike Pryor and Tara Bowen, recipient of the "10% Award"; third row, William Bean, judged "Most Improved Player," and Pat Taylor. Absent from picture are Mona Garrett, Carla Curtsinger, Philip Gilliland, Lena Grimes, Bonnie Gales, Mike Anderson and Steve Vice. Team uniforms were donated by Blue Grass Industries. The Tennis team was organized for the first time this year.—Duncan photo

Members of the girls' basketball team and receiving awards are: front row, Deanna Darrell, Tammy Reser, Theresa Woolsey, second row, Sheila McLean, Vicky Hiett, Tara Bowen, and Joan Massey. Not pictured is their coach, Mrs. Barbara Hlatton and team member Judy Doyle.—Duncan photo

Head Start night held

Thursday evening, May 29, was "red letter night" for the Head Start children of Nicholas County Elementary and their families. 40 registered.

Mr. Cannon, the Head Start director from Community Action Lexington-Fayette County and 10 visitors came from Lexington.

From the "Hello" song by Mrs. Reid's group to the "Good Night Parents" song by Mrs. Shepherd's group the parents listened and applauded.

Each child was given a diploma by Mrs. Margaret Hunter, Social Service Aide.

All volunteer workers were given a certificate for their service during the school year.

Pictures of the program appeared in last week's Mercury.

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