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Sen. Ward to seek re-election

State Senator Thomas M. Ward, Democrat of Versailles, has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election in the 30th Senatorial District in the May 1977 Democratic Primary.

Ward said his first priority in state government has been and will continue to be better state support for public elementary and secondary education. Ward has served two sessions as vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and is a member of the state-wide Citizens Advisory Council on Public Elementary and Secondary Education.

Additionally, Ward said he is running on his record as a Senator bringing honesty to state government—having led the fight against the misuse of public funds in the Cumberland Falls warehouse in Covington as a youth center, and corruption in state plumbing inspectors. Ward also cited his role in helping bring better enforcement of strip mine reclamation laws and in helping stop the Red River Dam.

In the 1974 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, Ward cosponsored a bill which helped reform campaign finance law. In the 1976 Kentucky General Assembly, Ward was the principal sponsor of legislation which will bring free text books to Kentucky school children. In late 1975 and early 1976, Ward was a chief leader in the fight to keep the Lexington Reeducation School open. This school has served several hundred emotionally disturbed children and their families in the 30th Senatorial District, which includes the counties of Bourbon, Harrison, Nicholas, Robertson, Scott, Woodford and part of Fayette.

V.F.W. plans dance

The V.F.W. Post 8666 will have a dance for members and their guests from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Burley quotas, referendum up early in the New Year

by Bennett Roach for Burley Growers Association

Two events coming up early on the New Year's burley calendar are claiming the attention of tobacco growers, now that the markets are closed down for the holidays.

These are:

- (1) The fixing of quotas on 1977-78 production.
- (2) The regular three-year referendum among burley growers on continuation of the price-support program.

Amount of the national burley quota is required by law to be fixed no later than Feb. 1, for the 1977-78 marketing year. Although the date for voting has not been determined, the tentative date of Feb. 24 is under consideration.

The 1977 referendum will be the second since passage of the 1974 federal production control program was given a 93.1 per cent favorable vote, in the five-state burley belt of Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Missouri, where the price-support program is administered by the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, with offices at Lexington.

By a ratio greater than 100 to 1,

flue-cured growers in half a dozen southern states voted in mid-December to extend the tobacco quota system another three years.

A meeting to discuss burley quotas will be held sometime in January in Lexington, preliminary to the fixing of 1977-78 crop limits. The time and place of this meeting are yet to be determined. Written comments by growers are invited, on the subject of 1977 production, to be mailed before Monday, Jan. 17, to the USDA Tobacco Division, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Indications are that the 1977-78 quotas probably will be held at this season's level, as burley carryover stocks are up slightly.

During the last week of auctions before the holidays the Burley Group has taken 4.32 per cent under loan from the 1975 crop, a total of 14.3 million pounds, it was announced by Alvin R. Beckley, executive secretary-treasurer.

The auctions will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Directors of the Association over the five states estimate that approximately 75 per cent of the crop has been sold.

Technical assistance center at Lexington a possibility

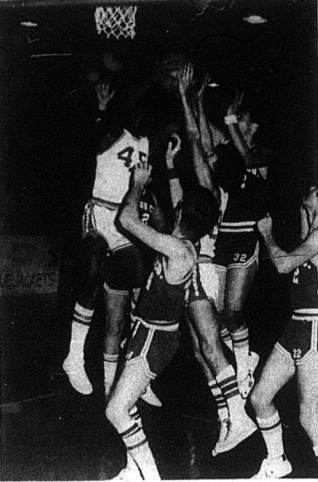
Preliminary negotiations are now underway between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the University of Kentucky to establish the first State Technical Assistance Center in the nation at Lexington, according to Gov. Wendell Ford.

The thousands of specialized governmental and industrial reports, and technical journals throughout the world, plus those of state, county, governmental and industrial reports. The wealth of information contained in this data bank can be immeasurably valuable and assistance to Kentucky, and I am very enthusiastic about its potential."

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In another instance, a Florida-based company, based on information provided by NASA, was able to begin production of a new line of solar arrays for home heating and other uses. Company officials have said that one in addition to NASA's space technology.



Nicholas County's Dwayne Williams mauls down a rebound in the Jackets big win over Morgan County last Wednesday—Smith photo

Nicholas beats Morgan

By Jimmy Smith
Nicholas County basketball fans received a much needed Christmas present last Wednesday as their Bluejackets defeated a visiting Morgan County team, 63-56.

"We just out-hustled them," explained a pleased Bill Anderson in his office following the game.

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P.O. to close

The window of the Carlsle Post Office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 31.

Charges against Rizquallah dismissed

Joseph Rizquallah appeared Dec. 22 in County Court for his examining trial, represented by retained counsel. After the evidence had been presented by both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the defense, Nicholas County Judge Mildred Clark found insufficient evidence to hold the defendant over to the Grand Jury, and the charge against him of Wanton Endangerment in the first degree was dismissed.

The charges stemmed from an incident on Dec. 17 at Jerry's IGA when Rizquallah was accused of pointing a pistol at Mrs. Hazel More, an employee of IGA.

Stamier Corporation honors 15 employees

At its tenth annual Christmas Dinner and Dance held Friday evening, Dec. 17, The W.R. Stamier Corporation honored 15 employees for long service, attendance and safety.

Harrison T. Rankin, Glen P. Wagner, and James H. Ritchie received gold pins with one diamond for 20 years service. William E. Fryman, George E. Jones, Harry G. Boling, Martin J. Soagy, Ollie C. Guy, and Michael H. Jones received silver pins for 10 years service. Charles C. Crump, Harry M. Wells, and John D. Martin received bronze pins for five years service.

There were four first-place Safety and Attendance Award winners: Robert M. Graves, Charles B. Feaback Jr., Homer Whitlow, and James E. Wagner missed the award ceremony due to time during the preceding 12 months. Louis B. Thompson won second place, and Ollie C. Guy won third place. The first place winners each received 400, second place award was \$50, and third place was \$25. To be eligible an employee must have had no reportable accidents or missed only a minimum of scheduled work time.

Pergram enlists for 3 years in Army

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Dec. 22—James Roy Pergram, the son of Anna Goldy of Carlsle, enlisted in the Army for a period of three years.

Pergram is guaranteed training as a motor transport operator and an assignment to Europe after he has completed his training. According to his recruiter, Sergeant First Class Charles Ramsey of the Paris Army recruiting station, Pergram will not actually begin active duty until next July. This is possible under the Army's Delayed Entry Program which gives a person up to 12 months to finish school or wind up another job before he leaves for basic training.

Pergram will use his interim time to finish his senior year at Nicholas County High School where he is currently enrolled.

Economic activity can be sustained in '77

By Babson's Reports Inc., Wellesley Hills, Mass. Dec. 28, 1976. Although surrounded a year ago by fears that the then young business recovery might peter out, the staff of Babson's Reports went ahead and issued a reassuring forecast calling for further economic progress in 1976. At the same time, however, we warned that there would not be a return to outright booms conditions because of the absence of such ingredients as massive business capital outlays, positive inventory accumulation, and aggressive consumer demand. In retrospect, 1976 did check up additional progress even though economic conditions were indeed a mixed bag. As predicted, consumer spending lacked vigor during much of the past year, capital spending for new plant and equipment was hesitant, and business inventory policies were cautious.

1977 OUTLOOK PROMISING
As 1976 bows out and 1977 makes its debut, studies conducted by the Research Department of Babson's Reports indicate that the upbeat in economic activity can be sustained during the coming two-year period. The post-recession revival which began in the spring of 1975 is still far short of maturity. In fact, it should have enough vitality to extend its life span beyond the average length of cyclical recovery.

expansion phases seen in the past. There have yet to develop the major economic imbalances which have signalled such reversals in the past.

STRENGTH IN THE FIRST HALF
In the 1976 Forecast, we looked for economic recovery to concentrate early in the year, and indeed the most impressive year-to-year gain was registered in the first quarter. As a result, it appears likely that in 1977 the high point will occur in the second quarter, owing to the multistep nature of the recovery from strike-lodge inventory accumulation in the face of Big Steel labor talks.

Year-to-year gains are expected in the second half of 1977 over the 1976 period, but the shape of business progress will be influenced by the steel industry's labor negotiations. Productivity and work stoppages could depress production readings for a month or two, but even then business activity for the second half should be able to hold above the prior year. Admittedly, however, growth advances over a year ago will be more moderate in the second half than for the first two quarters of the approaching annual.

LIGHT OVERCAST AHEAD
While overall prospects for 1977 are favorable, the economy will not be free of trouble spots. One of the most important will be the dampened but

still unquenched fire of inflation, which in recent years has wrought havoc with public confidence. Part of the inflation potential is the economy's vulnerability to rising energy costs from a hike in OPEC oil prices and the possibility of even higher prices for domestic natural gas. There will also be pressure on industrial wholesale prices in the wake of climbing wages and other operating costs. In addition, the labor front will be active again. Besides the steel industry, the multistep and some construction groups face contract negotiations. On the international scene, the impact of military and monetary policies that must be carefully watched.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

During much of 1976, industrial output trended upward, but some hesitancy was seen in the late summer and early fall due in part to the auto strike and the deceleration in the economy. The pause in the recovery of industrial activity, however, should be offset by renewed vitality during the first six months of 1977. The volume of labor talks in the steel industry and the magnitude of strike-lodge inventory accumulation will, of course, determine the profile of the production curve in the second half of the year. A long strike would hurt industrial output, but the absorption of steel inventories during the stoppage would result in a rebound after the strike. On the other hand, if a work-out were brief or entirely averted, industrial production should be well maintained, although upward momentum would probably be checked until strikes were dispersed.

For much of 1976, year-to-year monthly comparisons of industrial production showed substantial margins of gain over 1975 simply because the early portion of 1976 saw industrial output in a sharp slump. While the remaining months enjoyed a rebound, production rates were still well below 1975 levels.