

# Opinion

## Burley quotas — an emphatic 'yes'

Production control and price supports were instituted 24 years ago for burley tobacco. The program is now a way of life for growers of this county and throughout the eight-state burley belt.

Whether or not you are a burley grower, as a resident of a burley county you are linked with the tobacco economy, and the welfare of the area and its burley producing farmers.

On Feb. 21 to 25, the regular three-year referendum will be held on the question of whether to continue the

tobacco program through the next three crop years. All burley growers, both tenant and landlord, and in some cases members of their families are eligible to vote. Referendum ballots are mailed from county ASC offices to all known producers of burley tobacco.

It is hoped that not a single grower of this county will fail to vote and to register approval of the program that has saved burley farmers from ruinous over-production and catastrophe many times, since it went into operation in 1941.

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association is the growers' own organization. Its main job is to administer the price-support program in this and five other states. This organization urges that its grower members see that every eligible vote is cast. Anti-burley forces are constantly threatening the program. This year there is need for stronger endorsement than heretofore.

Remember, "Yes" means quotas and price supports for the next three years. "No" means unlimited production and no price supports.

## Energy conservation means... saving energy in the home

The American homeowner has the double opportunity of making a significant contribution to saving the nation's dwindling energy resources and, at the same time, saving on his energy costs.

The opportunity for energy conservation in the residential sector is seen in the fact that the 72 million residences consumed about one-fifth of all the energy used in the United States. There are more than one million residences in Kentucky.

Although each household can conserve energy in a number of ways, the greatest savings can be obtained by conservation measures applied to space-heating and water-heating—the two major residential end uses of energy.

Space-heating consumes 55 percent of the total energy used in the nation's homes and water-heating consumes 14 percent.

In addition to their being the largest end users of energy in the residential sector, space-heating and water-heating together are major uses of natural

gas. Since the residential sector accounts for 25 percent of all natural gas used in the United States—46 percent in Kentucky—the potential is great for conserving this fuel which has been facing problems of shortage in recent years.

National estimates of conservation savings which require some investment:

- An average investment of \$100 to \$200 in ceiling insulation can save 10 to 20 percent in energy consumed for space heating.
- Weatherstripping and caulking windows can save 10 to 20 percent of energy for space heating.
- Adding storm windows and doors can save about 20 percent of energy used for space heating.
- Insulating pipes or ducts in unheated spaces can save up to 20 percent in energy used for space heating.

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percent of the energy needed for water heating.

- By repairing leaking hot water faucets, about 30 gallons of hot water per month can be saved, resulting in energy saved for water heating of up to 10 percent.
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## Grits of Wrath

The gripping saga of a peanut-processor family forced to leave their beloved mortgaged farm to make a living in Washington D.C., and their young daughter's plight in public school, Her mother battles the front of Amy's tailored coat and ties her hand money in the corners of a hankie.

"I ain't good girl like he had back in Georgia and the water will luscious but you should try to swallow it and I'll have you a big pot of cornpone and some souse belly when you get home tonight."

"That's a good girl."

"I promise you'll like it here at public school."

Amy: "Scott's honor, daddy? Not like those other promiscuous...?"

She walks down the street toward the public school. As the peanut-processor meets the little girl carrying books.

Girl: "Hello, my name is Dedeie, what's yours?"

Amy: "You're in the Family?"

Amy: "Yes, my family lives in that

big white house up the street."

Girl: "No, turkey, I mean the Family, Mama, Contra, Nostra, the Sicilian Society. It looks like those two big turkeys following you are acting funny, you up for a bit. Or maybe a match."

Amy: "Oh, them. They are just secret Service. Like a lodge or something."

First Agent: "Who is that suspicious looking kid riding up to my house?"

Second Agent: "Let's move in! Her father is red-charged by the CIA. He's a non-person for the FBI. We could sue your trench coats over this."

FA: "Weatherman? SLAP! John Bernier? Washington Post reporter?"

SA: "Worse. Her folks voted for Ford."

At the front door of the public school, they are met by the principal, a supervisor, and school bus driver. "We always greet new students this way," the principal says. "It's the public school way."

Teacher: "Good morning, class, my name is Ms. Hochstetler. Please take a seat. Your two big brothers can stand by the door and frisk everyone coming in."

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## RUSS METZ

Outside the men wearing OSHA, weights and measures and Ecology badges are checking prices, slides and coupons for wear and proper use. Ecology is sniffing the air and taking asphalt playground samples.

First Agent: "O.K., kids, hit the blacktop. But no one within 30 feet of the pink arrow and the slide with the wrapper on the slide to get more money in it."

Teacher: "Shut up and move away from the barbed wire and land mines."

First Agent: "We better move out. The night acquiesce, our riflemen haven't come in yet."

Teacher: "Take care of our star pupil. And tell her folks she's going to make it, can lead in public school. No doubt about it."

Second Agent: "Naturally, honey, and may the bird of paradise fly up your nose. Now get before she gets sharpshooters mistakes you for a mouse in a rat."

Girl: "Would you like to come to my house tonight to watch television. Or maybe we could rip off some gang machine or make a cash racket?"

First Agent: "Can't, Dedeie. That would put the SS on overtime and my daddy promised to trim the fat. Besides, my

## Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

So proclaim a subhead, as well as, headlines in nearly every newspaper one picks up. For one, can only hope made by Mr. Shumate stating there was no excuse for gas shortages. I'm sure he was being misinformed.

For the past two or three years we have had the opportunity to sign extra contracts for additional gas. The costs were higher and the city could not afford the price, but we offered Blue Gas. Getting the opportunity to buy this gas, they refused also, but due to high costs. Over a year ago I gave them the name of a Texas supplier of equipment used for L.P. Gas so they might use this for alternate fuel. We have tried in every way possible to get our industries to stay open so that all might continue to work for the benefit of themselves and our city.

We realized we were running into more usage of gas than we had allocated to us, but we kept on going hoping for a short cold spell and with our large charts being read only monthly, were in trouble before we realized we were in trouble.

We had been asked to shut down our large users before we had wept help. They had converted their boilers over to oil and had asked them on cold days, but on their dryers there was no alternate fuel and they continued to use a lot of gas.

Due to lack of cooperation after Blue Gas Ketting agreed to close we were forced into court and this cost the city a lot of money that could have been avoided.

We are working for a better future for Blue Gas Industries and Kentucky and our city and we hope to be able to supply gas to all an soon as possible.

We are having a lot of from water lines and other troubles and our men are working hard to keep all of you in water. Our men are working night and day and deserve a lot of credit from all of you.

Your city council members are all working for the benefit of all concerned and they deserve thanks also.

We have a lot of hard work facing us and we need to spend a lot of money on repairs so we need all work together. We still need to see all the gas we can. I have talked with Mr. Wayne

soot catching afloat or the chimney burning through.

Since the weather article points out they're really no stigma to the chimney sweep profession and it's not too dirty or sooty a job, it's a wonder more people don't take it up.

Quoting one paragraph on sooty success stories:

"Take Harold Menzies, from Owls Head, Maine, who gave an \$77,800 job as a marine engineer six years ago to become a professional chimney sweep. Now he has a six-man crew, gets as many as 50 calls a night from people who want their chimneys cleaned, has gone on a lecture tour of Maine's fire department, and claims to be earning almost as much as he was before."

The article also points out that as little as two millimeters of soot or creosote on the inside of a chimney pipe can cut down by 19 to 15 percent the amount of heat generated.

Wonder who'll put on a sooty top hat and tails and do the area poof?

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So AP reports under the date line Kansas City, and frankly it seems to me that just saying "OK" would be much better, but when you get on to my 10:30 is, so and so, then the 10:30 is the need much better, than saying "I'm observing at a typewriter in the Mercury office. Of course plain English is no clearer."

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The Ophelia Democrat in the Jan. 13 issue published a 1957 picture taken at the Blue Villa School that brought forth a letter to that newspaper from Mrs. William R. Hill, saying that her daughter and son, Martha and Rex Hill were in the picture. Both are now residents of Nicholas county.

## Nicholas fumbles past MMI

By Jimmy Smith

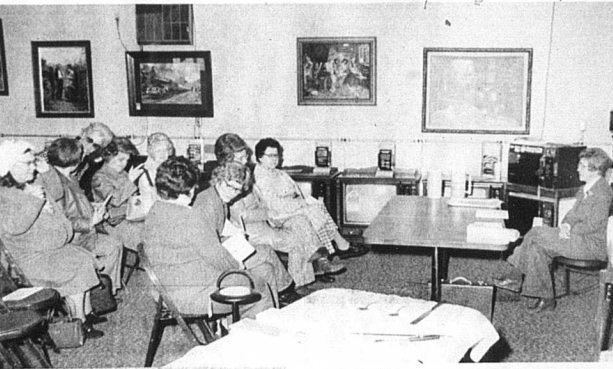
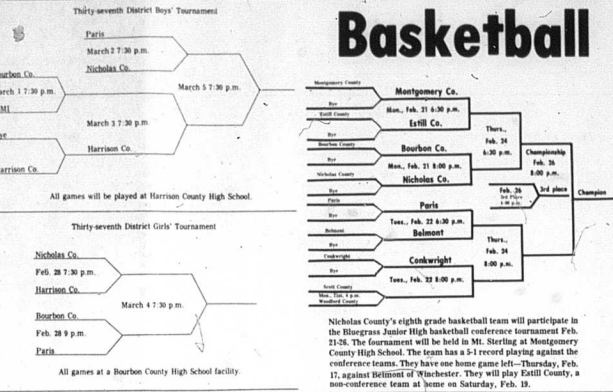
The Bluejackets of Nicholas county had a hard time getting anything going right for their last week, but fortunately they were competing with the young, inexperienced Cadets of Millersburg Military Institute. The Bluejackets apparently had a hard time getting ready to play against the team that they had previously beaten by over 50 points and as a result, the Cadets were able to stay within striking distance and keep hopes of a victory alive until the final minutes of the contest.

The Nicholas County squad was obviously caught fundamentally asleep as they were completely out of sync in the first half alone. These coupled with a poor night very lackadaisical on defense. They committed 13 turnovers in the first half alone. Whatever the cause for the sluggish play, the game did remain close and can be called a game rather than the display of haste by the young Cadets, caused the game to remain close right down to the wire. MMI was within nine points with only 2:51 remaining in the game.

"It was just hard for us to get up," commented Nicholas County Coach Bill Anderson, after the game. "I thought trying in many cases we might have had previously beaten by over 50 points and as a result, the Cadets were able to stay within striking distance and keep hopes of a victory alive until the final minutes of the contest."

At any rate, the Jackets did manage to pull out a win and put their record up to 4-10.

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Attentive listeners are shown in the photograph above, as Mrs. Bernice Cash of the Harrison County Rural Electric, explains the new energy saving cooking methods using the General Electric Microwave Oven.

Mrs. Earl Hamm was winner of the door prize, a cutlery set, given at Garrett Furniture's first GE Microwave Cooking School held last Friday, Feb. 11.

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