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## Pepper acreage being contracted

The Moody-Dunbar Company is now contracting acreage for the 1977 pepper crop. Those Nicholas county farmers interested in growing peppers should come to the County Extension Office to sign for the desired allotment.

According to Hubert Davis, field supervisor of Moody-Dunbar, a receiving station in Paris will be opened if sufficient interest is shown. The decision whether to establish the Paris station must be made by the first of February, therefore, it is most important to advise your local County Agent Monte Conrad of your interest in growing peppers to be marketed in Paris, says Davis.

The Nicholas County Extension Office is located in the basement of the Courthouse. Even in the event that a station is not established in Paris, peppers may be marketed at the Owensville station which has already been established.

Although 1976 was not a particularly good year for pepper production overall, the top 55 growers in the state averaged more than 12 tons of peppers per acre with the top grower obtaining 18.9 tons per acre. The top grower in Nicholas county was Danny Booth who reached 10.9 tons per acre. Producers received a price of \$106 per ton in 1976 with an expected increase of 5% for the 1977 crop year.

Peppers will grow on most any type land provided proper fertilizer practices are followed. Most growers have

used 600 lbs. of a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-15 in addition to a starter solution available from the company. However, peppers will do better on upland than in well drained, both internally and externally. The ideal field would be one which has a good cover and plowed down early enough to allow the soil to decay. A good rule to follow in selecting land to grow peppers would be to select a field in which you would grow tobacco. Plants will be supplied by the company at a cost of \$1/acre, no increase over last year. Labor required to raise one acre of peppers is 85-100 man hours with 60-80% of the labor needed between the first of August to the middle of October.

Peppers are normally marketed loose, being hauled to market in pickup trucks or other open bed trucks and scooped out by a grain-type scoop at the receiving station. Many producers have hauled their peppers to market in sacks and baskets to receive a \$1 per ton premium for sack and unbranded peppers. At the receiving station the peppers are weighed and paid for the following week by mail to the grower. The producer also has the option of charging plants and starter fertilizer to the company at no finance charge and may pay for them at harvest time.

The Moody-Dunbar Company will hold educational meetings for growers in late February or early March in conjunction with the County Extension Service.

## Court makes new hospital decisions

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court accepted an estimated bid for \$53 when it met last Wednesday from Prasier Paolone for a site survey for construction of the new Nicholas County Hospital. Paolone is to start work by Feb. 1 and actual cost of the survey will be plus or minus 1% of the estimated bid.

The rough excavation for the hospital and laying of sewer pipe to be done by the Nicholas County Road Department. A qualified blaster to be hired if necessary. Expense for this work is to be repaid from proceeds of the sale of bonds.

The Court authorized Sullivan-Bode-Hunck and Associates, Inc. pursuant to their contract with the Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc. to proceed with the design phase of said contract for the new hospital at a fee not to exceed \$12,100. The fee is to be paid by the Fiscal Court upon completion of the work.

Hans Hunck suggested to the court that they should be considering appointing a building committee for the new hospital.

## O. K. Curry Jr. is named assistant state treasurer

State Treasurer Frances Jones Mills recently announced the appointment of O.K. Curry Jr., Lexington, as Principal Assistant for the Treasury Department. Curry, a Carlisle native, is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He has a B.A. degree in American History and a Juris Doctor from the school.

Since Curry holds a law degree, and with his previous experience in State Government, I feel he will be of invaluable help to the entire Treasury Department, Mrs. Mills said.

While attending the University of Kentucky, he was very active in campus activities. He served as Director of Academic Affairs, Student Government President's Cabinet, 1966-67; Student Senator, 1967; President of the Student Body, 1968; Member, University of Kentucky President's Council of Students, 1967-68; Member, University Publication Board, 1967-68; Founder and Charter Member, Societas Pro Legibus, Pre-law honorary, 1967; Lawes, Junior Honorary, 1966; Governor's Youth Advisory Commission, 1967; Lamp and Cross, Senior Honorary, 1966; Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, 1966-68, serving as rush chairman and executive committee member; and Omicron Delta Kappa, Senior Leadership Honorary, 1969.

From 1972 to 1974, Curry served on Governor Wayne H. Hall's staff, and is a member of the United States Army Reserves.

In 1973, Curry served as executive

director of the National Young Democrats Convention, and in 1974 was permanent chairman of the Kentucky Young Democrats Convention. He was on the National Alumni Advisory Committee, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, 1972-73, and chairman of the committee, 1974-75.

Curry is a member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church. He is single and resides at 750 Shaker Drive, Lexington.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Curry of Carlisle.



## USDA to hold burley tobacco quota meet

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will sponsor a meeting Friday, Jan. 14, at Lexington to discuss proposed determinations relating to the amount of the national marketing quota for 1977 crop burley tobacco.

The meeting, which is open to the general public, will begin at 10 a.m. in the E.S. Good Dairy Barn Auditorium on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. The E.S. Good Barn is located off Nicholasville Road just west of Commonwealth Stadium. Adequate parking will be available at E.S. Good Barn and Commonwealth Stadium parking area. Representing USDA will be William L. Lanier, Director of the Tobacco and Peanut Division of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. (ASCS), Robert P. Herremans, Chief of the ASCS Tobacco Branch, and

Robert H. Miller, Economist for USDA's Economic Research Service. Persons unable to attend the Lexington meeting are invited to submit their comments in writing to the Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, USDA-ASCS, P.O. Box 2814, Washington, D.C. 20013. Comment will be received no later than Jan. 21 will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Director, Room 5152 of USDA's South Building.

FARMERS NOTIFIED BY IRS OF EARNINGS

Anna L. Conner, Executive Director, Nicholas County ASCS office recently announced that producers in Nicholas county will be receiving a form CCC-12 from IRS reporting earnings received under USDA Programs.

## Council tables extra office help problem

City Council voted 2-2 Monday night to table a discussion until its next regular meeting on hiring extra help at the city office.

Councilmen voting for the motion were Alex Crawford, Calvin Willis and Charles Fay. Voting no were Councilmen Clarence Card and Bob Paul. Councilman Julian Green is in Florida. Gas rates were increased by five cents on each level. The increase became necessary after Columbus Gas raised its charges to the city by 4.8 cents, effective Feb. 1. Council passed this motion unanimously.

By a vote of 3-0, the Planning and Zoning members salaries were increased from \$10 to \$15 per meeting. Crawford and Fay did not vote on this motion.

## Bank stockholder meeting is held

The annual stockholders meeting of the Deposit Bank was held in the bank offices at 1900 m. Jan. 11.

There was an excellent showing of shares on roll call by proxy and in person. The Deposit Bank now has 25 stockholders. The bank had a good year during 1976. William L. Young, Jr., Junior Honorary, 1966; Governor's Youth Advisory Commission, 1967; Lamp and Cross, Senior Honorary, 1966; Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, 1966-68, serving as rush chairman and executive committee member; and Omicron Delta Kappa, Senior Leadership Honorary, 1969.

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## ASC Committee is held Convention for County

Chiff Vice, a well-known Nicholas county farmer, was named to the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee by delegates to the ASC County Convention, held Jan. 3.

The delegates also elected Robert G. Brady and James W. Wood as first and second alternates to the committee.

The Nicholas County ASC Committee for 1977 are Eugene Letcher, chairman; Matthew Kennedy, vice-chairman; and Cliff Vice, regular member.

The County ASC Committee is responsible for local administration of government farm programs such as the Tobacco Program, Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), and the Feed Grant and Wheat Program.

The vacancies were filled by farmer delegates who are newly elected ASC Community Committees for 1977. Community committees assist the county committee in farm program administration and help keep farmers informed of program provisions.

## Session on coping with terminal illness to be Jan. 17

Dr. Richard Mason, Cooperative Extension Service Specialist in Human Development and Family Relations, at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, will conduct a seminar on coping with terminal illness and grief.

The seminar, which is open to the public, will be held in the day room at the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

## Auto mishap reported

The only auto mishap reported during the last week involved cars operated by Doug Garrett and Jimmie Green. Carlisle Police Chief Allen Earlywine said the cars collided as Garrett was heading west on Market Street and Mrs. Green pulled out of the Foodtown parking lot.

The Garrett auto sustained considerable damages in the mishap, according to the police chief. The damages to the Green car were less.

## Miss Scott files for County Clerk

Miss Rose Scott, Nicholas County Clerk, filed last week as a candidate for that position in the May 24 Democratic Primary.

Miss Scott, who has been Deputy County Clerk for the last 16 years, founded the Clerk's position on Jan. 1 after J. Berry Burnam resigned.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Scott and the late Martin C. Scott, both of Nicholas county. She was born, and has lived all her life, in Nicholas county.

## 'Unusual winter weather causes search of Mercury files

by Jean W. Conley

Snow on top of snow, biting winds, and sub-zero temperatures have typified this "unusual" winter we appear to be having after years of rather mild winters. An estimated accumulation of seven inches of snow has fallen in Nicholas county since Jan. 3.

Temperatures for the last three months have been October normal, registered 57 degrees below normal for the last three months. A record was set for dryness this winter as tobacco farmers can testify.

The temperature Monday was 25-35 degrees below normal because of the wind chill factor. Winds up to 35 miles per hour were reported locally on Monday.

Temperatures for the last three months have been October normal, 41-47-1976; 40-41-1975; 37-41-1974; 35-41-1973; 30-48. And, we have January and February still ahead of us.

Schools Closed

Nicholas County Schools were closed for the 11th snow day on Tuesday, and it was expected that they would remain closed the rest of the week at least. Superintendent Don Elder said Monday that because of a State Board of Education regulation, no school would be made up on Saturdays unless snow

days accumulate to over the 28 days school may be held before June 30, end of the fiscal year. Experience has shown that only about 50% of the students attend when Saturday sessions are held, he said.

Games Postponed

The Rowan County basketball game was postponed Tuesday night, and weather factors will determine later whether Friday's game at home against Richmond Model can be played.

Little League games were not held Saturday, and probably will not be held next Saturday. The rule is, according to chairman Bobby Curtis, if there is no snow on Friday there will be Little League games on the weekend.

Road Conditions

Even City streets are hazardous, and many have drifts which add to the difficulty driving. County roads are mostly passable but are very hazardous.

Fred Burnam reported Monday that the Miller-Station Road was closed with drifts as high as fence posts.

Bill Weaver said that except for about a mile this side of Moorefield, the roads were closed that were not too bad. The straight stretch he referred to is a mile from Moorefield had drifts several feet high. But he said it was passable in the middle of the road.

Both the city and county have used all their salt supply, and have been unable to salt trouble areas.

Blue Grass Industries and Blue Grass Knitting were closed on Monday and Tuesday. A few other businesses in Carlisle were also closed.

Accidents

City Police and the Sheriff's office reported Monday that only one accident occurred during the last week—and it was not weather-related.

City Police Chief Allen Earlywine pulled a Mothers-Shearer hearse out of a ditch Monday as it was preparing to enter the Carlisle Cemetery following a funeral.

Milk deliveries were not made on Monday.

Past Heavy Snows

Some past snowfalls remembered by many occurred in 1960, 1961 and 1966.

Powell Neal remembers the 1969 snow because that was the year his father died. The winter had been mild before heavy snow fell the last of January. The snow stayed on the ground, and on March 10 there was two feet of snow, he said.

"Carlisle held the dubious distinction of unofficially recording the lowest temperature of any town in Central Kentucky," said the Feb. 8, 1961

Mercury, 22 degrees below was recorded in Carlisle by A.L. Fisher, local unofficial weather forecaster.

The Mercury noted that the snow and ice storm around the first of February was the worst since the heavy snows of the winter of 1917-18. Trees and power lines were felled during the storm.

A few months before on Nov. 25, 1960, a paralyzing blizzard hit Nicholas county, following a blanketing snowfall which began Oct. 28.

Snow drifts as high as 20 feet were reported in the Jacksonville area. The Mercury termed this the "worst snow storm to hit locally since 1867."

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Br-rrrr! It's a cold scene