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Snow Queen

Tammy Roser (left) was named 1979 Snow Queen during the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas parade Saturday. At right is another contestant, Robin Ritchie. — Mercury photo.

Burley growers to vote February on new quotas

By Bennett Roach

Should next year's national burley tobacco quota be raised? Will growers again opt quotas and price-supports, in the three-year referendum coming up early in 1980? Growers will participate in the decisions on these two important questions in the next few weeks. The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association suggests that they are timely subjects for study by its members now in the early stages of the market, and during the shutdown for the Christmas holidays.

The grower referendum has come to mean routine and nearly unanimous approval, safely above the necessary two-thirds majority. With another okay it will apply to the next three crop years of 1980, '81 and '82. Date for voting has not been set, but it probably will be in late February.

As for the question of next year's crop, growers will have their say about the 1980 national quota, which must be set before February 1. Comments will be sought, and arrangements concerning these, and date of the usual burley quota hearings at Lexington, Ky., will be forthcoming soon from Washington.

This year's crop is down some 50 percent, and despite better prices the cash returns to growers are off sharply. Also, the 1979 crop is the third shortest crop year in a row, and the smallest since 1973.

But many other factors besides the current short crop are taken into consideration, in making the quota determination. These could include the following:

1. Domestic burley use down, due to anti-smoking publicity, raising prices.
2. Huge increase in amount of foreign-grown cigarette tobacco imported into U.S., including Oriental leaf and scrap, displacing U.S.-grown burley.
3. Support prices will rise again in 1980 by nine per cent under legal formula, assure better cash returns even with another short crop.
4. Loan stocks still in good supply, including old stocks and pooled tobacco to come from remainder of this year's offerings.
5. Exports of U.S. burley are leveling off; USDA predicts one-tenth decline from last year's 126.7 million pounds sent overseas.
6. Carryover stocks are ample. Supplies equal 2.8 years use compared with the desired level of 2.4 years, under legislative formula.

LVPA meeting tonight

A public meeting of the Licking Valley Protective Association (LVPA) will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Robertson County courthouse in Mt. Olive.

The purpose of the meeting will be to gather support for a trip to Frankfort during the coming session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The General Assembly is expected to deal with the matter of whether or not the state should commit funds for the Falmouth Dam and reservoir project. The LVPA, which is mainly composed of persons who live in the valley of the Main Licking River, is opposed to the dam.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which would be responsible for planning and construction of the dam, asked

Gov. Julian Carroll last summer if the state would commit funds for the project to be used for recreational purposes.

The Corps said that the dam was not feasible unless it was built for recreational purposes and the state provide funds for development.

Gov. Carroll turned the matter over to a legislative committee for study but when their report was received he deferred the subject to the entire legislature.

Members of the LVPA have been traveling the valley seeking support for a resolution that would put the legislature on record against the project. The meeting tonight is expected to finalize plans for a rally in Frankfort and a possible appearance before the legisla-

ture. The dam and reservoir project was authorized by Congress more than 40 years ago but no funds have ever been approved for anything but preliminary planning. Opposition to the project, which would create a lake from McKinesburg in Pendleton County to Cave Run Lake in Rowan County, a distance of more than 100 miles, has so far kept the dam from being built. Over the years the Corps has deleted benefits such as hydroelectric power and water supply from their studies on the project. The flood control benefits of such a project would be minimal, the LVPA has charged.

Hundreds of acres in Nicholas County

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State's economy is making gains

Employment and personal income are at record levels in Kentucky, with the purchasing power of residents outstripping inflation by a \$2.4 billion gain in real income during the last four years, a report prepared by the Kentucky Development Cabinet shows. The report, officially submitted to Gov. Julian Carroll last week from Development Secretary William Short, lists achievements in Kentucky's economic growth from 1975 to 1979 and describes the development initiatives undertaken during that period.

Total personal income grew by \$5 billion between 1974 and 1978, more than in any other four-year period in the state's history, the report shows.

During that same time, per capita personal income — average dollars per Kentuckian each year — went from \$4,524 to \$6,607, an increase of 46 percent.

Short pointed out in a letter accompanying the report that personal income has increased more rapidly in Kentucky than in the nation as a whole during this period. Personal income in the state now stands at 84.3 percent of the national figure of \$7,838.

A substantial number of new industries have been established in the past four years and many existing industries have expanded their operations, Short noted. The report shows that more than 10,000 new jobs have been added to the state's employment base, for an increase of 12.4 percent in the total number of jobs.

There was also "a striking change" in the number of self-employed persons, such as business proprietors and professionals, which went from 136,400

to 152,400, an increase of 11.7 percent, the report says. Short noted that Kentucky's unemployment rate remained well below the national average throughout the period because of the increases in total jobs and income.

Other growth areas listed in the report include:

— An increase of 17 percent in the

1978 gross farm income of \$2 billion. — An increase in total value of Kentucky's farmland from \$2.3 billion in 1974 to \$11.4 billion in 1979 — an average annual growth rate of 16 percent compared to a national growth rate of 14.9 percent.

— An increase of approximately three and a half times in agricultural

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News briefly

Cost-share program open

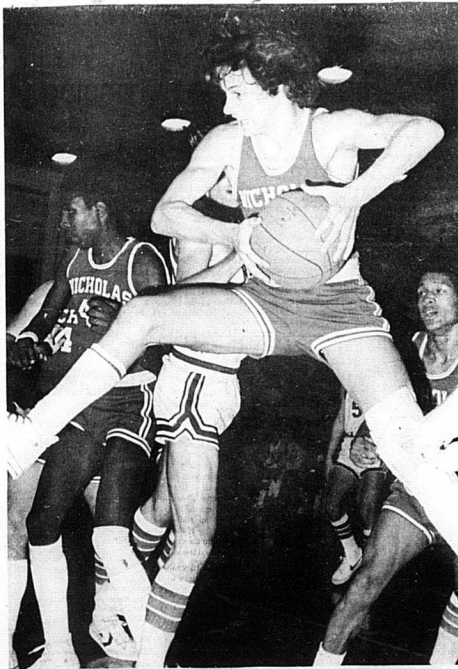
Local farmers may now apply to receive cost-share assistance to complete conservation practices on all or part of their farm. Cost-share is available at the local ASCS office under the Long Term Agreement Program (LTA). Producers may sign up to do a number of conservation practices on their farms over a period of three to

five years. The funding for this program is separate from the regular conservation program operated by ASCS. Interested persons should contact the local ASCS Office located at 246 East Main Street, Carlisle, or call 289-5367. To be eligible for this program, applications must be filed by Dec. 31st.

Bastins buy Dollar Store

Two brothers from Stanford have purchased Smith's Dollar Store on Main Street in Carlisle. Handy and Mike Bastin, who between them own three other stores in Kentucky, bought the business last Friday. Mike Bastin operates Bastin's in Stanford while Handy Bastin has a Handy's Clothing and Footwear store in

Brookville and Falmouth. "Each of us plans to be here in Carlisle at least two to three days a week," Mike Bastin said Tuesday. "We're thinking about remodeling after Christmas and then having a grand-opening," he added. The Carlisle store will be called Bastin's.



All mine

Donald Markland comes up with the roundball in last Friday's season opener against the Bath County Wildcats. Nicholas County won, 64-54. — Photo by Mike Young, Bath County News-Outlet.

Bath takes 'bath'

By Kay Conley

It's the first time Nicholas has beaten Bath County for a very long time, said Coach Mike Kenney after last Friday night's 64-54 victory over the Bath County Wildcats at Owingsville. Anytime you beat Bath at Bath, you should feel like you've made an accomplishment.

It was a true accomplishment for some say it hasn't been achieved since as far back as 1959. One thing is fact, however, and that is the constant team effort portrayed to come back from a halftime seven point deficit to win by 10 points.

"It was a hard fought win," said Coach Kenney, "everyone contributed."

The Bluejackets had the "season opener jitters" by getting in foul trouble early in the game. A basket by junior Donald Markland with 4:16 on the clock in the first quarter gave Nicholas a 7-4 lead. Two free throws with only seconds remaining in the quarter transferred the advantage to the opposition with an 8-7 score. Two back-to-back baskets by Bath ended the quarter 12-9 in favor of the Wildcats.

Nicholas still couldn't overcome those jitters as they continued to lag slightly behind the growing Wildcats in the second quarter. With 46 seconds left before halftime, Bath had opened up a 28-19 lead. Mike Sowell went to the line for a one free throw score and a steal and field goal by Mark Vice added three points

and ended the half with Nicholas trailing 29-22.

The third quarter was the turning point of the game when the Jackets zapped the sting to the painting Cats. A game total of 10 rebounds by Jerry Edwards aided in the comeback. An almost errorless performance by one of Region 10's outstanding basketball players, Mike Hanton, pulled the team effort together. A rally and score by Hanton gave Nicholas a slim 37-35 lead and brought the crowd to their feet. A steal and goal by Sowell raised the score 41-37 and ended the quarter.

A total of 16 steals and 39 rebounds by the Jackets were two factors to the victory. The lead remained with Nicholas through the fourth quarter. With only 3:02 remaining in the game, Nicholas had opened up an eight point, 55-47, advantage. Sowell tossed in two free throws to mark the score up to 61-54. Time ran out and the Bluejackets tallied up a final victory score of 64-54 over Bath.

Mike Hanton was high-point man with 22 points. Mike Sowell had 10. Steve Davis had nine, Mark Vice had eight, Jerry Edwards had six, Donald Markland had four, Dave McCaffrey and Steve Hamilton scored two each, and Phillip Rose scored one.

This Friday night Nicholas travels to Bourbon County to take on district rival the Bourbon County Colonnels. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.