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Burley vote Feb. 25-29; Cynthiana top market

William R. Vincent, State Executive Director of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Office, Lexington, announced that burley tobacco growers will decide in a referendum to be held by mail ballot, Feb. 25-29, whether marketing quotas will remain in effect on the next three (1980-82) crops of burley tobacco.

Vincent asks growers to watch the mail for their referendum ballots that will be mailed Feb. 21 from their local county ASCS office. He said that any burley grower who fails to receive a ballot in the mail should obtain one from his local county ASCS office or any ASCS office in Kentucky.

Vincent said the voted ballots must be

returned to the county ASCS office by no later than close of business Feb. 29, or the return envelope (ballot enclosed) must be postmarked by midnight Feb. 29, 1980 for the ballot to be eligible to be counted.

If growers disapprove quotas, there will be unlimited production and no price support. If growers vote in favor of marketing quotas, price support will be available and the average price support level for the 1980 crop will be approximately \$145 per hundredweight.

Growers are urged to let their decision be known by voting in this referendum, Vincent said.

Cynthiana highest
Meanwhile, figures released last

week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Tobacco Division showed that the Cynthiana burley tobacco market recorded the highest season average in the eight-state burley belt.

Cynthiana's average was \$17.16 for 10,313,968 pounds sold during the season. The second-highest average in Kentucky was recorded at Paris, where 8,647,763 pounds sold for a \$14.77 average.

Area markets and their season average prices are:
Cynthiana — \$17.16
Paris — \$14.77
Mt. Sterling — \$17.81
Morehead — \$14.73
Winchester — \$14.67.

Mayville — \$14.34.
This marks the second straight year that Cynthiana has recorded the highest average in the eight-state burley belt. The market selling the most pounds in Kentucky this season was again Lexington, which has a sold 86,182,476. Second was Carrollton with 22,090,261 and third was Mayville with 22,179,833 pounds.
Total poundage sold in the eight-state belt this season was 496,840,223 pounds for an average of \$14.22. This contrasts with last year's total of 460,473,814 pounds and an average of \$13.17.
In Kentucky, 346,182,218 pounds were sold this season for a \$14.78 average. Last season's figures were 455,313,845 pounds and \$13.78 average.



History maker

Kyle Allison of the Cassidy Creek Road recently donated a model of the Cane Ridge Meeting House to the Nicholas County Historical Association. Mr. Allison built the model out of cedar and even inserted a small pulpit in the interior. He plans next to make a copy of the first Catholic Church in Kentucky, built at Augusta. The Cane Ridge model is on display at the library and is available for use by county churches. — Mercury photo.

Jackets split weekend games

By Kay Conley

It was a week of thrilling excitement as the Nicholas County Bluejackets played host to the Frankfort Panthers, who went home with a slim 75-68 victory last Friday.

Frankfort, previously ranked state-wide, was not the only contender Nicholas faced last week when the Montgomery County Indians fell victim, 58-43, to the Bluejackets in a back-to-back game on Saturday night.

The Panthers, having an advantage of size with the shortest of the starting five measuring 6'7", thought that a lead would be a cinch in the first quarter. Nicholas soon changed their mind, however, as David McGuffey scored a goal and Mike Hatton followed with a three-point play to make the score 4-11 in favor of Frankfort. Two fouls, caused by the Bluejackets, moved the Panthers out front 8-4. With 5:36 showing on the clock, Frankfort had acquired four 15's.

Nicholas began to lessen that lead as Jerry Edwards got a rebound and a bucket to knock up the score to 13-8. A theft by Donald Markland and a layoff to Hatton was good for two, 13-11. A turnover by Frankfort set up a bucket from Mark Vice to Donald

Markland tying the score at 13 all. With four seconds remaining in the quarter, Vice scored after an assist from Hatton to make the score 17-13, in Frankfort's control, at the end of the first quarter.

With the crowd behind them, Nicholas showed they meant business in the second quarter. A blocked shot by Hatton aided in a costly score when Vice threw a floor pass to Edwards who shot the score to 17-17. A rebound and assist by Vice to McGuffey marked the score 23-21 with Frankfort controlling the lead.

Markland stepped to the line to sink one free throw to lessen the lead to 24-21. An assist from Steve Davis to Edwards was good for a bucket, 27-31.

A steal by Hatton and pass to Mike Sowell who scored, ended the half with Frankfort out front 37-33.
The Panthers, leading at the two previous quarters, saw no change in the third quarter. Frankfort established a 19-point, 46-36, lead. With Davis' help, Markland completed a successful three-point play to bring the score down to 50-39. A toss from Vice to Hatton, who scored on a lay-up, moved-up the score, 60-43. At the quarter's end, the scoreboard read 52-43 with Frankfort still

maintaining the advantage.
Nicholas County came out in the fourth quarter ready to give Frankfort a real fight. A tip-in by Davis shot the score to 56-46. A jumper by Sowell was good for two, 58-47. Two consecutive rebounds and baskets by Markland showed the score 62-53.

With 2:20 left in the game, Sowell went to the boards with a goal making the score 62-58. Sowell also hit two for two at the line, good for a 66-60 tally.
A bucket by Hatton placed the score

to 70-61. Pat Letcher scored to lessen Frankfort's lead 71-64. Although Nicholas County rallied, the Panthers' fight was outlasting as they walked off the court with a 73-68 win.
Mike Hatton was high-pointed man with 17. Donald Markland was close behind with 15. Mike Sowell led 13. David McGuffey nine. Nicholas' record stands Mark Vice six each and Pat Letcher two.
The Bluejackets will take on district rivals Harrison County, at Cynthiana, this Saturday night at 8 p.m.

USDA meetings focus on conservation issues

By Willmer Hatcomb, SCS

Should agricultural producers be required to apply soil and water conservation measures on privately-owned land that benefit the national objectives? Or, should the use of conservation measures continue to be voluntary?
Who should pay for expensive conservation measures that provide few immediate benefits to the producer but have great benefits to the public, such as improved water quality, cleaner air, or reduced sedimentation to streams and reservoirs?

These are some issues that will be discussed during a series of public meetings called by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to give the public a chance to help shape the future of USDA conservation programs.

Interested persons are urged to attend says the Nicholas County Soil Conservation Service. One meeting is scheduled from noon until 2 p.m. Feb. 25, 1980. The meeting will be held in the basement of the library at Carlisle.

Interested persons are being invited to submit written or oral comments on seven alternative conservation strategies being considered by USDA.

These strategies are:
— A redirection of national conservation programs.
— Cross compliance, which would require producers to use effective conservation measures to participate in any USDA program.

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Bloodmobile here March 10

The second of three blood drawings in the current donor year will be held Monday, March 10 by the Central Kentucky Blood Center.

The drawing will be held at the First Methodist Church in Carlisle on Monday, March 10, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

The drawing will be sponsored by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, which also sponsors the other two drawings as well as the Nicholas County blood program.

Three drawings are held each year, with another two held at Blue Grass Industries, to help Nicholas County

meet its quota. The quota this year is 364 units, which represents the average percentage of transfusions per capita in Nicholas County.

The program covers regular donors and also helps the CEBC keep a blood supply for the hospitals it serves, which includes the Nicholas County Hospital/Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

Chairmen of the blood program this year are Rev. Herman Kamlage and Rev. Mark Prevo. To learn more about the Nicholas County blood program contact either of the two at 289-5202 (Kamlage) or 289-7390 (Prevo).

'77 not '79 tax bills now overdue

Because of a misprint in an ad in the Mercury last week many Nicholas County taxpayers thought that 1979 taxes were overdue and that names of delinquent taxpayers would be published in this week's Mercury.
These non delinquent are 1977 taxes, which were uncollected that year due to litigation. The 1977 taxes were finally collected last and collection began in October with the final date of payment Dec. 31, 1979.

The 1977 taxes have to be collected and exonerated before 1979 taxes can be collected. Names appearing in this week's Mercury are of taxpayers delinquent on 1977 tax bills.
A notice from Nicholas County Sheriff J.W. Ecton, Jr. will appear in the Mercury when the 1979 taxes are due.

Hunter installed

Billy Hunter, chairman of the Nicholas County Board of Education, was installed recently as a member of the Kentucky School Boards Association Board of Directors.

Installation ceremonies were held at the KSEA's 44th annual convention in Lexington. More than 700 school board members and superintendents attended the convention.

Hunter was chosen a regional chairman of the KSEA last fall, one of nine regional chairmen in the state.



74th District Rep. Adrian Arnold (right) talks with Rep. Pete Worthington of Bowling in the House chambers recently. Arnold is currently chairman of the House Committee of Counties and Special Districts and a member of the Agriculture and Small Business Committee. Worthington is the son-in-law of Carlisle Mayor William Power. — State photo.

Lawmakers

NCHS to host 37th District — at Paris

Nicholas County High School will be the host team for the 37th District Tournament — but none of the games will be played in Carlisle.

The district tournament games will instead be played at the Bourbon County High School gym with NCHS responsible for all aspects of the four-season tourney.

NCHS Principal David McMillan said district tournament hosting responsibilities are being rotated among the five schools in the district but will be played at sites with suitable meeting room.

So the Bluejackets will take on Bourbon County on Bourbon's home floor Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. but technically will be the host team.

The winner of that game will advance into the district finals and the regional tourney under the eight-slot, four-by-two setup in the district this year.

Bourbon and Nicholas drew byes in the upper bracket. In the lower bracket, Paris drew a bye and Harrison County and MMI open the tournament on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Paris.

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37th District — Boys

Bourbon County High School gym

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| Bourbon | Bourbon |
| Bye | Bye |
| Nicholas | Nicholas |
| Bye | Bye |
| MMI | MMI |
| Tuesday, March 4 | Thursday, March 6 |
| Harrison | Paris |
| Paris | Paris |
| Bye | Bye |

Saturday, March 8

All games begin at 7:30 p.m.