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## Burley selling season to open Monday, Nov. 24

Tobacco farmers can begin selling their 1980 crop of leaf Monday, Nov. 24, the latest opening date in five years. The opening date is late this year because Thanksgiving week falls later than usual on the calendar. Last year the market opened Nov. 19 and closed for the holidays Dec. 18 after holding sales for 19 days. This year the market will sell through Thursday, Dec. 18, then close for the Christmas holidays. Wednesday, Nov. 12, will be the first day farmers can weigh their tobacco for auction. The Burley Sales Committee also agreed to retain other sale provisions implemented over the past few years. These include holding the first week of sales Monday through Wednesday, being closed Thanksgiving, and resuming sales the next day. The remaining sales will be held Monday through Thursday.

The sale committee also set Monday, Jan. 5, 1981 as the date warehouse tobacco sales will resume after a 17-day recess. Almost 71 percent of last year's crop has been sold before the markets closed for the holidays.

The 10 burley sales committee members polled by James A. Finch, of Mayville, president of the Burley Auction Warehouse Association, and chairman of the committee, agreed unanimously on the proposed dates incorporated in the 1980-81 sale season agreement.

Paul Donovan, of Shelbyville, regional director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's grading service, said tobacco leaf graders would finish working the flue-cured tobacco market by Nov. 17.

"I expect them to be ready to grade the burley market by the appointed

Water district meet set

The Sharpshurg Water District has a monthly meeting the first Wednesday of every month at the office in Sharpshurg.

The next meeting is Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. All concerned citizens are urged to attend.

(Nov. 24) time," Donovan said. "We had a slight backlog of leaf being moved off the (flue-cured) markets down there and we had to recess the markets for a few days this week for tobacco already sold to be handled off the warehouse floors. But when we go back, we should go right on through the end without stopping," he said. John Shelton of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, said growers in his state should be ready to sell by Nov. 24, opening sale date. Chester Greenwell, representing the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, also said the burley producers in his area would have enough leaf to sell by opening day.

The latest Kentucky Crop Report released Tuesday said that six percent of the state's crop is already stripped, and that another 30 percent is ready to strip. The report said the only barrier to stripping more of the crop is the weather. Most areas need a higher humidity to bring the tobacco leaves into case to handle. Most members of the sale committee thought the quality of this year's burley crop would be better than it was first thought, but agreed that it would be a "light" crop. The harvested acres of burley in Kentucky were set at 40,000 ac yield per acre in the state is estimated at an even 2,100 pounds, up 100 pounds from the very short 1979 crop. Several warehousemen said they know of no increases in selling charges this year, although labor and other operating expenses have increased.

## 51 county burley growers to bale 699,944 pounds

Fifty-one Nicholas County burley tobacco growers signed up to bale their crop this year which is more than double those signing up in 1979. In the 1980 sign-up local poundages increased more than 63 percent from 229,944 pounds in 1979 to 699,944 pounds in 1980, according to Mrs. Anna L. Cooner, ASCS office manager.

Statewide 7,822 Kentucky burley tobacco farmers signed up to bale 84,123,263 pounds, according to William H. Vincent, State Executive Director of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Lexington. Vincent said the marketing experimental program allowing sale of unbleached burley tobacco with price support was continued by Secretary Bergland for 1980 crop at request of burley producers.

The 1980 sign-up more than doubled the 36.8 million pounds signed up in 1979. Under the rule authorized by Secretary Bergland to apportion any unmet quota to producers desiring

to sell more than 25 percent of the farm marketing quota from a State pool will permit all Kentucky producers that signed up Sept. 7 through Oct. 16, 1980, to sell 100 percent of the amount requested to sell in unbleached form, because 25 percent of the State's effective quota would be a little over 118 million pounds, Vincent said.

Vincent further stated the amount requested and approved will be increased to 110 percent when the Baled Burley Identification Cards are issued by the County ASCS Offices.

Studies conducted by the Universities of Kentucky and Tennessee have shown that baling burley tobacco reduces the time involved in stripping the leaves by around 40 percent, compared to the hand-tied method. Farmers who need information on how to build baling boxes, where to obtain the materials or how to bale tobacco should contact Mike Phillips, County Extension agent.

## Restoration Christmas parade set for Nov. 29 at depot

The restoration of the old L&N Passenger Depot is well underway in Carlisle by the Nicholas County Historical Society.

Even though the Society has not yet received the \$20,000 Bluegrass Area Development District grant, approved by the ADD on June 26 (20 percent of which had to be matched anyway), its director decided to use what money it has to do the roof and building exterior repairs before winter sets in. Mary Kojak of the ADD has assured the Society that the grant money is certain and should receive final approval from the State Department of Finance around the middle of November.

A membership drive is underway by the Society. Anyone who has not paid his dues for June 1980-81 is asked to contact a director and do so. New members and all charter members listed in the History of Nicholas County are being sought as Society members. Dues are \$7.50 for family membership, \$3.00 for a single person, and \$10.00 for students. A total of 166 members have joined so far this year.

When the grant is received, the Society plans to proceed with the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical work. Other interior repairs will be made as long as the money holds out.

Charles Crawford, a local contractor, was awarded the contract for the exterior work — other than the masonry and carpentry which will be done later. He started on the roof on Oct. 1 and plans to be finished with this first phase of the renovation around the middle of November.

Replacement roof tile were ordered from a factory in Chicago (the only factory known to make this tile) the last of July but the Society was notified in September that it will be February before it can be shipped. Crawford has,

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The 1980 Christmas Parade sponsored by the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. This annual event traditionally signals the start of the Christmas season in the Nicholas County area. Features of this year's parade will include: the guest of honor, Santa Claus; presentation of the 1980 Snow Queen candidates; crowning of the 1980 Snow Queen; music, provided by various local marching bands; and floats, constructed by local organizations. An award of \$50 for first place and \$25 for second place will be given to the organization sponsoring the two best floats. Organizations that are interested in entering a float should contact Robert Hester at the Nicholas County Hospital, 289-7181.



Masked or unmasked, who are they? The goblins will get you if you don't watch out. They've already gotten to the photographer, because he doesn't remember when [the year] this picture was taken. The place, 211 Chestnut Street, and obviously Halloween. The better half is doing out candies. — Mercury photo.

## Time: 7 p.m. tonight Trade practices hearing at Mt. Sterling

With the current rate of inflation and the price of goods rapidly increasing the plight of the consumer is worsening. In order to take action to possibly ease the burden, the legislative Subcommittee on Trade Practices will hold a public hearing in Mt. Sterling on Thursday, Oct. 30 to listen to the problems which consumers face daily. The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. (EST) at the Montgomery County

Health and Civic Center and all interested citizens are invited to attend. Among the issues to be addressed are landlord-tenant agreements, automobile repair and "lemon" laws, problems related to insurance, and the possible need for "plain language" contract legislation. The meeting is open to discussion and all participants are encouraged to comment. The Subcommittee on Trade Practices is a subcommittee of the Interim Joint Committee on Business Organizations and Professions. Rep. David Boswell, D-Sorgho, is the chairman. Other committee members include: Senators Danny Meyer, D-Louisville; Woodrow Stammer, D-West Liberty; Danny Yocum, D-Louisville; Representatives W.D. "Doc" Blair, R-Palmsville; Tom Burch, D-Louisville; John Laler, D-Covington; Kenny Napier, D-Bardonia; and Sam Thomas, D-Louisville. Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mt. Sterling, is also expected to attend.

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Election '80 Mrs. Julie Berryman's eighth grade Civics class has been working on a project called Election '80. Her students have made posters depicting the presidential candidates and their campaigns as have appeared in magazines and newspapers and on bumper stickers. Also drawings and cartoons appear as done by the students themselves. These posters are on display on the first floor of Nicholas County Elementary School. Four of the stud nts are from left, Jeff Watkins, Todd Gaunce, Shelia Key and Camille Crump. — Mercury photo.