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### Rep. Hopkins explains tobacco changes

"Several worthwhile changes have occurred during the past 18 months with respect to the operation of the tobacco program. The changes have, for the most part, been supported by tobacco farmers who welcome the opportunity to support the President's proposals, while seeking to improve a program vital to their economic well-being," Rep. Larry Hopkins stated in Congress on Monday.

"One such opportunity presented itself during consideration of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The Act included the assessment and collection of user fees for certain government services — including tobacco grading. Tobacco farmers, at least in the sixth district of Kentucky, responded to this method of raising government spending with widespread support. The implementation of this new program will save American taxpayers about \$8 million each year," Hopkins reported.

"Not only that," Hopkins continued, "there is a new cost program that mandates that the tobacco price support and production adjustment program be operated at a net cost to taxpayers, except for incidental administrative expenses. The tobacco program is the least expensive of all the major commodity programs — including, in fact, that in fiscal year 1981, more loans were repaid than made, representing a net return, not only, of \$5 million, but other commodity programs can boast of such a record," Hopkins said.

"The Subcommittee on Tobacco and Potomac has held a series of hearings throughout the tobacco-producing regions of the country to receive suggestions on how to best operate the program at a net cost while maintaining its effectiveness. Attempting to insure tobacco farmers of a fair return on their investments while providing both domestic and foreign markets with adequate supplies of high quality tobacco at competitive prices is not an easy task."

"We have received volumes of suggestions from growers who sought to develop legislation to be considered shortly. I am pleased to say that the changes I am not a partisan issue — any changes in the tobacco program will be proposed through a uniform effort by people concerned with the future of the program."

**Non quota tobacco**

In addition to the most cost provision of the farm bill, another amendment was adopted which addressed the problems associated with the production of nonquota tobacco. Nonquota tobacco is produced by farmers who have chosen not to participate in the price support and production control program in areas where quota tobacco — tobacco covered by these price programs — is grown. This amendment requires strict production controls on growers who grow nonquota tobacco in quota regions, thereby discouraging a practice that could have caused additional expense in the operation of the tobacco program.

This provision was challenged in court by some farmers who sought to continue this double-dipping. I am pleased to say that the case was dismissed by a judge in North Carolina. The tobacco people did well this past year. They have accepted changes to better their program and have offered constructive suggestions rather than assigning blame for current conditions. Things are not perfect, but we're working on it."

Call by program  
U.S. Rep. Larry J. Hopkins, R-Ky., also announced he will join a national agriculture telephone call on May 11 from the nation's capital.

Hopkins and 14 other members of Congress will be sponsoring a hearing on the "National Hearing on the Farm Economy." Anyone wishing to express an opinion or viewpoint concerning any of agriculture's major aspects should call 1-800-368-3789 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. EDT on May 11.

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### City of Carlisle Commits \$400,000 to gas, sewer, water

The Carlisle City Council passed three resolutions at a special meeting, Friday, April 30, which commit the city to spend \$400,000 in cash and to borrow a total of \$100,000 to support the Natural Gas Restoration Project and the East End Sewer and Water Project, should HUD Community Development Block Grants be received for both projects.

In a resolution declaring that "a state of emergency exists with regard to the link in the natural gas system in Carlisle," the city said it was "concerned about the potential threat of physical harm which might be present, if an observed 18 percent rate of natural gas losses for the 12 month period ending March 31, 1982."

The resolution goes on to say that "all possible avenues for grant and/or loan financing be explored for the purpose of correcting the unacceptably high gas leakage situation and that, (those) corrections be begun during calendar year 1982."

In a separate resolution, council officially approved the submission of the grant application for \$200,000 from the HUD Block Grant program for the "Municipal Natural Gas System Restoration Project."

In that resolution, council pledged \$20,000 in cash to the project, contingent upon the approval of a low interest loan and the grant. The council also approved the short-term borrowing of \$200,000, if the loan and grant are approved.

Council authorized the Mayor to sign all necessary application forms.

The third resolution pledged the City of Carlisle's support for the grant application of \$400,000 in HUD by the Nicholas County fiscal court. The council also went on record as approving the borrowing of \$100,000 for the project should the grant be received.

The introduction, the resolution, says, would be retired by revenues from the combined city utility system.

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The resolution also states that the additional condition to the city's contribution of this sum is that "the city not be prevented from implementing its announced plan to annex into the city's corporate limits the east end area which is in the HUD application, identified as the benefited project area."

Resolution also states that the city agrees to accept the final court's offer to administer the design and construction of the project and to own, operate and maintain the project.

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**Primary time rolls around**

Spring primary time is Thursday, May 25, in the Democratic race for a candidate to oppose GOP Harp Enterprises, Lexington, removes the old vote tallies from the last election, and puts up the Supreme Court Justice, in which Nicholas is one of 19 counties in the judicial district — Mercury photo.

### Reports Wall Street Journal Jockey sends long Johns to Poland

An article about Jockey underwear, some of which is made at the Bluegrass Industries plant in Carlisle, was printed last week in the Wall Street Journal.

A plant spokesman told the Mercury that "it's impossible to know if any of the underwear referred to was actually made in Carlisle."

The spokesman said Carlisle's Jockey underwear is "shipped to a distribution point" where it becomes mixed with other underwear.

The article, printed on May 21, reads as follows:

How to express compassion for the terminated people of Poland? Send them some underwear, naturally.

That is what Jockey International, Inc. did — 18,000 pairs of long Johns, shipped to Gdansk in February, when the Polish winter was at its steepest.

The Roman Catholic Church there was anxious to distribute the garments to members of the Solidarity movement.

Jockey says it wants to be known as "the company that cares," which is why it sent long underwear valued at over \$300,000 to the Poles, Howard Cooley, president of the company, says. "We're very right-winged around here. We think more corporations ought to pitch in when there's a humanitarian need."

Domestic Trouble

A month after the Polish initiative, Jockey turned its charitable eye to a problem closer to home. Floods had ravaged Fort Wayne, Ind., and Jockey says it found "a desperate need for underwear and clothing."

The company sent 15,267 T-shirts and 100,000 pairs of long Johns to Fort Wayne, which is now a ghost town.

Some say that Jockey's "company that cares" is a bit of a stretch. "It's a kind of low-key publicity that Mally's support of public television," says Erica Friesberg, a New York publicity agent who has been sending out press releases touting the good works of the Kenosha, Wis., company.

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### EKU Scholarship

Barbara Lynn Edwards, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Edwards and the late Orlean Edwards of Route 1, Sharpburg, has been awarded a Presidential scholarship from Eastern Kentucky University. She is a senior at Nicholas County and plans to major in Medical Technology.

— Mercury photo.

### Pageant needs amateur actors including two hound-dawgs

"Battle of Blue Licks: A Recollection by Private Benjamin A. Cooper" is the title of a pageant to be performed nightly during the August 18-20 Bicentennial at Blue Licks State Park.

Scott Robinson of Frankfort, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Robinson of Mt. Olivet, is writing and directing the 45-minute pageant. It will be shown free to the public Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. nightly.

Admission held

Additional for the pageant will be held the first or second Saturday afternoon in June at the Park. The amount will be the only speaking part. The others must be able to speak through microphones.

Actors wanted are a dozen Indian warriors, dozen pioneer women and six little pioneer girls, 18 male settlers, four British officers and two hound dogs.

Robinson estimated that there would be only about 10-12 practices.

The Bicentennial celebration will open with a parade on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 1 p.m. Horse-drawn vehicles, rather than mechanized trucks, are being sought for the parade.

Contact Jack Collier if you would like to participate in either the pageant or the parade or about the next planning meeting. It will be held at the Mt. Olivet Courthouse May 24 at 7 p.m. for more information.

**Loan meeting is Friday**

The Farmers Home Administration State Office will conduct a survey of farmers who suffered a substantial loss in a cash crop or feed crop because of heavy rains and flooding occurred May 1-July 15, 1981.

Farmers who suffered losses during this period should plan to attend the meeting, and have available a list of all cash and feed crops grown, the number of acres and the yield per acre.

The meeting for Nicholas County will be held Friday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nicholas County Library. All farmers who suffered qualifying losses are urged to attend.

**Hammonds wins**

Michael Hammonds, student of Nicholas County High School, won first place in the Field Seed Identification category at the Merchants State University tractor pull held last weekend in Morehead.

Placing third in the Dairy Judging contest was the Nicholas County group of Jeff Hammonds, Eddie Whites and Johnny Meyer.

**A spring day at the creek**

Just take off your shoes and socks and wade in it. The temperature of the water will make you get out before long, however. The back-up plan is to sit down on the bank in the sun with an old straw hat and just pitch the line into the water. It doesn't even have to have a hook, unless you're real particular. The picture was shot on Cassidy Creek. — Mercury photo.

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