

Three year burley referendum is next February

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(For Burley Growers Association)

A firmly established tradition of many years, and one of the most important events on the burley calendar for 1982, is the growers' referendum on the burley program with its production controls and price supports. Late February in the time, the exact date to be set upon later. The voting program will be in effect for the 1982, '84 and '85 crops.

The referendum is a practice borrowed from government. It is a procedure rooted in the democratic process, and it has originated in Europe after the French Revolution. One favorite definition of the word is "direct legislation." It is employed in

submitting bond issues, tax questions and various other issues to the voters. Woodrow Wilson referred to the referendum as the voter's "right behind the door."

The provision for voting on continuation of the burley program is a built-in part of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, and its subsequent amendments over the years.

At first the voting was conducted by show of hands at district meetings. This later took the form of precinct caucuses and direct balloting. Now for many years the voting is by mail ballot. County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) offices send out individual farm quota notices for that year's crop, and ballots, to all known producers. Ballots are to be returned within a specified time. Counting underway after all ballots are returned, and results are known within a day or two of the closing date.

Campania

Despite many years of voting on the issue, the three-year referendum is still accompanied by campaigns that are necessary to get out the vote, for a two-thirds vote of approval is required. An overwhelming endorsement will allow 90 percent approval.

One weakness in the referendum showing in recent years has been the failure of growers and their families to register the largest possible turnout. The percentage of eligible persons voting has at times been less than 70 percent, though the percentage of approval has gained each year.

For the entire eight-state belt, the percentage has risen in each of the past

Association have joined in waging this effort. 12 years ago, reaching 88.6 percent in the latest vote in 1979.

Over-production of burley tobacco growers from the start. In the Virginia colony in 1820 the planters burned half the crop to dispose of the surplus and help to improve prices.

Later control efforts included limits on the number of plants each farmer was even put on the number of burley plants per acre.

Tobacco was so profitable at Jamestown that Capt. John Smith had to order the settlers to grow food crops along with their tobacco, in order to keep the colony from starving.

In one year, half of the tobacco grown was destroyed by fire after it had

curved, in an attempt to cut down on overproduction.

One of the earliest "cut out" efforts was in 1863, when colonial growers tried to get Maryland, Carolina and Virginia growers to agree to cease raising tobacco for an entire year; but Lord Baltimore of Maryland refused to support the plan and it failed.

The modern quota and price support program has developed over the past five or six decades. The program has been amended many times. Basic features are the national marketing quota and price supports by grades.

Yet the present-day program, refined and improved many times, really dates back to the primitive methods of Colonial times of 300 years ago, as growers have attempted to meet the threat of surplus supplies.

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Carlisle's first new piece of gas pipe

Dallas Dean Construction Company of Harrodsburg laid the first new piece of six-inch gas pipe Thursday on the Scribner Road at the Columbia Gas substation. Nearest the camera are Gayle Vanlandingham, City Superintendent, and Harry Asher of Gas Management Associates, helping out. The \$700,000 project will replace all of Carlisle's leaking gas lines. — Mercury photo

Burley sales Will begin a week early this year

With estimates climbing steadily about the size of the 1982 burley tobacco crop, the Burley Sales Committee has fixed Nov. 17 for opening sales, instead of the customary Monday before Thanksgiving.

Latest official projections for the September 1982 production is 797 million pounds. For the states in which the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association handles the price support program, the latest USDA estimates are:

Kentucky 233,877,000 lbs., Indiana 21,800,000 lbs., Ohio 29,352,900 lbs., West Virginia 1,640,000 lbs., and Missouri 6,670,000 lbs.

Nov. 8-19th

First official weighing day under the 1982 schedule will be Nov. 8. Sales are set for Nov. 17 and 18 in opening week, and for Nov. 22, 23 and 24 in Thanksgiving week, then four days a week Monday through Thursday until the Dec. 15 closing for Christmas. Plans then are for selling to resume after the holidays four days a week until the crop is sold.

At the Burley Association's annual election meeting on Oct. 19, two new directors were installed, following their election last month by growers and delegates in their districts. The new members were Roy C. Elliott, Rising Sun, Ind., and Wilson Walton, Abertons, Ohio. Elliott succeeded Edward S. Furnish, Vevoy, Ind., who retired after serving on the board 37 years, and Walton succeeded Gene J. Pittenger, Nashville, Ohio.

McDaniel re-elected

All incumbent officers were named to another term by the directors. Those included: President, Joe McDaniel, Cynthiana; first vice president, Bruce Strader, Glasgow; executive secretary-treasurer, Alvin R. Beckley, Lexington; vice president, leaf processing, John D. Blevins, Lexington; assistant secretary-treasurer, Gene Harmon, Lexington; general counsel, John M. Berry, New Castle; recording secretary, Ruby D. Ramsey, Lexington.

Directors, re-elected last month in their home counties, were (ranked as follows): 1st district (Fayette County), Wm. B. Blackford; second district (Boyd), Sam Clay Jr.; third district (Mason County), W. W. Boyd; 4th district (Scott), Gordon Glass; associate director, State of Missouri, Earl B. Beman Jr.; executive committee, Logan Brown and Wm. B. Blackford; directors-at-large re-elected, Bruce Strader and Wm. F. Satterfield, and Stanley Andrew.

Frank Mathias To autograph book here

G. J. Ziv will come alive "one more time" Monday, Nov. 8 at the old Depot in Carlisle.

Dr. Frank P. Mathias, author of the World War II book, and historian during that war, will play the saxophone and clarinet, accompanied by Edgar Allan on the organ during the Autograph Party and Club Support to be held in his honor.

The Nicholas County Historical Society is sponsoring the musical program and autograph party starting at 6:30 p.m. Homecoming chili or vegetable soup and drink will be served for \$1.50, dessert will cost 50 cents. Proceeds from supper will benefit the Historical Society.

Dr. Mathias' new book, G. J. Ziv, will be available for sale at 30 percent discount, or \$12.95 for this session only. He will autograph any books sold or any previously purchased that are brought to the Autograph Party. The book contains local names and places familiar to many Nicholas Countyans.

A Carlisle native and presently resident of Hiram, Dr. Mathias was only 19 years old when he was swept into the Army from Carlisle, and eventually halfway around the world to the jungles of the South Pacific.

He served in the huge invasion force which landed on Iwo Jima and he was involved in the Battle of Manila, the decisive battle in the Pacific.

Wm. continuing 125,000 lives, Dr. Mathias says. The 27th Division lost 4,600 men. As an army musician, attached to

Women's basketball team visits

An outstanding women's professional basketball team called the "Red Heads" will visit Carlisle Saturday, Nov. 13, and play the Carlisle All-Stars, a local men's team, at the Nicholas County High School, the Carlisle Boy's Club has announced.

The game will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a Little League game at 6:30 p.m.

Adult tickets will be \$1.50 in advance and \$2.00 at the door. Children's tickets are \$1.00 in advance and \$1.50 at the door.

The "Red Heads" team is composed of six women, including center Susan "Spide" Callahan, a 6'10" Nebraska native billed as "America's greatest woman rebounder and pivot. Also on the team is "Hay Hay" Lee, Lexington, Fayetteville, N.C., a famous defender; Kathy Smith of Durham, N.C., a champion foul shooter; Janet Grady, the "Princess of North Carolina," a FT. Lauderdale, Fla. player; Mary Benish of Albany, Ga.; and Cheryl Clark, scoring ace at Michigan State.

The Red Heads women's team is

Low voter turnout expected Tuesday

A low turnout is predicted for the general election of next Tuesday, Nov. 2, in Nicholas County.

There are no local races on the ballot. Two school board members' names, Herbert Dreyfus and James Anderson, appear on ballots in their precincts, but are running unopposed.

The only race of any local interest on the ballot is the fight for the sixth district congressional seat now held by Republican Rep. Larry Hopkins. Nicholas County was switched from the seventh to the sixth district by the reapportionment plan drawn up by the general assembly, based on the change in population taken from the 1980 census.

That Nicholas County lost Democratic Rep. Carl Perkins, who had represented the county since 1966, and got Hopkins, who is from Lexington.

Well financed

Hopkins' campaign has been well financed, according to reports in the metropolitan press, with nearly half a million dollars raised.

His opponent is former Lexington Herald editor Don Mills. Mills was an administrator and press secretary in the Brown administration and resigned in order to make the race.

The Mills campaign has been hampered by what is seen as a "lack of funds" in a state necessary to beat Hopkins. Mills himself, at one point, said it would take \$200,000 to beat Hopkins and at last report had only raised and spent slightly over \$100,000.

Two other candidates also appear on the ballot for sixth district congressional seats, along with Hopkins and Mills. They are Don Pratt and Ken Ashby. Pratt says he is the independent candidate, although he also claims to be a Democrat. "I am a small businessman," Pratt told the Mercury, "and I don't think either party is doing us any good. I feel the elections are bought and sold and the system should be changed." Pratt was a second

Lawrence in the armed forces during the Vietnam War who later went to prison for two years as a protest against the draft.

Ashby says he opposes all subsidies to all businesses and criticizes both programs. Ashby also proposes to eliminate all federal minimum wage laws. Ashby is the Libertarian candidate.

Supreme Court

You will also find the race for Supreme Court Judge on the ballot. This is a run-off between John J. O'Hara and Donald Winterheimer, the two top vote getters in the primary election. Both are not well known in Nicholas County. O'Hara has been here at least twice, once for a lunch in the courthouse. Winterheimer campaign- ed once in the county at least, complaining that his busy court schedule kept him from campaigning more often.

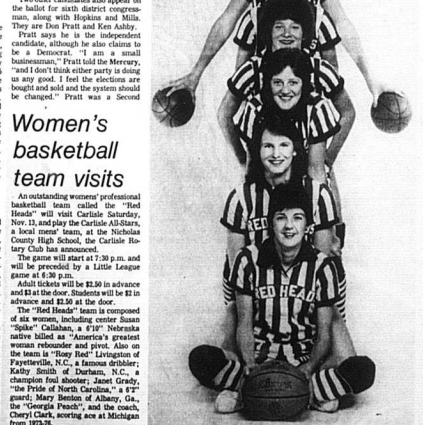
The vote totals between the two were

close to the primary election, with O'Hara taking Nicholas County but losing to Winterheimer across the judicial district. O'Hara now holds the Supreme Court position, by virtue of being appointed to fill the unexpired term of the former judge, who died. This is his first run for the position.

You will find the sample ballots for the various precincts in Nicholas County located elsewhere in the paper. Look for the ballot with your precinct listed underneath it to find an almost exact reproduction of how the ballot will appear on election day.

Trick or Treat

The City of Carlisle has changed the trick or treat hours from those published last week. The hours are now from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., plus any children's trick or treating must be accompanied by either a parent or an adult, and should go to only residences known.



The 'Red Heads' basketball team

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