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Co-op recommends one cent burley fee

Burley harvest is speeding up as September arrives, with growing indications over the belt that the 1982 crop is indeed of high quality and near-record size.

Government poundage estimates are up over last year. So are per acre yield estimates. And an evidence grows that late tobacco is maturing well, there are expectations that the mid-September estimates by the USDA may well show an increase over August figures.

Growers and tobacco leaders may be wondering if the so-called worldwide burley shortage is finally nearing the end, one that has heavy crop years in a row have followed two short crops.

The Burley Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association has forwarded recommendations to Washington on implementing certain phases of the second program, recently approved by Congress.

One cent fee
The Association asked that the grower-assessment fee be held at one cent per pound, and that such checkoff funds be handled by the Community Credit Corporation. The 11 per hundred overhead expense would again be taken off the loan rate, as heretofore.

But the Association directors urged against empowering the Secretary to adjust loan rates downward.

With manufacturers' stocks still low, Association directors and officers are anticipating another season of good financial rewards for burley farmers. If production comes near the August estimate of 775 million pounds, and if the selling average goes well above the \$1.43 support price, farmers will again find burley a life-saver in a year of depressed agriculture.

Practically all of Carlisle's five and most retail businesses will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, as it is a national holiday.

The library will be closed and the bookmobile will not run on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

All state offices will be closed by order of Governor Brown.

The post office inside windows will be closed and there will be no city or rural delivery, however, the post office lobby will be open as usual.

Both Carlisle banks will be closed on Monday.

Morehead State University will be closed on Tuesday.

The Nicholas County schools will be in session on Monday and the board of education officers will be closed.

Nicholas County courthouses of officers will also be closed as will the Circuit Clerk's office.



VFW hosts VA patients

Carlisle VFW Post 8869 Ladies Auxiliary held a picnic for 25 patients from the Leecestown Federal facility of the VA hospital in Lexington, Thursday, Aug. 28, at the city lake. Those who contributed time and effort for the event were:

Auxiliary President Joyce Earlywine and VFW Post Commander Arnold Thurnburg, Maymie Price, Ruby King, Alice Buckler, Sue Ferguson, Brenda Vaughn, Charlie Brooks, Byle Brooks and Linda Richey. — Mercury photo.

"Supreme team effort", says coach

Miracle comeback nips Richmond Madison 14-13

The Nicholas County Bluejackets snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in a fantastic comeback Friday night. The final score was Nicholas 14, Richmond Madison 13.

The first quarter of the game neither team scored.

In the first few minutes of the second quarter, Purple Wesley Brent received Madison's first complete pass of the game, covering 63 yards and scoring a touchdown. The extra point kick was successful making the score 7-0.

In the last minute of the second quarter, a Bluejacket fumble put Richmond in control of the ball on the 50 yard line. Again, Brent received a pass, completing a second Purple touchdown. The extra point kick failed, leaving the score at the end of the first half, 14-0.

Nicholas County started the second half with a sack of Madison quarterback Donald Bostey, by Paul Tibbo, for a loss of eight yards. Later in the third quarter, Eric McCreary completed a pass to Rocky Young for a total of 41 yards, putting Nicholas on the Purple's 32 yard line. Anderson then passed to

position of the ball on their own four yard line. Slowly, but surely, the Jackets continued to push their way down the field. Finally Eric McCreary passed to Young for 21 yards, leaving the Jackets on the Purple's 40 yard line.

The next play McCreary attempted a pass to Anderson, but an interference penalty was called on Madison, moving the Jackets 15 yards up the field. With one minute and 22 seconds left, the Jackets pulled off a miracle on page 18.

County has new Lions Club

Charter night ceremonies for the Nicholas County Lions Club will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

A large number of out of town guests are expected, including District Governor Elmer Elmer of Covington.

Line Virgil Kitchin is the charter president for the club, which was formed on July 20.

Meeting nights for the local club are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Vaughn's Restaurant at 1:30 p.m.

Carlisle mentioned in book published by former resident

Dr. Frank F. Mathias, who grew up on East Main Street in Carlisle, has written a book about his World War II experience that is being published this week by University Press in Lexington.

"So far as I know, this is the first book written about the Pacific War that has come from the lips of an American man," Dr. Mathias told the Mercury.

Mathias was born in Mayeville, but grew up here and went to school here, graduating in 1944 and being drafted right away.

The basic theme of the book is that of an 18-year-old boy, growing into manhood during the war in the Pacific," Mathias said. "I was lucky enough to go into the 370 Infantry Band, which meant we were around headquarters some and got to meet General MacArthur. But we were also a heavy weapons unit, which meant that when the fighting started I laid down the ammunition and picked up a machine gun."

Mathias said he got the idea to write the book when he found a package of

300 war letters, down in his basement a few years ago, that he had written home.

"I read those letters and was surprised at what I was like when I was 18."

Several Carlisle residents who also went overseas and served in the Pacific are mentioned in the book.

Just one of the interesting passages in the book is excerpted by Kentucky Magazine in its listing of new books to be published by University Press, and we reprint it as follows:

"Our combat began playing jobs in the ramshackle clubs and bars in Guadalcanal, a town that at one time had housed prisoners of the infamous Italian Death March. Soldiers craved these clubs, having little to do other than await shipment home. I called up 'Charlie Polka' one afternoon, a rollicking number I had memorized back at home, but it was suppressed for the reception it received in this smoky bar and dance hall. It started."

See book on page 18.

Programming the machine and working with it has trained him in problem solving. Plus, the information he has at his fingertips helps him pin it down and make better decisions, he said.

The agriculture program allows him to slot in yields and prices to determine his yield price per acre on a crop. With the addition of a few other figures, the computer can tell him what to expect if he has a bad year, what his potential profit will be if yield is especially good.

"For the farmer, it's a real time saver. I'm able to look ahead and see investment in a timely way," he said. "I'm able to see the conditions that will be involved in hedging and contracting something I wasn't able to do before."

Decision-making has come easier with the computer, Gilmer says.

But using a computer to help with

Horse pulling contest is Saturday night

American Legion Party will sponsor an old-fashioned horse pulling contest Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Wagner-Wilson farm, one mile west of Carlisle on the Old Farm Pike.

"We know of 12 to 15 teams that will be here," Legion spokesman Bill Harlan told the Mercury.

Six premiums and a trophy will be awarded to each class and there will be two classes — 2000 pounds and under and 3000 pounds and over.

Admission is \$4 per person, and proceeds will be used by the Legion for the Christmas Santa Claus parade and also to help purchase fireworks for the Fourth of July next year.

Weight-in will be held at noon Saturday.

Former Mercury editor named

Former Mercury editor James C. Smith has been named assistant news editor of the Charleston, W.Va. Daily Mail. Executive Editor Sam Hindman has announced.

Smith, 28, and News Editor Judge Taylor Smith will be responsible for the overall layout and design of the main news sections of the Daily Mail and the operation of the newspaper's copy desk.

Smith, a native of Carlisle, served as editor of The Carlisle Mercury prior to joining the Daily Mail in March. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Smith of Carlisle, he is a magna cum laude graduate of Marshall University.

Smith recently married Tammy Mandeville Smith and settled in St. Albans, W.Va., a suburb of Charleston.

Second place at State Fair

Todd Day of Carlisle shows his blue ribbon won at the State Fair in Louisville. The steer named "Dirk" is being held by Todd's father, Eddie Day. Dirk weighs 934 pounds and was



second place in the 1100 pound class of the 1981 project. Dirk was second place in the Angus Master Angus 210-975 pound class on Aug. 18. — Mercury photo.

Computers...for the elite farmer who has everything

lodge books and notebooks filled with comments on crops and animals, Gilmer has the information on his farm programmed on small magnetic disks and cassette tapes.

Instead of keeping track of formulas for figuring chemical quantities, payroll or taxes, he simply slots in which takes his information, uses the computer and presents the new figures to him.

With proper programming, a computer can direct a farmer in his daily farm activities — telling him when to use certain fertilizers and with which chemicals. The thing that can be accomplished with a computer are endless, Gilmer says.

farm management isn't easy. "It's not instant success," Gilmer says. "It's like climbing up on a big combine. It takes time to learn how to drive — but it's worth it."

Gilmer started shopping for a personal micro-computer about four years ago. He had seen what larger computers could do during workshop and farming seminars at the University of Kentucky and Purdue University.

"After running into price tags near \$2,000, he stopped looking. Then he came upon a micro-computer for \$800. That, he said, was enough of an investment to satisfy his curiosity."

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