

Opinion

Burley faces danger

Over recent years, there has been a fight in the Congress each year to save the burley price support system.

Not only is this year no different, but the danger signs have multiplied. And this year crop that burley farmers raised last year, resulting in 20 million pounds of surplus burley just in this area, was a big nail that burley opponents hope to drive into our coffin.

The opponents in Congress say that no sooner did we get a new no-cost program than we returned our quotas by a huge amount.

This year, the per pound assessment will be at least five cents and some are saying they will try to make it more.

A movement to repeal the new law and to get

rid of tobacco price supports altogether is also gaining speed in the house of representatives, at the behest of Rep. Thomas Petri of Wisconsin, and a similar move is underway in the senate.

All this has prompted even a veteran burley senator, "Doc" Holliston of Kentucky, to admit that we might have to compromise our way of these difficulties by adopting a freeze on support prices. If that is what has to be done, it means Congress would keep support prices at their present level to the rest of raising the crop.

If you are a burley farmer and you have any influence with any of our senators or our congressmen, it would certainly seem that right now is the time to use it.



Agree or not

The television debate really wasn't a debate at all

By S.E. Van Caran

The first debate of the top three Democratic candidates for governor last week didn't let the public anything that had not been printed or said over the electronic media before.

However, it did give us a rare opportunity to see the three in action as a public forum where the impressions on the voters depended on how they were presented and reacted.

It came out as a tie as far as we were concerned. The format was misleading because it was a debate, not a discussion where the candidates in a limited arena where their interests couldn't be challenged each other.

As expected, each candidate evaded some of the more controversial and the questions they guardedly touched on. They were all strong on education, but none of the three gave any specific plans or programs for addressing education and training needs.

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Three functions of government require the great majority of available funds: law enforcement and fire protection are the most obvious. The police and fire departments are the largest part of the state budget.

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Cutting out waste

What would happen if an army of businessmen were unleashed to comb the federal government for waste? Would they throw up their hands at the size of the task and give up, or persevere and uncover masses of fat to cut?

The nation got a partial answer when the president's Task Force Survey on Cost Control released preliminary committee recommendations on ways to trim the federal budget and make government more efficient.

Headed by industrialist J. Peter Grace, the survey group was established by President Reagan in one of his first Oval Office actions, in line with his pledge to root out government waste, mismanagement, and abuse.

The group of 163 leading businessmen and 1,300 private sector volunteers recently weighed in with suggestions for \$48 billion in cost-savings over three years in areas ranging from the military to retirement benefits to food stamps.

The group has drawn criticism for failing to recommend enough cuts to dent massive federal budget deficits, for intruding on policymakers'

domains in its cost-cutting ideas, and for restructuring previously rejected proposals.

But why should a change from \$8 to \$2 in the normal retirement age of federal employees be considered to bring it more in line with the private sector and save some \$15 billion over three years?

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Expected to total \$60 billion when a final report is issued this summer, the cost-cutting recommendations include other benefit eligibility changes, increases in some fees, and agency streamlining proposals.

The businessmen have kicked a spending-cut ball to Congress that may be tough to handle because many of the recommendations are likely to be politically controversial. But this new effort is a bold step that Congress can't afford to let the game away.

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Becoming a capitalist

The cardboard-filled windows, and old men on benches, take you now that the whole town is empty.

The lyrics from a Bob Dylan song two decades ago describe the death of town in the American industrial heartland in 1981. At one time, American steel companies employed 100,000 workers. No longer. The layoffs and closings of mills have made American steel an endangered species.

The Wirton Works in Fulton, W.Va., is an example of the problem of a waiting plant — and a hope for a solution. Wirton once employed 12,000 workers. Now employs 7,100. The plant, which is now one of the 10 largest steel mills in the

United States, was to be turned into its smaller finishing mill.

Letting the owners nor the workers wanted Wirton to shut up and die. In March the National Steel Industry Council, and employees owned Wirton, agreed to sell, and employees agreed to buy.

The book value of the mill is \$222 million, but the sales price was \$66 million. That represents a significant loss of value. The purchase, payable in installments over 15 years.

Down Memory Lane

Lot purchased for a new library

Thursday, May 10, 1983

The first step toward building a permanent library building was taken last Friday with the purchase of a lot in Harrison County.

A spokesman for the Nicholas County Memorial Library reports.

The Sunday morning worship service at the church was held to dedicate the new building. The building is being built on a lot in Harrison County.

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Letters

On any issue that concerns the welfare of the public.

In the recent crucial judge's election I would like to ask if there is a book or legal procedure to write "none of the above." I would not classify it as a petition by applying my vote to it. We have an election system that is based on a majority and kings and one man rule.

We need a system that is based on intelligent thought being put forth a country wide election and not a local one.

If the law was clear enough, bounce it back to the legislature and not make it until the law was clarified.

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As for the Kentucky court system, it's the worst system ever devised to resolve law and order. In my opinion if you read 180 you would have to spend time to prove your duty.

If you are told grand and honorable judge that no politics are involved in the system. The fact is that they for the "real or dry" system.

There are thousands of Ayns and Leslins throughout our beloved nation. It is good to hear of such noble actions as these are across this country.

We can pay judges a great salary pay we as a state do not have nor do our county judge or relationship programs to take care of the problem state funds.

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The scripture

In regard to my first comment I could say we have a system here that will self destruct some way. It's too slow and politically motivated to work.

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Op-Ed page

After RAPE and AL-GONE . . . a catchy name to go out in style

A tip of my beret to Pennsylvania Gov. Thornburgh, who knows how to put a program in place for the federal government to come in and stagnate the name of the...

The go, has proposed a program to provide interest-free loans to unemployed homeowners and distressed farmers threatened by mortgage foreclosures. The name he gives it is doubtlessly clever, it's HAND-UP, an acronym for Housing Assistance Needed by Distressed and Unemployed Pennsylvanians.

He name really sells the story. Extending a helping hand to the little guy. You'd never see the federal featherbeds come to naming things, the feds do it with a flourish. When it comes up with a clever name for a program like that, it's a sure sign that it's a good idea.

The feds would never think of anything like HAND-UP. You'd think they were holding the most practice at concocting programs. Other groups and organizations throughout the country are calling attention to their causes by dreaming up eye-catching acronyms for their programs and projects.

There is MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), an effective acronym if there ever was. At least one city has a GRASP (Group Against Sins and Pollution), and ACOGN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now). Since the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the federal government has given its agencies, programs and departments stupid names like the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps).

Just what this statistic means to you I am not sure, but I pass it along anyhow: three out of 100 Americans hang family pictures in their bedrooms. The cold statistics does not say if the pictures are of members of the family who were liked or disliked.

This is not a new idea by any means. When I was a kid on the farm we didn't have an indoor bathroom to hang pictures in. We did have an outdoor party of any kind of decorations would have been approved and I used to hang a picture inside.

Russ Metz

He has a picture of a Sheldrake pond under a few saddle right on the inside of the door so Dad would have to see it. I figured it was hilarious every day that picture every day he would see the message I was trying to put across. Unfortunately for me, it didn't work.

I have a fellow who kept a painting of his great-grand-pap hanging in his bathroom. This did follow was a meaningful thing, maybe he had been hung there as a warning or something, because he had a particularly grim and nasty look on his face.

"I figure," the fellow said, "I'd look at grandson the first thing in the morning doesn't scare it out of you, nothing will."

The American brand of Polish jokes may mercifully be

This, That and T'other...

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

May 10, 1983

So, lying aside, I make somewhat witty, aware that I don't like to be petty larks which always come to me with advancing spring, and the bargaining of earth's breeze. It is a surest that stages me must be the voice talks and blossoms of the loveliest make all the difference.

The grasshopper income tax is the only rate I should be able to pay and service rendered.

As I lie down, ever peering through areas of trees, watching their neck, east their heads, I can't help but feel as if I were a part of them. I see them as if they were a part of me. I see them as if they were a part of me.

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