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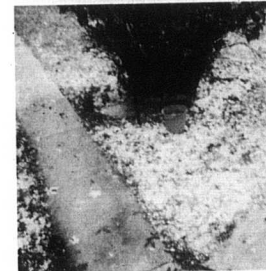


Joe Johnson, at computer, with Joel Judd, math and computer science teacher.

## Senior Joe Johnson Merit semi-finalist

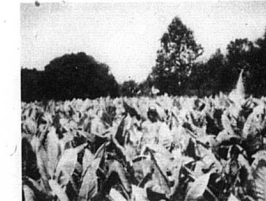
Nicholas County High School Principal David McMillan was notified this week that senior Joseph A. Johnson of Carlisle, has been named a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist. In order to qualify for this honor, a student must take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) as a junior and score in the top one-half of the top percentile. Joe, who was a Governor's Scholar at Eastern Kentucky University this past summer, will take the Scholastic Aptitude Test in October. He must score

well on this test in order to be named a finalist. When asked about the importance of this honor, McMillan noted that Joe was the only semi-finalist in an area comprised of Nicholas County and five surrounding counties. He also noted that Joe was the first semi-finalist from Nicholas County in recent years. Joe's future plans include college, possibly majoring in math or pre-med. He is one of 15,000 students throughout the United States who is vying for the coveted scholarships.



## Hail accompanies storm

Hailstones which accompanied last Friday's storm covered the grass in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Sky Abrose near Blue Lick. The Abroses swept the walk, creating the pile just outside the back door. Warm temperatures soon reduced it to a little more than a large wet spot. (See Here Abouts, page 2.)



## Tall, tall tobacco

Lovena McMillan is justifiably proud of the two-acre field of tobacco which she raised on her brother Clyde's farm in a bottom on Cassidy Creek, three miles from Myers. She took Bobby Wright in shown with some of the tobacco, all of which grew 61 least six feet tall. Cutting began Monday, shortly after this picture was taken.

## Burley estimates revised upward

### Cold front hits Friday, brings rain

As widely predicted the 1984 burley tobacco crop is turning out larger than earlier estimates had it. And the effects of another bumper output — both good and bad — are getting extra close scrutiny. One good result would be improved financial returns to burley growers after last year's drought. Another would be the near-certainty of a major slash in next year's crop quotas. To help reduce tobacco surpluses. And as the current crop is generally of high quality it can be expected to sell well. Against these prospects, however, is the discouraging probability of adding to the overstocked pool of leaf tobacco held by the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association. This will increase carrying costs, and could bring bigger assessments on growers for the No-Nit-Cost Fund.

The September U.S. Crop and Weather reports last week recorded a jump of 41.3 million pounds over earlier estimates for this year's crop. For the night-state belt the estimate for 1984 is 1.2 billion pounds, against 887.1 million predicted last month. In Kentucky the estimate jumped from 483 million pounds in August to 611 million pounds in September.

The USDA price support schedule received by the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association last year's overall average of \$1.37 per hundredweight, but calls for the small minor adjustments to a few grades to reflect the crop's grade distribution. However, three grades have been dropped from price supports, mainly because very little tobacco was being graded in those groups.

Around the Burley Association territory in the five states, directors of the association report harvesting is well advanced, and weather conditions favorable for hauling and curing.

A cold front hit Friday with hail and heavy rains of varying intensity ushered in fall temperatures. Even with the rain received, almost all areas are in need of a slow, steady rain to replenish short moisture supplies.

As of Sept. 14, crop weather reports said that 64 percent of the state was short of moisture, while 36 percent had adequate moisture. Daily rainfall for September averaged 5.4 out of a possible 6. Farmers were busy cutting and hauling tobacco, harvesting hay, cutting corn silage, shelling corn and sowing grass seed, legumes and cover crops.

Tobacco cutting and hauling continues to be active and the primary activity most farms. As of Sunday, 71 percent of the burley crop had been cut compared to 10 percent for average and only 1 percent last year. Yields and quality of the crop going into the curing barn continue to be good.

Farmers are concerned about poor fall pasture conditions. Hay feedings has been reported locally and without fall pasture, many livestock producers say they will run short of hay.



## One will be queen

Senior candidates for NCHS Homecoming queen and members of her court will be presented Friday night's game here between the Bluejackets and the Greyhounds of Paris.

From left, seniors Missy Sparks, Sheila Caskey and Malonia Minton, and class representatives Carla Hill, junior Malasia Kinkade, sophomore and Tina Mitchell, freshman, not pictured, senior Tracy Roser.

## Paris foe for Friday Homecoming

The Nicholas County Bluejackets, looking for win number one of the 1984 season, play host to Paris Friday night in a Homecoming contest.

The 1984 queen will be announced. Candidates include Malasia Minton, Sheila Caskey, Missy Sparks and Tracy Roser.

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TACKLET is an exceptional athlete and the Tigers showed us why they are ranked at the top in the state," Coach Ben Pumphrey said after the loss.

After trading initial touchdowns, backwood drove away to a 42-20 halftime margin and substituted freely in the second half.

Quarterback Rocky Young teamed with his favorite receiver, Gary Dumas on touchdowns strikes covering 60 and seven yards for the Jackets' first two touchdowns. Young, on a keeper, registered the third td. just before intermission.

Second half scoring came on a nine yard run by Pat Pope and a seven yard pass from Young to Brian Watkins.

STARS — Young was the leading jacket ball carrier, amassing 113 yards on 13 attempts. He completed seven of 12 passes and added four-of-four extra point tries. Pope had 61 yards in 13 carries, Collier, 31 in eight and Ron Blackburn, 40 in 16.

Watkins was the leading receiver with four catches, good for 37 yards. Dumas' two receptions covered 67 yards. Latta

Farah had one good for seven yards. Allen Hardin punted five times for 172 yards, averaging just over 34 yards per kick.

Young was also the most active on defense, being credited with 14 tackles. Darren Robinson had eight. Steve



## The best laid plans...

A pile of pumpkins neatly stacked in the yard of the Cliff Vice home all suddenly Friday during the storm which hit Nicholas County. The Mercury had hoped to feature the collection of the oversized pumpkins on a salute to autumn's arrival this Saturday, but Mother Nature had other ideas.



## 50 pounds of good eatin'

Mrs. Edith Smith, left, and Mrs. Betty Payne were in the process of cutting a 50-pound watermelon for their friends at the Senior Citizens Center to enjoy last Friday. Faye Bell, father of the Center's director, Mrs. Shirley Vice, donated the melon. It was grown by Fred Harris of Prestonsburg.

## Adult classes start in typing, computers

Donald G. Elder, Superintendent of Schools, announced this week that the two adult education classes planned for this school year have begun.

The typing class meets each Monday from 8 p.m. for 12 weeks and is taught by Mrs. Pat Massey.

The computer literacy class meets each Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 for six weeks and is taught by Joel Judd. There is no fee for either class but those taking typing are offered the opportunity to buy a typing book.

## Vice cancer fund opened

A cancer fund for Merrill Vice, 61 of Morefield, a former janitor at Nicholas County High School, has been established by Mrs. Rose Brasby.

Vice, currently in a terminal illness, is patient at the Nicholas County Hospital, having been undergoing treatment for cancer in Lexington hospitals since July 21. Vice and his wife Juanita have two children, Kevin 18, and Jennifer, 16.

Donations in any amount may be sent to the Merrill Vice Cancer Fund at the First National Bank, Carlisle, Ky. 40311.