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**Dotson stuffs one!**

Gary Dotson scores two of his 25 points in Saturday night's game here with Bourbon County. The jacks were down by nine with 2:05 to go in the first half as indicated by the scoreboard, and drew within five of game's end, 27-62.

## January nets drop in food price index

Paced by substantial declines in beef and dairy costs, Kentucky's retail food price index fell by 2.1 of one percent during January, according to Kentucky Farm Bureau's marketbasket survey.

A selected group of 44 food items cost consumers an average \$58.09. Farm Bureau's surveys found current prices are better than four percent over those of January 1985, when the index stood at \$60.82. Beef prices fell by 4.4 percent in the January survey, after registering a 1.9 percent upward surge last month. Dairy products also declined, by almost two percent, and poultry/eggs were down by one percent.

At the meat counter, pork was the steepest drop, shooting up more than eight percent. Also registering price increases were grain-based foods, up five percent, and fruits/vegetables up 3.7 percent.

The unusual price volatility of meats during the past few months has seen price swings of 20 to 30 cents — in both directions — for some popular cuts. In the current survey, both T-bone and rib eye steaks showed drops of 20 cents a pound or more, while pork chops, bacon and sausage increased by more than the same margin.

Last month the t-bone was reversed, as beef prices climbed and pork cuts were cheaper. Poultry cuts have been more stable during the

period, with the three selections all within five cents a pound of their prices in November.

In the produce section, prices were markedly higher for fresh tomatoes and Idaho potatoes. Tomatoes went over the \$1 mark for the first time since April, averaging \$1.14 a pound. Potatoes, always subject to wide price swings, moved up 27 cents to \$2.06 for a 10-pound bag.

Livestock industry analysts say consumers this year may have to get used to meat prices that are higher than 1983 levels. Both cattle and hog prices have shown signs of strength in the past two months, ending nearly a year of anticipation that markets would rebound.

The Dept. of Agriculture's most recent report, farm prices had improved an average 1.4 percent over the previous month, fueled in part by higher livestock receipts. But lagging grain and other commodity

\* See Marketbasket survey, page 6



**The lost is found**

Extension Agricultural Agent Mike Phillips displays the lost Little League Basketball money that was discovered and turned in last week by Paul Lawrence.



**West End Park site**

Ground leveling work is being done on the West End Park site. Pictured discussing grade of ball park are Extensional Park Council members: David Zachary, Orville (Bud) Atkinson, and Ewell (Bud) Lyons.

## In-kind labor is requested for new park

Members of the local Kentucky National Guard unit have worked several weekends during the last two months leveling ground on the proposed West End Recreation Park site on the county farm.

Harvey Clark, Ewell Lyons, Orville Atkinson and Donald Robinson have also donated their time toward the project.

More help will be needed in the next few months to complete the project. Labor and equipment will be matched with money from the federal government. Carpenters, electricians, plumbers, lock layers, and equipment operators will be needed.

Interested persons are asked to call David Zachary, 289-2288 or 289-0122, or Orville Atkinson, 289-0467.

Farmers and their equipment are also needed to get the land in shape to seed.

## Plumbing Inspector

Nicholas County Sanitarian Larry Trussell announced this week that the state inspector will not be in his office Thursday, Feb. 6 only.

The inspector is in Trussell's office in the Nicholas County Health Department building every Thursday for inspections.

## College students, teachers 4-H program offers income

If you're a college student who will be off this summer or a teacher free from summer teaching duties, the statewide 4-H program may offer just the ticket for some extra income.

Dwight L. Crum, 4-H program specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, said jobs are available for work at one of the five Kentucky 4-H summer camps at Carlisle, London,

Rush, Jakes and Dawson Springs. Starting salaries range from \$750 per month for camp managers to \$400 for beginning staff members. Crum said. In addition, free room and board is provided.

Applications can be picked up in each Kentucky county from the 4-H agent at the county Cooperative Extension Office. Deadline for return

\* See 4-H program, page 12

## Rep. Arnold co-sponsoring innovative legislation to help farmers, others

Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mt. Sterling, is co-sponsoring innovative legislation that would provide financial assistance to farmers, small and agr-business owners.

The so-called link-deposit program backed by Arnold is designed to invest idle surplus state funds into participating lending institutions who would agree to loan money to eligible farmers, small or agr-business owners. At the post,

\* See Rep. Arnold, page 12

## Little League funds returned; honesty prevails in Nicholas

By Jamie R. Duncan

Mike Phillips, County Extension Agent for Agriculture for Nicholas County, has reaffirmed that "honesty still exists in Nicholas County."

In fact that was his opening statement upon visiting the Mercury office last Wednesday morning, Jan. 29 to relate the story of that affirmation.

Mike is treasurer of Little League Basketball and handles all proceeds from the games.

Tuesday night, Jan. 28, at Nicholas County High School after tournament games were over about 10:30, Mike put the money collected for the night in a First National Bank bag, zipped it up and with several other things in his arms, headed for his truck and home. The total amount was \$449.89. The League's checkbook was also in the bag.

About 11:30 he discovered the money bag was missing from the spot in the house where he always kept it.

"I'd wake his son, Mike, to ask if he had seen the bag. Negative.

Mike got in his truck and retraced his steps back to the school gate and to no avail. He went back home and noticed that the lights were still on at the home of Eddie Earlywine, his neighbor across the street.

Earlywine helps with Little League Basketball and had been at the game that night.

It was about 1 a.m. by this time, but Mike and Eddie headed back to the school to continue the search. Mike had a key to the building. They concentrated their efforts around



**The hero**

Paul Lawrence found the lost Little League money in a bank bag on Main Street last Tuesday night.

About that time, city policeman Daryl McFarland and Dale Caskey arrived on the scene with questions as to what the pair were doing in the school at that time of night. Mike and Eddie quickly explained the situation, and the policeman offered their assistance. Using a search light, they covered the high school parking lot, driveway and down Main Street. Nothing.

By this time, Mike was resigned to the fact that he would never see the bag or the money again. But Eddie

kept telling him it would turn up somewhere. With those thoughts, the two returned home, and for Mike, a full night of sleep.

Meanwhile, shortly after Mike arrived home the first time, the bars of Mike's story, Paul Lawrence was getting off from work as an orderly at Nicholas County Hospital. This was about 11 o'clock. He was on his way home on Mockingbird Lane, which is the same street Mike lives on.

On Main Street between the school drive and Douglas Court, Paul saw the blue money bag in question lying in the middle of the street. At first, he said he started not to stop, thinking that some kids probably had filled the bag with rocks and left it on the street as a prank. He said he had seen that happen many times when he used to drive a truck.

But, on second thought, he did stop. Upon feeling the weight of the bag, he thought his suspicions were correct.

He did not look in the bag until he got home. When he did, the "trick theory" went out the window! He did not count the money, but quickly zipped the bag back up. Wednesday morning he took the bag to the First National Bank, which he felt was the most sensible thing to do.

Needless to say, Mike was one grateful individual when he received a call from the bank saying they had the bag.

Mike theorized that he put the bag on top of his truck to open the door when he left the game and it fell off on Main Street where Paul discovered it.

**RELI SHMAEL**, a first grade student of NCEIS, observes a minute of silence in memory of the seven astronauts who lost their lives in the Challenger tragedy. Students in both schools honored the astronauts on Friday morning.