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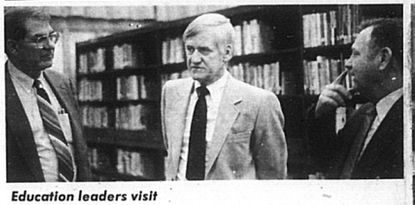

Education leaders visit

Team leaders Kent Richards, left, and Jim McAfee, right, of the Kentucky Dept. of Education talk with Nicholas County School Superintendent Donald Elder during last week's accreditation visit. The team spent the day of March 18 in the district talking with personnel and reviewing records as a part of the five year accreditation cycle. According to Supt. Elder, the team was well pleased with what they found in Nicholas County. — Guthrie photo

Pen pals

Students in Bonnie Darbro's sixth grade class at NCES have pen pals in Bellevue, Washington as a part of their language arts class. The students were involved last week in making a video to send to the Washington school. Shown taping are Autum Byers (with camera), Jill Hardin and Travis Sims. — Guthrie photo

Services set Good Friday and Easter

The Community Good Friday Worship Service will be at the Carlisle Christian Church on March 28, beginning at 2 p.m.

Featured will be hymn-singing, special monologue presentation and music from area soloists. An offering will also be collected to help support the needy of our community.

And on Sunday, March 30, there will be a Community Easter Sunrise Service at the First Christian Church of Carlisle on Catherine Street.

The service of scripture, meditation and hymn-singing will begin at 6 a.m. Afterwards, those persons in attendance will enjoy a coffee and donut fellowship.

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association invites the public to worship and fellowship together at these services.

The Carlisle Presbyterian Church will hold Maundy Thursday services March 27, 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Harry Spickler of the Millersburg Presbyterian church officiating.

An evening of organ favorites will be presented Sunday, March 30, by the Rev. Ronald Henwood, pastor of the Carlisle Christian church. The recital will immediately follow "The Life of Christ in Music" at the Carlisle Christian Church.

The Moorefield Christian and Moorefield Methodist Churches will have a community Easter sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. There will be special music and refreshments.

The Rose Hill United Methodist Church will have an Easter sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. The youth of the church will present the program and refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to attend.

Guthrie to work at Philmont Ranch during the summer

Matthew Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guthrie of Carlisle and a senior at Nicholas County High School, has been notified by Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimmaron, New Mexico that he will be employed there this summer.

Philmont is a national camping area, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America, comprising 137,493 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains.

Matthew is an Eagle Scout, a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 50 of Carlisle and was a Governor's Scholar. He is president of the Ecology Club, a member of the National Honor Society and the Pep Band.

Matthew will be at Philmont from June 11 to August 22 and will work in the trading post at the Philmont Training Center.

Burley referendum deadline is today

Tobacco growers are reminded that today, Thursday, March 27 is the deadline for voting in the 1986 burley referendum.

The certification envelope must be postmarked on or before March 27, if mailed, or brought to the Nicholas County ASCS office, 368 East Main, before 4:30 p.m. today.

Crop insurance deadline April 15

April 15 is the last day to apply for crop insurance for corn, grain sorghum and tobacco in Nicholas County, according to John Soper, a representative of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

Crop insurance covers unavoidable loss of production resulting from adverse weather conditions, wildlife, earthquake or fire.

"Three coverage levels (50, 65 or 75 percent) are available for insurance protection. Additionally, FCIC offers three optional price elections for valuing grain production lost or damaged," says Soper.

A new crop insurance plan, called Actual Production History (APH) is available this year to producers of soybeans, wheat, barley, oats and rye in addition to corn, grain sorghum, peanuts, cotton, rice and other crops. Producers of these crops may now qualify for higher yield guarantees by proving their yield history. Rates have been developed to offer reduced premium for producers with above-average yields. "With the increased cost of producing a crop, it makes good sense to take a look at this new concept," says Soper.

For more information about the APH plan, producers should contact a local, authorized agent. To select an agent, producers may check the list of agents at their local ASCS office. April 15 is the final deadline for applications.

It's up to the tobacco growers

With the long-awaited passage by Congress of a major tobacco program reform plan, this week's burley tobacco referendum gives growers a perfect opportunity to place their stamp of approval on the new features.

Kentucky Farm Bureau President Ray Mackey, in news interviews held around the state, urged burley farmers to give their new program "a resounding vote of confidence" as they mark their ballots to extend marketing quotas and price supports.

The referendum, being conducted among the state's 370,000-plus tobacco farmers by county ASCS offices this week, would keep the program in place for three years beginning Oct. 1. Farmers have until Thursday to return their ballots. Results are expected to announced Friday.

Mackey said the tobacco reform package, which had been stalled since late last year as Congress debated budget reconciliation legislation, "puts all the pieces in place for keeping the profit in tobacco production."

THE PLAN, hammered out in negotiations last summer among Farm Bureau, the Burley Co-op and major cigarette manufacturers, provides a permanent price support reduction in exchange for a company buy-out of surplus tobacco stocks and a grower-manufacturer sharing of future "no-net cost" assessments.

Mackey praised Kentucky's Congressional leaders for their months of work to effect passage of the plan. Disputes over other features of the complex reconciliation bill threatened several times to derail the tobacco provisions, but Sens. Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell and the seven House members kept after their colleagues until the key vote in the House of Representatives last Thursday.

"Our Kentucky congressmen and senators deserve a heartfelt thank you from tobacco growers and the thousands of others whose livelihoods are tied to the golden leaf," Mackey said. "Their bipartisan cooperation and legislative skill served us all very well."

IN COMMENTING on this week's referendum, Mackey said he was encouraged by reports of a strong favorable vote among flue-cured growers in a similar referendum held last week. Those farmers in southern states backed their program by better than a 93 percent margin.

He noted that approval margins of 95 percent or better have been common in recent years among Kentucky growers. The vote is held every three years according to provisions of federal law.

Mackey said this year's balloting is conceivably "the most important vote since the early 1970s," when growers approved a switch from acreage to poundage quotas, stabilizing supplies and ensuring the program's success.

"We are now at a period that is very similar to that time in many ways," Mackey said. "We've had a problem of too much tobacco threatening the program and three straight years of quota cuts. But we sat down with the companies and we came up with a plan that I believe puts us on solid footing for many years to come."

MACKEY SAID he is confident that Kentucky burley and other U.S.-grown tobacco will regain a larger share of export sales, and that the new pricing structure will effectively curb imports, which have in recent years captured about one-third of the U.S. market.

"The companies have agreed to buy out the pool stocks and have said

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Ford says tobacco growers met goal...

Kentucky tobacco growers and its congressional delegation "got in under the wire" by winning approval last week of the Tobacco Reform Act, just days before the burley referendum, according to U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford (D-Ky.).

Ford, who introduced the tobacco measure along with U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), said, "When the cards go out for this month's referendum, this new program is what they'll be voting on, so our goal was met. He added that the new tobacco program makes growers and manufacturers "partners in commerce."

The tobacco reforms were contained in a controversial budget

*See Ford says, page 14

Foursome seeks to re-open county day care center

If all the pieces fall in place, a day care center could reopen in the old hospital building on Scrub Grass Road.

Beulah and Phillip Coldiron, Stephanie Duncan and Bonita Schanding were before Fiscal Court March 17 in regard to leasing part of the building to operate a day care facility similar to the one that closed there late last year.

They were told that the building is leased to Community Action Lexington-Fayette County and they would have to contact CALF officials to see if they would be willing to sublet a portion of the building not presently used by the Community Action Head Start program.

Judge/Executive Reese Smoot said he would contact Jack Burch at Community Action's Lexington office to set a date for him to meet with magistrates, possibly at the April 2 meeting of court.

THE LOCATION for a day care center there is said to be ideal since facilities of the new playground would also be available to youngsters.

CALF pulled out its partial financial support of the former day care center December 13, 1985 following several months of operating at a loss.

At the time, Mrs. Margaret Hunter, rural programs coordinator for Community Action, made several public appeals for funds but only one organization — the Carlisle Community Woman's Club — pledged any monetary support. The board of directors of CALF then voted to discontinue further funding of the business which served 37 youngsters at that time.

Two of the four teachers affected by the closing — Duncan and Coldiron — are among the foursome which seeks to reopen the center.

ON THE MOTION of Melvin Fryman, seconded by Orville Atkinson, the court authorized Judge Smoot to sign a lease with Michael and Linda Hatterick of Cynthiana for use of the gym at the old National Guard Armory on East Main.

The one-year lease, retroactive to December 1, 1985, calls for monthly payments of $300. It is to be used only after all other offices (except the ambulance service) are closed for the day or weekend. The Hattericks conduct gymnastic classes, meets and other recreational activities there.

Court also approved a motion by Elmo Myers, seconded by Earl Planck, to give Charles W. Smith whatever he can salvage from the tobacco barn on the County Farm that was hit by the March 12 storm. Smith agreed to clean up all debris at the location.

Atkinson asked that the minutes of a previous meeting be corrected to show that the salary of A.V. Allison is changed from $53 to $90 monthly for duties with the county's east end water line. Floyd Bussell seconded the motion.

THE FOLLOWING checks were approved:

* $3,000 to the Nicholas County Soil Conservation District as part of the budget appropriation for Fiscal 1985-86.
* $15.61 to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson as a credit on a rock bill on Nov. 22.
* $33.99 to Brandeis Co. for payment of a claim.
* $300 to Community Action for garden seed as requested by Margaret Hunter.
* $480 to Paul Vice for damage caused his property by a break in the county water line.

The next regular meeting of court is set for 10 a.m. April 2.

A wee fisherman

Eric Fryman, son of Jack and Carolina Fryman, caught this two pound channel catfish in Stoney Creek, close to the mouth of the Licking River, Saturday, March 15. Eric is the grandson of William E. Fryman and nephew of Steve Fryman. — Photo submitted

NCHS chorus

These students represented Nicholas County High School at the KMEA District 8 Choral Workshop at Rowan County High School on March 17. (in no certain order) Chris Bromagen, Kristi Campbell, Michele Clark, Terry Feebock, Oneida Gray, Loretta Vice, Rossetta Vice and Mike Solomon (not pictured). The District Chorus consisted of approximately 60 members and the following schools were represented: Nicholas County, Russell, Lawrence Co., Paul Blazer and Rowan Co. The chorus was under the direction of Sara Holroyd from University of Kentucky and they studied a wide variety of music. — Photo submitted