

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Doubts of burley market eroding land value**

Part of the overall decline in Kentucky land values during the past few years may be due to increasing doubts about the future of burley tobacco.

Land values in Kentucky have been propped up over the years by the value of the burley quota granted to the land. And as questions about the future of burley tobacco, the value of that quota tends to diminish, said Valerie Vantreese, agricultural economist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

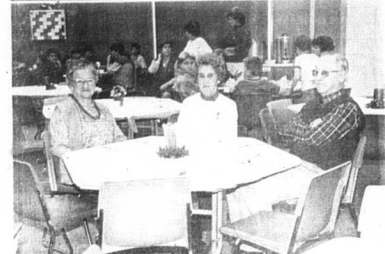
Burley has insulated Kentucky land values from dropping as much as they have in other states during the last five years of agricultural recession, she said. However, its ability to support land prices may be weakened by uncertainty about tobacco future.

Burley quota has been cut several times over the few several years as governmental programs have sought to keep supply in line with a dwindling demand caused in part by increasing imports of tobacco and sluggish domestic consumption, Vantreese said.

In 1986, about 9.4 percent of the value of land with quota came from the fact that it held a burley quota, Vantreese said. In 1985, about 8.4 percent of the value of land with quota came from the fact that it held a burley quota, Vantreese said. In 1984, that figure was 10.9 percent. The extra value associated with burley quota, however, differentiates across the state. Burley quota accounts for about 14.1 percent of the value of land with quota in the Bluegrass-Northern Kentucky



Irish Stone and Betty Linville stand in what was just a small part of the Mountain of Love items collected by Jockey, Community Action, merchants in the Carlisle area, PTA and private donations after a community meeting called by Bob Hester, hospital administrator. Toys, clothing and food items will be distributed by the fire staff and volunteers to a confidential list of needy compiled by the Human Resources Department and Ministerial Society during the Christmas Holiday. - Inquirer/Media Photo.



Senior citizens being treated to Christmas dinner at the Nicholas County Elementary School last Thursday. Student Council members escorted the seniors to their place and took their coats. Cafeteria tables were decorated especially for the event. - Inquirer/Media Photo.

The Mercury Office will be closed Dec. 24 - 27. Happy Holidays



*Greetings*

May those you love surround you,  
To share your Christmas Day;  
May the blessings of the season  
Come in your life to stay!

Sally Watkins  
Nicholas County Circuit Clerk

Christmas Happiness to you!

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From the Employees and Elected Officials

City of Carlisle

Have a **HAPPY HOLIDAY**

And it's the happy time of the year for thinking of good friends and sending warm wishes.

Rose Scott  
Nicholas County Clerk

**CHRISTMAS JOY**

All the land is at peace in quiet celebration of that very first Christmas of long, long ago. Remember, believe, love. A blessed Christmas to all!!!

We appreciated your business this past year. Look forward to serving you in the new year!

**Southern States**

Hope this Happy Season finds you sleek and smart and rain to go - just like our cars. Stop by today to say "Hi," and take a look at some of our great autos!

Thanks to everyone who stopped in to see us for their automobile needs!

Mann's Auto Sales  
Mt. Sterling, KY

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Here's a very special holiday greeting to all our special friends and patrons. We hope this joyous season brings you joy, love and happiness.

**Farm Bureau Insurance**

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Mary Jo McCord and Sue Doyle preparing the buffet table for the Nicholas County Bus Drivers' Dinner held at the Nicholas County High School Cafeteria. A good time was had by both the drivers and their families as they shared the Christmas spirit. - Inquirer/Media Photo.



Stephen Maitor, member of Nicholas County Elementary School's Student Council, seats Dorothy Sunda, retired school teacher, during the Christmas dinner held at the Nicholas County Elementary for Senior Citizens. - Inquirer/Media Photo.



Toys collected through the Mountain of Love community project are piled high in the Nicholas County Volunteer firehouse. The toys are to be distributed by the Nicholas County Volunteer firemen to the underprivileged for Christmas. - Inquirer/Media Photo.

**Seniors' Dinner**



Members of the Fish and Game Club preparing old ham sandwiches during the club's Christmas dinner. Some local officials were there to join in the Christmas fun. - Inquirer/Media Photo.

**Holiday Preparations**

*Season's Greetings*

Clark's Food & Fun Center

**HAPPY HOLIDAY**

In appreciation of your valued support.

Dr. Riggs & Sparks

*Christmas Wishes*

May the peace that blood bought be with you and yours this holiday.

Garrett's Restaurant

**NOTICE**

There will be no hog sale on December 23.

There will be no cattle sale on December 24.

There will be a hog sale on December 30.

There will be no cattle sale on December 31.

Merry Christmas & Best Wishes for 1988

**Paris Stockyards, Inc.**  
Paris, KY

**HAPPY HOLIDAY**

May your holidays be merry and filled with the good things in life. Our sincere thanks for your patronage.

*Abucci's* **BLUE LICKS GROCERY**

U. S. 68 at Blue Licks, KY 289-2604

*Merry Christmas*

May the joy of this Holy Season be yours throughout the year. Sincere best wishes to all our wonderful customers.

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