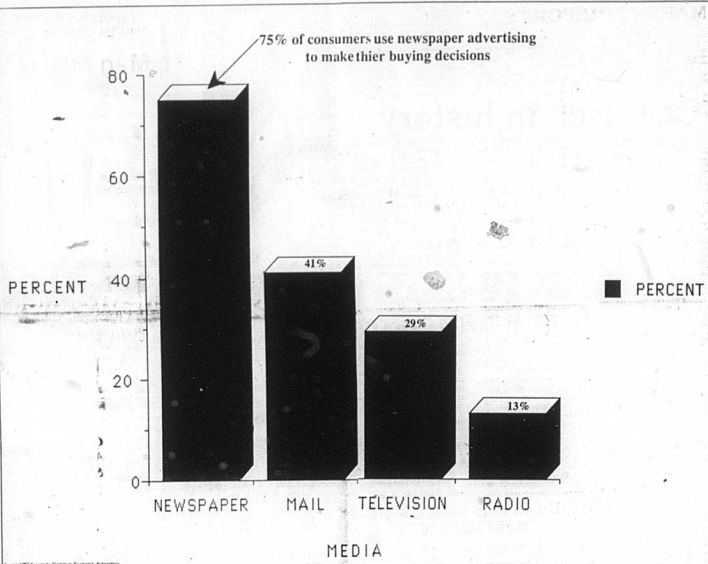


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AGRI-NEWS

Area FFA provides future burley farmers

By Heather Mathes
The Future Farmers of America is an association through the agricultural department at Nicholas County High School under the direction of Jim Fields.

It is no longer teaching kids strictly farming techniques.

In Fields' view students are now new business persons.

Officers nominated by applications, interviewed and selected by an interviewing committee consisting of local business persons and school officers lead the 60 paid member club.

The six officers are, Steven Sexton, president, Henry White, vice president, Tom Brady, secretary, Jeff Dale, treasurer, and James Brax.

All have attended the FFA Leaders Training Center in Hazard, Kentucky.

"These train each other and participate in procedures," Fields said.

One activity FFA will be participating in is the state FFA meeting in Louisville.

The Nicholas County division will be sending two delegates to the annual meet and may receive awards and participate in contests, Fields said.

Another activity attended by FFA will be the Kentucky State Fair.

"Here FFA will participate in livestock judging, dairy judging, tobacco grading, and seed identification," Todd Day, representative, said.

Members may also join in livestock and horse judging at Regional Field Days at Morehead State University and the University of Kentucky, Fields said.

"We also try to provide trips to the North American Livestock Show, and the Phillip Morris Tobacco Company," Fields said.

"Most of the curriculum in agriculture classes tie in with contests and learning in FFA," said Fields.

Activities in school are also a part of FFA curriculum.

"We have a fall drive and the sometimes sale in October. The sale sometimes brings in more than the tobacco crop."

Fields said.

Fields said that in the spring they have regional livestock and horse judging at Morehead State University and the University of Kentucky, Fields said.

"The tobacco crop is my main point of FFA income."

"The school has a tobacco quota earned by the Nicholas County School Board."

As in renting, we raise the crop and supply the labor, the school provides the fertilizing," Fields said.

"The students are in charge of the crop and take care of it in summer."

"They harvest and put it in the barn, strip it out in Vocational Agriculture Shop, and prepare the crop for sale. This gives students who live in town a chance to get experience and therefore get a business person's job."

"Our primary aim is sustainability and leadership preparation."

Fields concluded.

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Here, Steve Collins of Millersburg stands outside a barn and operates the steam engine as workers inside take down the tobacco. (Chip May photo)

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