

Building Families

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It is really important for a family to spend time together. When a family spends time together, they grow closer to each other. If a family does not spend time together, they sometimes grow apart. It's important to set aside time each day to work on growing together and growing stronger. Here are some things to do to help your family grow stronger.

Infants: Listen and talk to your baby during the day. Sing songs, say nursery rhymes and smile and coo back at his smiles and coos. Talk to him about what you are both doing and what he hears and sees. "I see you looking at the mobile. I'll touch it to make the animals move back and forth." She loves to set on your lap, hear your voice and be close to you. Play with him and offer him toys he can hold and shake, and soft toys that squeak when squeezed.

Toddlers: Your toddler can do lots of things for himself. He will touch, taste and feel everything in sight. He likes to listen to stories and looks at books by himself. Plan your day so there is time for him to wash,

dress and feed himself. Five him simple directions and praise him for following them: "Please go to your room and get your shoes." "Great! You got your shoes. Now you can put them on." Give him scrap paper and nontoxic crayons and washable markers so she can learn about writing. Talk to her about what she is writing. "You made a line and a dot."

Preschoolers: Your preschooler loves to imitate you and other adults in his life. He wants to please you. Talk to him and include him in discussions with the family. Talk about what you see while traveling to child care or to the store. Make time each day to read to him. Stop during your reading to talk about the

pictures and the story. Let him see you writing and tell him what you are doing. "I am writing a letter to grandma. Would you like to tell her about our trip to the library?" Have writing materials so he can "write." Put the writing material where he can reach it. Give him simple chores to help you. Ask him to set the table, to wash clothes, pick up the newspaper, or clean up his toys.

level, that some traditional buyers may need some additional stocks in the very near future.

What about moving some pool stocks into non-traditional markets like China? While the anticipated opening of the Chinese market does present some opportunities for U.S. tobacco growers, tobacco dealers are unsure of both the short-term and long term effects. One out of every three cigarettes consumed in the world are smoked in China. And up to this point, without any (legal) U.S. burley, cigarette consumption and production peaked a few years ago, but the demand for blended cigarettes is still increasing. This situation has some similarities with the Japanese market back in the late 1980's when the removal of trade barriers increased blended cigarette imports.

In response to this market occurrence, the Japanese cigarette monopoly had to increase purchases of higher quality leaf to compete with the onslaught of cigarette imports entering the country. The major difference between China and Japan is the Japanese had the currency to import higher quality cigarettes and leaf. As the Chinese economy rebounds, and as the growing middle and upper income classes continue to emerge, opportunities will likely exist to move some U.S. burley into this enormous market. But this market will evolve slowly over time and will not likely be the immediate answer to the industry's short-term problems. Farm group officials are continuing to explore every possibility of moving some pool stocks into China to help reduce the current surplus situation.

The bottom line is if the burley cooperatives do not move any pool stocks, and if purchase intentions remain at their extremely low 2000 level, the quota formula would call for basic quota reduction for 2001 of approximately 11 percent. With a limited volume of carryforward quota expected for the 2001 season, an 11 percent basic quota cut would reduce the belt-wide effective quota to less than 250 million pounds. This effective quota level appears unrealistic based on an industry that claims that our traditional 600 million pound demand for U.S. burley may now be more in the neighborhood of 400 million pounds during the post-tobacco settlement era. However, to maintain the 2001 effective quota at the 2000 level of 367 million pounds, the co-ops would have to move more than 250 million pounds - another unlikely scenario. At this point, my best forecast is that the cooperatives will use some of the no-net-cost funds to purchase perhaps 50 to 100 million pounds of stocks. Assuming purchase intentions remain relatively stable or perhaps increase marginally, the sale of 50 to 100 million pounds of pool stocks would stabilize the 2001 basic quota, but still induce a double-digit percentage decline in the 2001 effective quota. (Will Snell, University of Kentucky)

Farm News

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Burley Tobacco Pool Stock Situation



Currently the burley tobacco cooperatives have 415 million pounds (farm-sales weight) in their inventories, approximately one year's supply based on recent market conditions. Obviously this situation threatens future quotas and no-net-cost assessments. The burley cooperatives are meeting consistently with tobacco companies and dealers in an attempt to move some of these stocks prior to the 2001 quota announcement. Currently there are approximately \$157 million of no-net-cost funds available to potentially be used to discount the 1994-1999 pool stocks, which have a total loan value of more than \$900 million. Consequently, if all the no-net-cost

funds are used to reduce the price of existing pool stocks, the co-ops could only offer around a 16 percent discount across the board. Tobacco buyers in this chess match indicate that this potential discount level is not enough to move a significant volume of pool stocks given a depressed world tobacco market. Declining domestic consumption, movement of U.S. cigarette production offshore, imports, legal uncertainty, and inventory management strategies are collectively reducing the U.S. burley stocks needed by domestic manufacturers. Despite these adverse factors, the magnitude of recent quota cuts have reduced anticipated marketings to such a low

In & Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook of Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook of Ohio attended the funeral of their brother, Harrison Cook recently.

Edna M. Turner of Virginia was here due to the death of her father, Harrison Cook.

Edd Allen and family of Hamilton, Ohio visited Mrs. Laura Cook recently.

Patricia Holland visited Mrs. Lori Eaton and children last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chafic Zenni and daughters of Cincinnati, Ohio visited her mother, Shirley Burton and her grandmothers, Dixie Blanton and Vallie Burton on Sunday.

Mattie Newton of Somerset, Vallie Burton and Lillian Anglin visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Anglin Monday and had a bean straining.

Little John Eaton celebrated his birthday July 16th. We wish him many returns of the day.

Deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II and Patricia Holland were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mécroc Mink at London Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston

have been on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Ms. Ora York and son, Albert and granddaughter, Rachel visited Mrs. Joann Smith at Crab Orchard Tuesday afternoon.

Liza York and daughter, Rachel have returned home after spending a few days in Ohio with her sisters, Viola and Lucy and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blanton and Mildred Hunt were dinner guests of Dixie Blanton's on Sunday.

Mrs. Lori Eaton and children and Patricia Holland were in Somerset one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McClure and daughter, Myranda spent last weekend at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McClure celebrated their wedding anniversary July 26th. We wish them many returns of the day.

Mr. Henry Coffey underwent surgery at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington last week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Card of Thanks

Harrison Cook

We, the family of Harrison Cook, would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, brought food, for all the cards and just the words of comfort and thanks to Sower Nursing Home.

Thanks to the hospital nurses and for Dr. Arvin, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.

To my neighbors, Esther and Paul Cummins and Bernice Hunt for serving lunch.

We appreciate the kindness that you have showed for me and my family. I would love to thank all of you separately, but I can't.

We would like to also send a special thank you to Denton Sears, Billy Medley and the singers.

Thank You,
Laura Cook & family

Jack Holmes

The family of Jack Holmes want to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who visited, brought food, sent flowers, shared our grief and said a prayer.

Special thanks to Bro. Larry Harmon, Bro. Dan Gutenson, Bro. Mark Whicker, Ella Mae, Brenda, Kelly, Tommy Payne, Louie McCall, Bobby Turpin, Richie, Roger & Ronnie Bray, Junior Lawson, Raymond Nunn, Clyde Simpson, Jack McCall, Gervis Sutton, Earl Shaw, Bill Gentry, Paul Long and McKnight-Martin Funeral Home.

Sincerely,
Holmes Family, McCall Family
Payne Family
Flossie Payne

We wish the express our thanks to the community for your visits, flowers, cards and food. A special thanks to Bro. Adam Dooley and Bro. Shawn Madden for officiating the funeral.

Thanks also to Ed and Patsy Daugherty, Greg Bullock and Lavonna Payne for the music.

May God bless all of you.

The family of Flossie Payne

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Meeting Location - Central Administration Offices

August 8, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Draft Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Silent Prayer
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Reading of Board Team Commitments
2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION
3. COMMUNICATIONS:
4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS
 - A. Approve minutes of the July 13, 2000 special monthly meeting
 - B. Approve bills for payment
 - C. Approve authorization to advertise for sealed bids on the sale of Surplus Buses
 - D. Approve Board Policy 09.313: Eligibility (Athletics)
 - E. Approve policies within the KSBAs annual policy and procedure update (#23)
 - F. Approve bid for RCHS & RCMS Yearbooks for SY 2000-2001
 - G. Approve school trips

Date	School	Grade	#	Location
5. DISCUSSION/ACTION
 - A. Review/approve Educational Leave - Request from Rebecca Anglin/Instructional Assistant I/Broodhead Elementary (Re: Policy 03.2235)
 - B. Review/approve Teacher resignations: Clay Dalton/RCMS - and Gary Tillery/RCHS
 - C. Review/approve Extended Disability Leave Request from Bonnie Kirby/Instructional Assistant I/MVES (Re: Policy 03.2234)
 - D. Review/approve bids for new Brodhead Elementary School construction project (BG 00-013)
6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW
 - A. Review School Year 1999-2000 Annual Financial Report & Balance Sheet
 - B. Review July 2000 Monthly Financial Report
 - C. Review Board Policies 03.125 and 03.225 (mileage rate change to 30 cents) for approval at September board meeting (retroactive to July 1, 2000)
 - D. Review Perpetual Calendar
 - E. Other
7. ADJOURNMENT



NIGHT!

Rockcastle County Middle
School

August 8, 2000
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-8

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