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FOR KENTUCKY FOLKS
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Fescue Again. Just twenty years ago this past February I saw, for the first time, a grass—now called Ky-31 Fescue—growing on a steep mountainside in Menifee County. It was the only green field that I had seen in thousands of miles of travel outside of the blue grass area of the state. In those days the lack of a good grass sod to protect land from erosion and to provide winter grazing was almost pathetic. In every direction there were naked, gullied fields and waste land, the most common winter pasture was only "broom sedge and saw briers", and there was only an occasional "hollow-tailed" cow able to survive on it.

I was back over the same country this year during February and March. In every direction there were literally millions of acres of good pastures and thousands of head of livestock on those once neglected hills. It seemed as if the hill country of Kentucky is now in the process of great livestock expansion—thanks to the little mountain farmer in Menifee County, the late William Suiter, who saved his grass rather than destroy it. Associations, planning "feeder cattle" and "feeder pig" sales, increasing sheep production, holding purebred livestock sales and even going into dairy production, simply because they now have a grass well adapted to local conditions.

Again this spring I had an opportunity to remind farmers not to depend upon fescue alone as pasture, but to try to maintain legumes, especially ladino and lespedeza, with it. Fescue, wisely used, provides an excellent pasture and makes a wonderful sod, but improperly handled, it is unpalatable and non-nutritious. For best results it should be grazed closely most of the year and fertilized with plant food needed for the production of legumes. Handled in this way it will continue to provide a protective cover for our land, permit further expansion of our livestock industry and add millions of dollars to our farm income.

As Farmers See It. Industry is now doing what farmers would like to do—reducing production to prevent surpluses, thereby preventing lowering of prices. In the case of industry, the "production valves" can be closed or opened quickly. In agriculture, production processes react slowly and are sharply affected by weather. Another noticable difference is that when factory doors close the laborers get unemployment compensation. A farmer can't close his factory doors and if he could there would be no unemployment benefits for his workers.

Prizes offered anglers

Frankfort, Ky., May 29—More Kentucky fishermen than ever, this summer, will be angling for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Crappie and Bluegill.

Prizes for the heaviest fish caught and registered in each category will be given by Ashland Oil and Refining Company and Aetna Oil Company, it was announced today.

Any person 16 years or older who has a 1958 Kentucky fishing license, may enter his catches in the Derby, with the stipulation that the fish must come from one of these five lakes: Cumberland, Herrington, Dewey, Kentucky and Dale Hollow.

Grand Prize, awarded for the heaviest Largemouth Bass, will consist of an 18 h. p. Evinrude "Fastwin" outboard motor . . . a 14 ft. "Aluma Craft" cruiser . . . a matching Super-Deluxe "Hideaway" boat trailer . . . and a week's vacation for two at either Kentucky Lake or Lake Cumberland.

Motors (10 h. p. Evinrude "Sportwin") will also be given to those who catch the summers' heaviest Smallmouth Bass, Crappie and Bluegill, provided they register it according to the rules of the "Kentucky Fishing Derby".

Complete details can be obtained at all Ashland Oil and Aetna service stations, and will be broadcast each Thursday evening over a 23-station statewide radio network . . . on the program KENTUCKY FISHING FORECAST.

This is a public service program of special interest to sportsmen. It originates from the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Frankfort, and features conservation experts, Harry Towles, and Ronnie Rhody.

REMINDERS FOR TOBACCO GROWERS

Farmers in Nicholas County who are considering leaving strips of idle or fallow land in an alternate row arrangement with tobacco rows were reminded by Mr. Vice, Chairman of the County ASC Committee, that the strips of idle or fallow land must be as wide as, or wider, than four normal rows of tobacco.

"New farm' wheat allotment must be sought by July 1

A farmer on land on which no wheat was seeded for any of the years, 1956, 1957, and 1958, may apply on or before July 1 for a "new farm" wheat acreage allotment for the 1959 winter wheat crop, Chairman H. S. Vice of the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee said today.

Even if wheat was produced on the farm in 1958, the farm is still considered a new wheat farm if it did not have a 1958 allotment, and the farmer must apply at the County Office as a new producer, Mr. Vice said.

An important requirement for obtaining a new allotment is to file a written application before the July 1 deadline. This application may be made out on forms which can be obtained in person or by mail from the County ASC Office.

The Chairman pointed out that factors considered in determining whether a farmer is eligible for a new farm allotment will include the tillable acreage, type of soil, and topography of the farm. The operator's farming system is studied and the extent to which his livelihood depends on his farming operations. He is also asked the reason wheat was not planted on his farm in past years.

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Harvested acreage to determine price support eligibility

Eligibility for price support on 1958 tobacco will be based on the harvested acreage of tobacco, according to H. S. Vice, Chairman of the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

This means that a tobacco grower who harvests more than his farm acreage allotment will be unable to place any of his tobacco under price support.

Under current regulations County ASC Committee representatives will measure the tobacco fields and determine the acreage on each farm. When a farm is found to have tobacco in excess of the farm allotment, the farmer will be given notice of the excess acreage. If he wishes his tobacco to be eligible for price support he has 10 days to file a request for a certification to the disposition of the excess acreage, or remeasurement with the County ASC Office.

Excess tobacco disposed of must be destroyed in such a manner that no part of the excess can be harvested or salvaged.

Mr. Vice emphasized that the harvesting of any tobacco in excess of the farm allotment will make all the tobacco from the farm ineligible for price support.

Black Shank control tips are listed

Careful planning of the 1958 burley tobacco crop due to appearance of the destructive fungus disease, black shank, in many new locations in 1957—is the order of the day.

So says Russell Hunt, Kentucky Agricultural Extension Service tobacco specialist. Hunt said: "After several years of decline, black shank reversed its trend in 1957. It appeared on many new farms and also increased in intensity on farms already afflicted. This sudden reversal of pattern is very disturbing and calls for careful planning and united action of all farmers to bring the disease under control.

"We hadn't had too much trouble for about four or five years," Hunt said, "and I think farmers had become less alert, had forgotten what black shank could do. For instance, they were frequently careless with machinery moving from field to field—and that's where a lot of black shank is carried."

Hunt laid out several things to do for 1958's crop.

1) Seed infected fields to grass-legume mixtures, and go to clean land for the 1958 crop; clean land is land where there has been no black shank in the last four years.

2) Clean all equipment thoroughly, such as plows, disks, harrows, setters, trucks, drags and manure spreaders. Cleaning involves removal of all dirt. Do this cleaning on land not to be put in tobacco in next several years.

3) Put plant beds for 1958 on land where there is no black shank history from previous crops; also, put the beds where run-off will not flow from infected fields cannot reach them.

4) Burn trash and stalks from the 1957 crop, of land to be plowed in 1958.

5) Avoid putting the 1958 crop on land subject to overflow.

6) If tobacco must be planted adjacent to a highway, leave a sod strip between the road and the tobacco from 12 to 120 feet wide. This buffer strip acts as a filter when roadside ditches overflow. Much black shank is dropped along roads by traveling vehicles.

7) Get water for plant beds, setting and irrigating, from farm reservoirs if they are not in line of drainage from infected fields. Avoid creeks and ponds that are in path of drainage from infected fields.

8) Produce all plants locally if possible; avoid borrowing plants, or buying them, as black shank is frequently spread in this fashion.

9) Clean all used machinery thoroughly before bringing it to the farm.

10) Don't trade labor if possible, as humans carry black shank on shoes and clothing.

11) Use resistant varieties as recommended (see county agents) in rotation.

12) Be alert to the black shank problem, guarding against it constantly.

Banta
By Emma Walton

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrene Hartley and family of Bethel, Ohio, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hartley. Sunday guest was Frank Hartley of Covington, Ky.

Mrs. Annie Brinegar spent Thursday night with Mrs. Fannie Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Kindrit Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Walton spent from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watoln of Paris, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walton of and two sons and Mrs. Emma Walton went to Renfro Valley.

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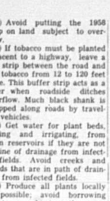

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A peek at THE STARS
BY LYN CONNELLY

THE Emmy awards for "the best in television" have been handed out for another year and while most of them were deserved we can't help but wonder out loud about certain omissions. We were happy to see Dinah Shore come in for her share of glory because we have had no one who so deserves it . . . She's sunny and bright and has the very tricky knack of being able to lift the most disheartened viewer out of his doldrums . . . She's an extremely hard worker and will do most anything to improve the show.

We thought Jack Benny's award for all-around excellence was well deserved, too, but thought the one he received for the best job of portraying himself should have gone to Perry Como, who has sadly neglected this year . . . We thought, too, that her colleagues could have paid tribute to Gracie Allen . . . This great comedienne ends 36 years of show business with her retirement this season . . .

She looks just as young and is just as zany-in-a-pleasant-sort-of-way as always and we scooted when she was ignored last year, but this year when she will have no further chance to compete, it seems unforgivable that she should have been ignored again . . . What modern comedienne can endure 36 years' exposure?

Another serious omission in our book was Playhouse 90's production of "The Miracle Worker" . . . Here was a keenly dramatic, terrifically performed play about Helen Keller as a child that held the viewer completely enthralled . . . Yet neither the stars, the director or the writer won a dandelion for their achievement . . . Instead, an unoriginal story about a show business personality, "The Comedian," won the Emmy for the best writer, Rod Serling, who also won last year with a lightweight drama about a heavyweight.

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Attention Farmers

The Farmers Stock Yards of Flemingsburg, Ky. wish to announce that it is now operating under a change of management due to the death of Mr. Jack Crain, one of the partners.

The new partnership is made up of George H. Fitzgerald, Robert 'Bob' Crain and Dye Spencer. The trio will continue to operate the Stockyards in the same efficient and fair manner that has been the policy of the Company in the past.

This partnership brings two young and active businessmen into the operation of the Yards. Mr. Fitzgerald who has seen a change from a humble beginning to one of the finest Stockyards in the State, will be in charge of the office. Mr. Crain will be in charge of the yards and will help the sales and Mr. Spencer will be in charge of the sales.

Bob Crain is the son of the late Gene Crain who started in business with George H. Fitzgerald in 1935 and is widely known throughout this section of the State as a prominent land owner, farmer and Warehouseman.

Mr. Spencer is a native of Fleming County and started to work for the Stockyards in 1935 marketing cattle. He is now one of the outstanding livestock dealers in the State.

We will hold our opening lamb sale Saturday, May 31st. We are expecting an excellent lamb market. We will have some new lamb buyers this season as well as the old ones. Bring in a load and see for your self. We thank you for your past business and we are looking forward to serving you in the future.

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National Geographic Observes 70th anniversary this year

Seventy years ago this past January the National Geographic Society was born.

Only 165 persons joined the Society at its formal organization January 27, 1888, in the Nation's Capital. At present it has far more members than that in Uganda alone. Steady growth over the decades has brought the Society's membership to an all-time high of 2,175,000 families and individuals living in every part of the world. It is by far the largest scientific and educational society in existence.

The National Geographic Magazine, published monthly in a familiar yellow cover, is mailed out in such numbers that the copies of a single issue would fill a bookshelf more than 11 miles long.

Result of Original Goal

The remarkable growth of the nonprofit institution — and a magazine devoted to geography — results from the founders' avowed goal: "The increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge."

Philanthropist Gardiner Greene Hubbard said, on his election as the Society's first president, "The membership of our Society will not be confined to professional geographers, but will include that large number who, like myself, desire to promote special researches by others, and to diffuse the knowledge so gained among men, so that we may all know more of the world upon which we live."

The founding group included some of the finest scientific minds—and impressive beards —in Washington of the 1880's. But the venture's success was largely due to the choice of Gilbert Grosvenor as editor.

Young Grosvenor — backed editorially by his future father-in-law, inventor Alexander Graham Bell—set out to make geography interesting to laymen as well as to scientists. He was determined that the Society's infant magazine should never contain a single sentence which could not be readily understood. He pioneered in the generous use of photographs.

Particularly in color photography, National Geographic took the lead. It made the first natural-color pictures from the air, underground, and undersea. In the monumental "A History of American Magazines," Frank Luther Mott wrote that regular

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use of color illustrations "transformed the Geographic into a kind of periodical never before known."

Grants for Research

Since 1906, when the young Society helped finance Admiral Robert E. Peary's assault on the North Pole, it has made extensive annual grants for scientific research and exploration. The Society's own writers and photographers have roamed the world to bring back geographic knowledge of remote and little-known regions.

Contrary to a widespread belief, the Society is neither endowed nor subsidized. Dues of members pay for 12 monthly issues of the magazine, for frequent maps and other supplements, for the Society's educational services, and for the annual grants to scientific projects.

Throughout the years of growth, the Society and magazine were guided by Gilbert Grosvenor and his long-time colleague, John Oliver La Gorce. When Dr. Grosvenor retired as president and editor in 1954, Dr. La Gorce took over. He, too, retired to well-earned retirement in January, 1957.

His successor is Dr Melville Bell Grosvenor, himself the son, grandson, and great-grandson of presidents of the 70-year-old Society.

Rug Pads Recommended As Protective Measure

One of the most expensive articles to be purchased for the home is the carpeting or rug for the living room. The best way to protect your investment is with a good pad, says Miss Marian Bartlett, UK Extension specialist in home furnishings.

A pad will save wear on the carpet by cutting down friction caused by walking over it, and resist the pressure of heavy furniture, she explained. At the same time, it is a safety feature, helping to prevent rugs from sliding.

A hair-jute combination is the lowest price padding. Inasmuch as jute tends to mat, a pad with a higher proportion of hair gives the best service. It is further improved in durability if a synthetic sealer coat is applied to each side.

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A dozen large eggs will weight at least 1½ pounds.

CROSSROADS FOR BONNIE
By Ethel Ellertson

IN the midst of stifling heat, the Mexican Bus slowly wound its way along the mountain trail of the American Highway. With a great staggering and a final "pouf," it breathed its last in front of a Yerbasorante' at the Crossroads.

Most passed its occupants, glad to be released from the furnace-like interior. Like bees, they swarmed and buzzed some going directly for cold "cervesa", while other sought rest rooms.

Among the passengers came Bonnie Martin, her Mother and Father.

"Why are they letting us off here?" asked Bonnie.

Dad anxious to be on his way to New York said abruptly "I'll find out." He headed in the direction of the dapper mechanics who suddenly popped out from the nearby building.

Bonnie and her Mother watched Mr. Martin as he talked to the mechanics . . . all losing their handmost of the time.

When he came back, he told them: "Make yourself comfortable, while they're repairing the engine. They don't answer when I ask How long?"

Bonnie and her Mother settled themselves on the flat stone wall under the catalpa trees. They were entertained by hunting flies, the low hum of the Inn Keeper's voice selling out orders, the bus drivers arguing about assignments.

Can it be possible, reminisced Mrs Martin that only a few weeks ago we had wanted so much to get away from noisy New York . . . to go to a restful vacation in Mexico?

Mr. Martin interrupted the day-dream. He sauntered up to his wife, saying "Better keep the heads Swell!" and he settled down to watch the scene. Then he continued, "straight as an arrow we'll go . . . to good old New York . . . to our own CROSSROADS . . . Without so much as daring to either stay or go in the seemed curiously akin to all people of all CROSSROADS everywhere.

Bonnie, clashing on the cobble stones awakened. Bonnie.

Watching the animal with an amused interest, Bonnie asked "That on its back?" to which her Mother answered. "Yes sugar cane!"

Then they noticed a small, undernourished girl passing by, carrying her baby sister in a shawl slung from one shoulder to the opposite one.

As Mr. Martin saw the bus being hauled away, he exclaimed "Will I make that New York appointment on time!"

A partially blind boy snuffing past turned the family's attention to him. Bonnie ran to him, and put a coin in his hand. A slight feeling of guilt came over her Daddy. He raised her Mother's eyes, being about things going wrong . . . when nothing was the real matter . . . that a cool shower wouldn't fix.

Suddenly, everyone came from everywhere! A huge Pan-American can bus came thundering along it stopped short.

Urchins running out to meet it called "Hot Tortes!" and held out sticky sweets to the passengers as the bus driver said "Serano!" the children scattered in all directions.

The Martins settled down once again to wait. There was the same bursting of fleas, the hum of the Inn Keeper's voice.

"Hurrah, hurrah!" broke the silence. Here comes the bus!" Passengers darted out of the rest rooms.

"Another day," said Mr Martin hopefully . . . and we'll make Laredo Swell" and he settled down to watch the scene. Then he continued, "straight as an arrow we'll go . . . to good old New York . . . to our own CROSSROADS . . . Without so much as daring to either stay or go in the seemed curiously akin to all people of all CROSSROADS everywhere.

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Regatta planned at Ky. Lake

Frankfort, May 21—The Kentucky Lake Sailing Club, whose headquarters are located at Kentucky Lake State Park Harbor will hold its sixth annual Governor's Cup Regatta May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, according to J. S. Piers, Paducah, one of the race officials.

As in previous years, there will be a warm-up race Friday, May 30th, at 2:00 p.m. and two races Saturday, May 31st, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The last race will be Sunday, June 1st, at 10:00 a.m. All times are on central standard.

Entries have been received from sailors in Memphis; Nashville; St. Louis; Detroit; Kansas City; Decatur, Ill.; Clarksville, Tenn.; Madisonville, Greenville, Paducah and Louisville.

Classes entered to date include; Thistles, Lightning, Penguins, Ravens, Rebels, Stars, E-Scows, and Snipes. A total of over seventy-five boats are expected to participate.

Separate races are conducted for each class of boats, and all the boats in all classes compete with each other on a corrected time basis for the coveted Governor's Cup.

Spectators may have an excellent view of all the races from the point of land on which separates the bathing area and the boat harbor as the starting and finishing line for all classes is located a short distance off shore from this point, Pier said.

Borers damaging Kentucky trees

Protect trees and ornamentals against the various tree-borers, says J. G. Rodrigues, Kentucky Experiment Station entomologist. Prevention (treating before the borers appear) is much better than cure (after they have appeared.)

Borers like ash, apple, peach, dogwood, birch and lilac in particular, but will attack others. Their presence is indicated by very fine sawdust on trunks or limbs at or near the tiny holes the borers make. On peach trees, Rodriguez says, the evidence is oozing gum from tiny holes.

Apply a 50 percent DDT wettable powder during late spring and summer as a preventive or even as a control measure if the borers have appeared. Use 6 pounds of the material per 100 gallons of water; or use tablespoons per gallon of water. Spray on if large trees are infested; for small trees, paint the material on with a paint brush, using four ounces of the DDT wettable powder in a quart of water.

Apply at three-week intervals starting on the following schedule: Ash, lilac, and dogwood, early in May; birch, May 20; apple and ash, June 1; and peach, June 10.

For owners of home peach orchards, Circular No. 544 has complete information on the peach borer, Rodrigues said.

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