Saltwell

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Miss Sara F. Pollard, Earl Merril and Mrs. Andrew Gray of Carlisle visited Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and family on Sunday afternoon.

Freddie Gaunce returned home from the Nicholas County Hospital on Tuesday and is improving from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kenney of Covington spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Dunlap and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Ritchie and daughters, Gary Hollar spent Sunday with Scottie Peck.

Several from here have attended revival services at the Oakland Mills Church the past week where Rev. Tommy Fryman of Harrison County held a revival for Rev. Douglas Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gum and sons of Carlisle and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gaunce of near Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Chester Mattox spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Mattox and family of Neave on Sunday.

Darrell Gray of Cassidy spent Tuesday night with Jeffery Mattox.

TEACHERS MEETING held at the Carlisle City School 1920. The picture belonging to Mrs. Harry Vice of Williamsburg, Ohio was brought to the Mercury office by Mrs. T.H. Vice.

Liverwort Plant Pest May Be Plant Problem

Liverwort, an occasional pest in tobacco plant beds, might be a problem this season, says Dr. J.H. Smiley, U.K. Cooperative Extension Service tobacco specialist.

Liverwort is a moss-like plant that springs up in plant beds. Already some calls have been received on the plant this year, Dr. Smiley said. It is a spongy growth two to four inches wide, dark green in color and of rubbery texture. It is mostly a problem in fall-treated plant beds that were covered with plastic all winter.

The rosette-type plant puts up two flowering parts that can be from two to three inches high. It competes with tobacco seedlings.

CONTROL: The old standby, bluestone lime (Bordeaux mixture) controls this pest.

Mix three pounds of bluestone (copper sulfate) with four pounds of hydrated lime in 50 gallons of water. Sprinkle this on the plant bed through the canvas. If liverwort persists, in three or four days repeat the application, Dr. Smiley says. 50 gallons of this mixture (4-3-50 as it is known) will cover 100 feet of plant beds.

Bourbon Stockyards, Louisville, received its name because it is on the site "of Bourbon House, a drover's tavern of early days, where, according to tradition, Louis Phillippe, later king of France, stayed for a while.

Forests cover 45 per cent of Kentucky's total land area.

High Moisture Corn Good Feed For Cattle

If you have some high-moisture corn stored in a tightly sealed silo--it will make good feed for dairy cattle.

But be careful in feeding it, says E.C. Troutman, U.K. Cooperative Extension Service dairyman. Wet (high-moisture) corn spoils and molds easily on contact with air. Remove only enough high-moisture corn for one feeding and feed it immediately. If the corn is shelled, grind it or crush it. A roller mill does a good job for this.

Grinding high moisture corn to medium fineness improves its nutritional value as much as 20 percent. It makes no difference whether the corn is ground before it is ensiled or as it is fed.

High-moisture corn has less dry matter, of course, and fewer feed nutrients than No. 2 corn of about 15 percent moisture. About five pounds of 30 percent moisture corn furnish as many nutrients as four pounds of dry corn. So, give cows a little more of the high-moisture corn.

Black Shank Detection

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soil sample is spread over this special medium. In two days, it is washed off and the medium examined. First examination is by naked eye, and viable colonies of what might be black shank fungus are circled with a pencil mark. Then a microscopic examination is done for positive identification. If traces of the black shank are to be identified, the colonies are transferred to another medium and then used to inoculate tobacco stalks.

According to Dr. Hendrix, "we hope this method will enable us to predict whether a farmer is likely to have a black shank problem in a particular field in a given year. However, we feel sure the method will enable us to study certain aspects of black shank which we have been unable to study before.

"The large amounts of research done by Drs. W.D. Valleau, Edward Johnson and Stephen Diachun for several decades have demonstrated that a number of factors such as crop rotation can influence the severity of black shank. With this new method we hope to study the influence of some of these practices on actual levels of the fungus in soil. Also we hope to study how the fungus lives in soil throughout the year, the changes in levels of the fungus in different seasons, and how new races arise and maybe increase. This information may reveal a stage in the life of the fungus when it may be more easily controlled."

Hardin Receives Second Award

Balboa, C.Z.--Master Sergeant William S. Hardin, son of Mrs. Frances S. Chansler of 386 W. Main Street, Carlisle, has received his second award of the U.A. Air Force Commendation Medal at Albrook AFB, C.Z.

Sergeant Hardin, a management analysis technician, was decorated for meritorious service at Headquarters, Ground Electronics-Engineering Installation Agency, Griffiss AFB, N.Y. He was cited for his outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership.

He is now in Albrook in a unit of the U.S. Air Forces Southern Command which operates tropical survival evasion and special air operations training programs for Latin America and provides air defense for the Canal Zone.

A 1949 graduate of Carlisle High School, the sergeant served during the Korean War.

His wife, Lillie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Alexander, of Route 3, Carlisle.

Alfalfa Weevil Control Due Now Or Very Soon

The alfalfa weevil is beginning to show up in sizable numbers in state alfalfa fields, and unless controlled will do much damage on the valuable first-cutting.

Dr. Rudy Scheibner, U.K. Cooperative Extension Service entomologist, says some western Kentucky fields already have weevil sprays, and that in the central part of the state, fields sloping to the south may need sprays now. In other areas of the state, weevil development may be a few days behind the central, southern and western portions, he says.

Check fields daily. When five out of 20 alfalfa shoots show weevil-feeding damage, apply a spray. Use one of these materials: Alfa-Tox, Guthion or methyl Parathion. All sprays should be applied with close attention to mixing formulae and safety regulations; but methyl Parathion is one that probably should be applied by custom operators trained in its use; it is a very toxic material, Scheibner points out. All three are longer-lasting materials.

Early sprays are recommended before the weevil gets a good start, Dr. Scheibner says. But continued fair weather may accelerate weevil damage in these fields.

He said that on a survey trip last week, a good many fields already showed damage from weevil feeding.

Check area extension offices in the counties for information on the pest.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Nicholas County property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 6 through May 10, 1968. Under the supervision of the tax commissioner or one of his deputies, any property owner may inspect the tax roll to check the assessment of his property and compare it with the assessment of comparable property to determine whether it is equitably assessed. The tax roll may not be inspected for any other purpose.

This is the January 1, 1968 assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 1968 will be due on September 15, 1968.

The tax roll is in the office of the county tax commissioner in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 9am and 4pm.

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New Federal Meat Inspection System Will Hit All States

The new federal meat inspection act, recently signed into law, will have considerable effect on intra-state (inside a state) meat inspection and marketing.

Dr. William E. Wise, U.K. Cooperative Extension Service veterinarian, pointed out this week that the new act requires that meat sold through any market must be inspected by either federal or state inspectors. The state inspection system must come up to the federal system's standards, Dr. Wise said.

Federal inspection has been in for more than 60 years. It covers meat products and meat handled in plants dealing in, inter-state (between states) shipments or foreign commerce. Inspection of meat sold within states was left up to local governments.

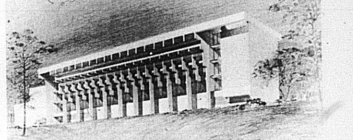
Some of the basics of the new act:

(1) The federal government will give money and technical aid to state agencies to improve inspection programs. Immediate federal inspection of any meat plant can be ordered if the plant is deemed a health hazard and the state does not inspect it.

(2) State governments get two years to set up a state inspection program equal to federal systems. Retailers exemptions under federal inspection will be eliminated.

(3) The federal government gets new authority over industries to prevent unfit meat getting into human food supplies, such as transporters, brokers, renderers and companies making animal foods.

(4) All meat imported into the U.S. will come under the same strict regulations as meat produced in this country. Regulations of meat-storing and handling facilities will be authorized to prevent alteration or misbranding.



BIDS ARE TO BE OPENED SOON by the Purchasing Division of the State Finance Department at Frankfort on the first unit of the Ashland Community College. The four-story structure, as shown in this architect's drawing, will contain 38 classrooms and 46 offices for administrative officials, faculty and librarians. Other units are planned for the site as the college expands.

Kentucky's Net-Income Mark For 1967 Up Slightly--USDA

Lexington, Ky.--

Kentucky's net farm income for 1967 was $2,730 per farm, the USDA's Statistical Reporting Service said this week.

James M. Koepper, statistician, said the 1967 figure did not include inventory changes, and represents income of farm operators.

The 1966 figure for "realized net farm income" in Kentucky was $2,482, his report said. The U.K. Cooperative Extension Service pointed out that the report showed the 1967 figure (less changes in inventory) for realized gross farm income was $6,633, up from the 1966 figure of $6,165. U.S. average net income per farm was $4,573.

Kentucky's total payments received from government programs (conservation, soil bank, feed grain, cropland adjustment and others) was $41,522,000, the report showed. In the U.S., more than $3 billion were distributed in the various programs.

Kentucky's cash receipts from farm marketings for 1967 (preliminary figure) was $763,466,000. With the government payments, this figure went to $804,988,000. The breakdown showed Kentucky's receipts were $377,804,000, from livestock and products, and $385,662,000 from crops.

The cash-receipts-from-farm-products-sale was up 7 percent from the year 1966, and was a new record high. Substantial gains in the sale of tobacco accounted for most of the increase. Receipts from hogs, eggs, cattle and calves declined from the 1966 figure.

Hay-Making Time Early May, U.K.

Lexington, Ky.--Get ready to harvest hay the first week of May, says Dr. Darwin C. Braund, U.K. Cooperative Extension Service dairy specialist.

"Early harvesting is the most important thing a dairyman can do to improve hay quality and milk production per cow and per acre," he says.

This means harvesting during bud stage. Mid-April reports indicate bud stage for alfalfa and clover should occur the first week of May in southern and western Kentucky, and the second or third week of May for eastern and northern Kentucky areas.

Highest quality forage is the key to profitable milk production in Kentucky, Dr. Braund emphasized. "The dairyman who harvests his hay several weeks late has two strikes against him before he ever starts feeding it. First, his cows will eat less of the hay. Research shows that a delay in harvesting, while the hay matures from early bud to three-quarter bloom, causes a 25-30 percent reduction in the amount eaten.

"Second, every pound which cows do eat contains fewer digestable nutrients. End result is a sharp decline in milk production. A few days delay may not seem important, but recent data indicate hay declines in feed value about 50 cents per day each day harvesting is delayed. Larger milk checks next winter will be the pay-off for an early start now in hay harvesting."

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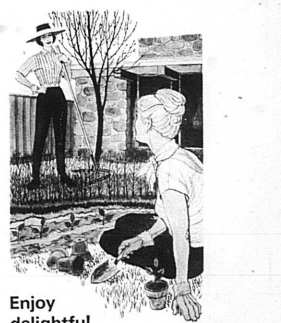

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