

70 million year era stands in Letcher

By Marva Gay Environmental Protection Writer

BLAKEY, Ky.—What may be the world's last trace of an era extending back 70 million years stands in Letcher county.

The Lilly Cornett Woods, 564 acres with 175 acres of virgin forest, is the largest known remnant of one of the greatest forests of all time—the Mixed Mesophytic Forest. That forest once covered more species of trees than any other forest in the world today the tropics.

Eastern Kentucky is the center of a small area in which the Mixed Mesophytic Forest was confined because of geologic and climatic changes beginning 30 million years ago. A few

mountain areas in China may contain a similar forest and a few small tracts elsewhere contain some traces of the era.

However, the small tracts are not large enough to provide the environment necessary for the continuing renewal of a forest with the same species and variety, according to Harry Nadler, director of the Division of Forestry in the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, which supervises the Lilly Cornett Woods.

At least 64 species of trees have been found in the Lilly Cornett Woods, Nadler said. Of those, many were growing when Columbus discovered America. There remains a red oak 5 1/2 inches in diameter, a white oak 4 1/2 inches in diameter and 150 feet tall, and a chestnut oak 6 1/4 inches in diameter.

Many of the plants growing in the woods are rarely found elsewhere. Those include crested dwarf iris, pink lady's slipper, spotted mandarin, bellleak and wild ginger.

Much of the credit for the existence of the virgin forest which bears his name belongs to Lilly Cornett. Cornett bought the woods with 1181 with money earned on a coal mine in a coal mine in Virginia. After buying the area, he developed it.

"Nadler said, 'All people can visit the area to become aware of the ecological changes in plant life and the environment in the evolutionary process.' An information and museum building was opened recently near the woods.

SUCCESS IN MARRIAGE

By Professor J. Kenneth H. Williams

SEPTEMBER-MAY MARRIAGE

DEAR PROFESSOR WILLIAMS: I am 28 and plan to marry a 23-year-old girl from the Philippines. We met last year when I was in the islands and she getting married next month. It will be a first marriage for both. My fiancée is a Catholic, I am Protestant. According to a column we read, she should raise a religious home for me. How can I do this?

PROFESSOR WILLIAMS: You have a very interesting situation. You are both stabilizing and strengthening your marriage, but this assumption about "raising a religious home" is somewhat naive. It is a marriage, and the husband is not religiously inclined, but he is a very strong person who is very spiritual and the husband is not religiously inclined, but he is a very strong person who is very spiritual and the husband is not religiously inclined, but he is a very strong person who is very spiritual.

DEAR PROFESSOR WILLIAMS: I was listening to a radio talk show the other day and the word "bundling" was mentioned two or three times. However, no one ever said what it means and I am curious. A bundling was a practice in Colonial New England, usually directed by the minister. A bundling was a practice in Colonial New England, usually directed by the minister. A bundling was a practice in Colonial New England, usually directed by the minister.

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Perhaps those citizens who haven't been concerned about the deterioration of U.S. military power or the decline of our country in the world will be alarmed by the weakening of the nation's agriculture.

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Many factors are responsible for the current beef shortage. The livestock market's prices is the immediate cause. Ranchers won't sell their cattle if they show little profit. The livestock market's prices is the immediate cause. Ranchers won't sell their cattle if they show little profit.

CHEMICALS AVAILABLE TO CONTROL SUCKERS

Summer Tranquillity—The Lilly Cornett Woods in Letcher County, the largest known remnant of the Mixed Mesophytic Forest, is operated by the Division of Forestry in the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. It may be the world's last trace of an era dating back 70 million years.

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