

# Kentucky reflections

by George Street Bouse

That selfishness beyond a point, whether individual or national, is not wise. I might with luck succeed, but if it fails failure is terrible. Few men will risk the risk unless they are supported by a theory, for it is only theory that makes men completely incautious.

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## Miss Purcell to represent FMRECC

PLEMINGSBURG—Mary Jo Purcell, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purcell, of Flemingsburg, Route 3, "Miss Fleming-Mason RECC" of 1974, will represent the county at the 1975 Miss Kentucky RECC Beauty Pageant.

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## Deeds recorded

O.L. and Rebecca Hollar heirs, 73 acres more or less Carlisle-Parks Ferry Road to W.M. Wheeler R.P. Alexander and wife, Lot 122 Mocking Bird Street to Robert L. Berry Jr. and wife.  
Leslie T. Grimes and wife, land on U.S. 68 to William S. Miller and wife.  
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Dollie L. Tischer, house and lot Walnut Street to Gilbert Terrell and wife.  
W.L. Deper and wife, Lot 71, Section C, Lake Carmico Estates to William A. Spitzer and wife.  
R.P. Alexander and wife, Lot No. 125 Mocking Bird Street to Paul D. Livingston and wife.  
Woody L. Haffer and wife, house and lot Synamore to Bert Eyster and wife.  
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## Wheat, soybean stocks up, other grains are down

July 1 stocks of all wheat at 8.7 million metric tons were 29 percent above a year earlier, according to the crop reporting board. Soybean stocks of 9.8 million metric tons were 5 percent above July 1, 1974.

Stocks of the four feed grains (corn, barley and sorghum) totaled 30 million metric tons, 24 percent below July 1, 1974. Decreases from a year earlier for individual feed grains ranged from 21 percent for corn to 47 percent for sorghum.

Corn in all storage positions on July 1, 1975 totaled 1,146 million bushels, 21 percent less than a year earlier and 41 percent less than July 1, 1973. This is the smallest quantity in storage on July 1 since 1952.

Farm holdings, at 25 percent from a year ago while off-farm holdings, at just over 56 million bushels, are 9 percent off. These are the smallest July 1 farm and off-farm holdings in more than 20 years.

Indicated disappearance from all positions during April-June was 1,062 million bushels, down 25 percent from the 1,418 million bushels for the same period of 1974. This disappearance is the lowest since 1971.

Sorghum grain stocks in all positions on July 1, 1975 totaled 96 million bushels, down sharply from the July 1, 1974 level of 178 million bushels and 52 percent below the same date in 1973. Off-farm stocks were down 47 percent from last year and accounted for 69 percent of the total stocks. Sorghum stored on farms was down 45 percent from July 1, 1974.

Total disappearance during the April-June quarter was 114 million bushels compared with 202 million bushels during the same period last year.

Old crop stock in storage on July 1, 1975 totaled 184 million bushels compared with 250 million bushels last year and 410 million bushels in 1973. Farm stocks of 119 million bushels were down 21 percent from a year ago while off-farm stocks were down 37 percent.

Disappearance during April-June was 141 million bushels compared with 181 million during the comparable period last year.

## Grasses can provide extra feed in dry summer weather

If dry summer weather is causing you to run short of feed for your cattle, you should consider seeding in some sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass hybrid, or pearl millet. That suggestion comes from the University of Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, Lexington.

"These summer annual grasses will do well in dry weather," says Laclede. "If managed properly, they will produce a lot more summer feed than cool-season grasses such as fescue and bluegrass. And they will continue to grow and provide feed until frost."

Laclede says high soil fertility is important for sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass, and pearl millet. Lime should be applied if the soil is high in acidity. These crops respond well to nitrogen, and 60-80 pounds of nitrogen per acre should be applied when they are seeded.

You will need to prepare a good seedbed before seeding one of these crops. The seedbed should be similar to one prepared for corn or soybeans. The soil can be broadcast or planted in rows, and seeding rates recommended by the seed company should be used. These crops can be grazed when they reach a height of 15 inches. With sufficient moisture, they should reach this height within a month. There is a danger to cattle of prussic acid poisoning when sudangrass and sorghum-sudangrass are grazed before they reach the 15-inch height.

Laclede suggests using a rotational or strip grazing system for the summer annual grasses. The best system for a part-time farmer will depend on the number of cows and size of area to be grazed. The system should be set up so that an area can be stocked heavily and the growth grazed down to a height of about 4 inches a week. Then the cattle should be moved to a new area. After an area has been grazed, it should be allowed to grow back until the plants again reach a height of 15 inches.

The summer annual grasses are best-suited for grazing, but they can also be harvested for silage. They should be cut when they reach a height of 15-18 inches. The plants are thick-stemmed, and Laclede recommends using a conditioner when cutting them for hay.

You can increase the production of these grasses by applying 40-60 pounds of additional nitrogen per acre after each grazing or cutting. The amount of nitrogen you should apply depends on the price of the nitrogen and the amount of feed you need.

## Congressman Perkins introduces bill to aid state burley farmers

Rep. Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky has introduced a bill which would set burley support prices at \$113.30 a hundred pounds this crop year and \$120 a hundred pounds in 1976.

Right now, unless we can get legislation through, the support price will be \$96.10 this year, and \$108.70 in 1976, and farmers just cannot make a living off burley on that," Congressman Perkins said.

"So I have introduced legislation which would bring burley support up to what the Kentucky farmer should have to keep on farming and producing all of the crops we need," he said.

The Perkins bill, HR 9094, would bring the tobacco support price up by changing the way it is computed. Under the Perkins bill, it would be based on what it has cost farmers to produce tobacco in the two previous marketing years. Right now, it is based on the three previous calendar years.

"The change would reflect the period of rapidly increasing high prices for fertilizer, machinery, and the other things that farmers have to buy," Congressman Perkins mentioned. "An agriculture bill was passed by the House and Senate, but it did not raise support prices for tobacco, and ultimately was vetoed."

## USDA says rains didn't help

FRANKFORT—Mid-July rains that followed four weeks of virtual drought have not improved Kentucky's crop picture, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The percentage of farmers reporting moisture shortages increased to 80 percent for the second week of July compared with only 69 percent of the state's farmers reporting dryness at the first of the month.

The rains, which were one to 3.5 inches across the state, were beneficial to this year's corn crop at a critical stage, but 69 percent of the state's corn growers have reported reductions in the corn yield. Almost half of those reports are from Central Kentucky farmers.

In recent weeks the percentage of corn that has tasseled exceeded the average by more than 10 percent for this time of year, but agriculture officials stress that more rain and moderate temperatures are needed to bring in a corn crop that was predicted to be four per cent above last year's production and 15 per cent over the yield for 1974.

Soybeans continue to do well, but late planted beans have not kept from germinating. USDA officials report that more rain is needed to save the crop beans.

Tobacco growth has been retarded, with only 14 to 15 per cent of this year's crop over three feet high. However, blooming has not exceeded five per cent of this year's burley acreage.

Officials report that this year's crop will be reduced from forecasts made earlier, but add that a reduction occurs each year and the potential still exists for a sound burley crop.

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