

Obituaries

HUMPHREY GRAY
Humphrey (Him) Gray, 82, died Thursday evening, June 30, 1977 at his home in Millersburg.

He was a native of Nicholas county, and a salesman for Bell Tire Company in Paris.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Gray; his mother, Mrs. Pearl Gray; Paris; three sons, Gene, William, and James Gray, all of Paris; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Elkins, Paris; two brothers, James Gray, Millersburg; Lon Gray, Paris; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Ray, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Opal Sherrin, Virginia; two grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 3 at the Mothers-Daughters Chapel, conducted by Rev. Eugene White, pastor of the Carlisle Cemetery.

Palbearers were E.K. Thomas, Emmitt Bell, Blus Mingo, Pat Healin, Alton Whalen, Grover McFarland.

ALVIN REED

Alvin Reed, 73, of 106 Third Street, Cynthiana, died unexpectedly at his farm Saturday evening, June 26, 1977. He was a farmer and a trucker, a member of the Harrison County Farm Bureau and attended the Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Anna L. McKinney Reed; one brother, Harvey Reed of Cynthiana; one sister, Mrs. Maggie Headover of Conersville, Ind.; two half-sisters, Mrs. Mable Fryman of Carlisle and Mrs. Lottie Johnson of Lexington; several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at the Whaley Funeral Home Tuesday, June 28 by Rev. James T. Vance, internment in Battle Grove Cemetery, Cynthiana.

Palbearers were Don Blain, Woodrow McMillin, James Silvers, Julian Gray, J.T. Jacobs and Randall Caswell.

Rains advance already early tobacco crop

Widespread rains have advanced the already early 1977 burley crop well ahead of normal, according to reports from around the five-state area served by the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association.

Burley in fields range from six to 24 inches in height. Growth is said to be more advanced than in any year since 1965.

Despite this the crop is estimated to yield somewhat below last year's heavy output, as the USDA report for June says plantings indicate about four per cent less acreage. To keep supplies in line adjustments were made for a six per cent poundage cut in quotas, so this year's crop should total about 600 million pounds, down about 40 million from last year.

Also, there is about 20 million pounds of over-quota (excess) burley remaining from the 1976 crop, which growers have arranged with warehouses to store and process. Sales of this tobacco will come this fall, and will apply on the farmers' 1977 crop quota.

Burley exports continue on the rise, now totaling 45 million pounds for the first seven months of the marketing year, up 1 million pounds over the year earlier. Increased purchases went to Italy, Switzerland, West Germany and Thailand.

Sales of old crop tobacco have been brisk since the Burley Association distributed inventory and price sheets about a week ago. Holdings of 1974, '75 and '76 tobacco amount to about 25 million pounds, which means that stocks held in the burley support-price program are "in excellent shape," says Alvin H. Beckley, executive secretary-treasurer of the coop.

This is in contrast to flue-cured stocks

in the southern states, where 500 million pounds of unseed tobacco is held in storage. Burley men are eyeing the southern markets, where flue-cured auctions are to open July 20.

One outstanding sale of burley at Lexington last week was a one million pound order from a single dealer, who took all of the Association's supply of banded (hand-diced and packed) in hopbanded tobacco. The sale involved 945,700 lbs., net, for about \$1 1/2 million. This tobacco had been packed banded in bundles instead of processed strips, last winter at the request of exporters.

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Rob Lane appears to be contented as he takes a break from a little home improvement work at his residence on Sycamore Street—Smith photo

New Fish and Wildlife head named

FRANKFORT—R.W. "Twister" Garrison has been named the director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Division of Law Enforcement, fish and wildlife Commissioner Arnold Mitchell announced recently.

Garrison replaces A.H. Hanson, who recently retired after 30 years with the fish and wildlife department. A native of Adams county, Garrison joined the department of fish and wildlife in 1954 as the conservation officer for Russell county. He later worked as a conservation education

supervisor for the department before becoming district supervisor for the third wildlife district (Jefferson and surrounding counties) in 1967. He has been assistant director of the law enforcement division since June, 1976.

In announcing the appointment, Commissioner Mitchell expressed his confidence in Garrison's abilities, stating that "the new director has held every fish and wildlife law enforcement job in the commonwealth and has performed excellently at all of them. He is well

acquainted with the problems facing the officer in the field and is a capable administrator as well."

The appointment was effective July 1.

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Tobacco price support included again in Ag bill

WASHINGTON—For the first time in several years the Senate has passed an agricultural appropriations bill without an effort being made to eliminate funds for the tobacco price support program.

"It was a pleasant surprise not to have an anti-tobacco amendment this

year," said Senator Walter (Dee) Huddleston, "especially since the bill came up just days after an attack on the program by H.E.W. Secretary Joseph Califano."

Califano last Saturday urged an end to the government price support pro-

gram. Huddleston attributed the absence of an anti-tobacco amendment to the agricultural appropriations bill to three factors.

(1) Senator Frank Moss of Utah, who for several years led the anti-tobacco forces and who annually sought an end to the support program, was defeated in his 1976 re-election attempt.

(2) The agricultural appropriations bill came up just two weeks after the Senate defeated 60-40 an attempt to knock tobacco out of the foreign trade and assistance program.

(3) Expressions of support for the program over the weekend by President Carter and Agriculture Secretary Robert Bergland in response to Califano's statements.

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