

Obituaries

MISS RACHEL GRAY
Miss Rachel Gray, 97, died Monday, Feb. 13, 1978 at the Hopewell Nursing Home, Paris.
She was a native of Nicholas County, a daughter of the late Henry and Mary S. Gray and a member of the Antioch Christian Church in Bourbon County.
She is survived by several nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 16 at Mahoney-Shearer Funeral Home by Rev. David Edwards. Burial was in Paris Cemetery.

John S. King has joined Lowry and Crouch Real Estate firm in Paris as a Real Estate Broker, Salesman and Auctioneer. Before joining Lowry and Crouch Real Estate, he was associated with Sutherland Realty.
A native of Nicholas County, he and his wife, the former Shirley Spencer, and children, reside at 172 Woodmont Drive, Paris.

MRS. WILLIAM M. CRAIN
Mrs. Nannie Elizabeth Crain, 85, of Mt. Carmel Ave., Flemingsburg died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1978 in Fleming County Hospital after a brief illness. She was the widow of William M. Crain. A native of Nicholas County, she was a daughter of the late James and Jamie Saunders Kingsolver. She was a member of the Flemingsburg United Methodist Church.
Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Long of Flemingsburg; one son, Nick Crain of Flemingsburg; a brother, Roy Kingsolver of Lexington; two sisters, Mrs. Alvin Walton of Decatur, Ohio, and Mrs. Sarah Vice of Flemingsburg; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Boone-Nickell Funeral Home, Flemingsburg. Burial was in the Elizaville Cemetery.

ESTELL CAUDILL
Estell Caudill, 70 died at his home in Winchester, Feb. 17, 1978, after a long

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A grape industry for Kentucky?

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One profitable answer to this difficult question may be in a potential new industry for Kentucky. A research project just begun by the UK College of Agriculture is searching for the proper combination of cultivars, root stocks and proper management tools to make the fruit produce at a profit on ravaged land.

"We didn't pick that (stripmined) land for our research because it's ideal land for growing grapes," says Carl Chaplin, horticulture research scientist in the UK College of Agriculture. "But it's there, and something has to be done with it."

Mr. Chaplin's initial research is beginning on stripmined land owned by Falcon Coal Co. in Breathitt County, through a grant from the Mining and Minerals Research Institute. He says that success in this initial area might mean the beginning of thriving fruit industry in Kentucky, an industry that includes not just grapes, but apples, peaches and brambles such as blackberries.

"In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the possibility of wine production in Kentucky from French American hybrid grapes," Mr. Chaplin notes. "This interest received impetus from the passage in 1975 of the Small Wineries Act."

The researchers have begun variety tests, evaluating grapes for their

wine-making qualities. Data will be recorded from four cultivars on various rootstocks, in regard to production, bunch and berry size, soluble solids, acidity, skin toughness, firmness, juice yield and color, plant vigor, insect and disease resistance and cold hardiness.

With the enormous amount of stripmined land in Eastern Kentucky, Mr. Chaplin notes rising interest in crops that produce well under adverse soil conditions. Major problems he mentions in connection with reclaiming this land include high soil acidity, toxicities, lack of fertility and structure, and reduced water-holding capacity.

To water the test plots, researchers have used drip irrigation—a method they hope will overcome special problems that accompany the stripmined land.

"There are laws that say you can't build ponds on certain stripmined areas," Mr. Chaplin says, noting that ponds may cause earth slides and other hazards, "and with possible toxicity problems in area water, we want to use as little as possible to avoid harming the crops. Drip irrigation can help us meet those needs."

Mr. Chaplin points out that a fruit industry is not a cure-all for stripmined land in Kentucky, noting that acres reclaimed with grapes and other fruit crops would be relatively few.

"The bulk of reclamation must be on a wider scale, as with reforestation or forage production," the scientist says. "You wouldn't put fruits just anywhere. But they would be high income crops for people who grew them, bringing needed money into stripmined areas."

Tobacco sales remain light at five markets

Volume of sales remained light at the five Burley tobacco markets operating during the eleventh week of auctions. The Federal-State Market News Service reports demand held relatively stable compared with levels set in

prices for previous weeks. Sales are scheduled this week at Carrollton, Lexington, Louisville and Shelbyville and New Albany, Ind.

Gross sales for the week ending Feb. 16 amounted to 4,238,282 pounds and averaged \$12.65 per hundred. The season total stands at 634,910,363 pounds returning \$119.36 per hundred. Resales for the week amounted to 674,447 pounds and 61,869,711 pounds for the year. Gross sales last season for the same period (44 sales days) totaled 668,127,992 pounds for an average of \$14.52. By the latest U.S. Crop Report, which set this year's Burley production at 643.2 million pounds, around 65 million pounds is yet to be accounted for.

The Burley Cooperative received 5.6 per cent of sales last week and 8.8 for the season. During the same period last season 5.9 per cent was placed under loan.

Midway nursing applications deadline set

Midway College has announced that after March 31, 1978 it will not accept applications for guaranteed enrollment for the fall 1978 freshman Nursing class. Applications for programs other than Nursing will be accepted through Aug. 1.

Increasing numbers of applicants and a short supply of clinical facilities for freshmen have made it necessary in recent years for the college to set a spring deadline for accepting new nursing applications.

Midway, Kentucky's only women's college, utilizes the facilities of six hospitals in three counties in addition to several clinics and doctor's offices as a vital part of its program. Students interested in reserving a guaranteed position in the freshman Nursing class must do so prior to April 1.

Bloodmobile coming March 13

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a bloodmobile on Monday, March 13 at the Carleble United Methodist Church from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Anyone interested in donating blood contact Rev. Herman Kambs, 292-5622, or Rev. Eugene White, 289-5256. More information will be given in next week's Mercury.

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