

Mr. Letcher encourages use of set-aside, reserve programs

Duane Letcher, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Committee, said the new farm law has two important tools for farmers: set-aside program and the reserve program. "If farmers use the feed grains and wheat set-aside programs and participate in the grain reserve, they can reduce the 1978 grain crop and remove at least one billion bushels of grain from the marketplace."

The ASCS official said that if enough farmers participate in these programs, farm prices will go up. The programs are voluntary, no one is forced to participate. "But farmers must understand clearly that if they decide not to participate in the set-aside program, they will not be eligible for price support loans; they will not be eligible for deficiency payments if any are made; and they will not be eligible for year-to-year disaster protection."

Letcher said, "ASCS began accepting applications for the set-aside programs on March 1 and at the same time, began placing 1977 crops of wheat, barley and oats into the reserve without waiting for price support loans to mature."

"Even those Nicholas County farmers who may still be undecided about planting a set-aside crop in 1978 should plan up in the set-aside program," Anna L. Conner, an official of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) said.

Tobacco sold for record high

The 1977 Kentucky tobacco crop sold for the highest average on record, reports the Federal Trade Market News Service. This was a result of higher grade prices as quality slipped somewhat from the year before. The 1977-78 selling season was considerably shorter than last season and volume was lighter. The percentage placed under Auction sales through March 17 showed a small increase.

The sign-up period ends on May 1. The program calls for taking out of production one acre for every ten (ten per cent) planted to barley, corn or grain sorghum and two acres (20 per cent) for every ten planted to wheat for grain.

37,000 Europeans to visit Kentucky

Through the efforts of the Kentucky International Tourism Office in Brussels, Belgium, approximately 37,000 Europeans will visit Kentucky this year.

James Denny, director of the international office, credits much of this to what he calls tour development missions. These missions are made to Europe by state and private travel industry personnel who visit European travel brokers to promote tourism to Kentucky.

Many Kentuckians attend driver clinics

FRANKFORT — Some 8,000 Kentuckians attended driver improvement clinics last year, giving up several of their free evenings for the ten-hour courses conducted by the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

Most of that number attended voluntarily because of the inducement of removing four "points" from their total accrual. The Department of Transportation's division of driver licensing operates the clinics statewide in an effort to train drivers who are prone to picking up citations.

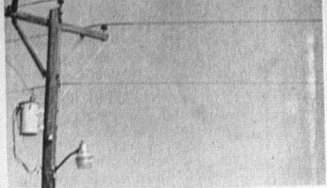
The Louisville clinic currently runs at least seven evening classes a week. Mr. Hodges said extra clinics may have to be scheduled to handle the overload to make up the times when the city was virtually closed down due to the weather.

Saltwell

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar, Everett Springs, was also a dinner guest and the Hollars, Mrs. Phyllis Hollar, Mrs. Shirley Collins, Mrs. Ramona Wilson and Everett Snapp were Saturday night visitors.

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett of Carlisle visited Martha and Dany Kennedy on Saturday night.



Kite-flying weather arrives
This kite is being flown downwind from the power lines in the foreground, and the kite flyers are relatively safe unless there's a sudden shift in the wind. Sunday's warmth brought many outdoors and kite flying weather was just fine though a bit breezy. — Mercury photo.

Court news

from Nicholas County
District Court
City Barber Chalmers
Ben Brivley, Doremy Ave., failure to purchase city sticker. Car not in operating order. Had car fixed. Ticketed in statement. Car from garage. Damaged. Jane Ellen Booth, failure to purchase sticker. Had luster car from Moyville. Damaged.

District Court
Traffic citations
Kathy E. Watkins, Route 1, speeding 48 in 30 zone. Prepaid fine \$12, cost \$27.
Cecil Myers, Millersburg, speeding 67 in 30 zone. Prepaid fine \$11, cost \$17.50.
Hobby Gene McDonald, Winchester, speeding 48 in 30 zone. Prepaid fine \$13, cost \$17.50.
Barry Neil Blankenship, Richmond, speeding 70 in 30 zone. Prepaid fine \$15, cost \$17.50.

District Court
Misdemeanors
Cecil B. Terrell, Morefield Rd., public intoxication and damaging public property. Fined \$20, cost \$27.50.
Douglas Cox, Bowling, harassment. Plead guilty. Fined \$25, cost \$27.50.
Given 60 days in jail, probation on condition.

District Court
Misdemeanors
Elsie Earlywine, Green Valley, theft by deception. To pay \$60 for lost check, \$7 to sheriff for warrant. Damaged.
Michael W. Jones, theft by deception. Plead guilty, fined \$10, cost \$17.50.
James Luther Hollar vs. Clay and Brenda Hollar, forcible detainer. No one shown in Court.

District Court
Small Claims
Marion Bowman vs. Fred Jones, \$60 or pickup load (24 bushels) of corn. Settled out of Court.
James A. Carter vs. Denver Kirby, \$12.50. Settled out of Court.

District Court
Small Claims
The Grand Jury made its final report on Monday after being in session Jan. 29, Feb. 16, and March 20.

The foreman, Vanlan Mattox, prepared the report which commended Lyon Howell, Nicholas County judge on the upturn of the jail considering the age and condition; and Joe Stuart and outstanding efforts in keeping roads open during the past winter months.

The next Grand Jury will be organized on April 3 to serve for 1978-79.

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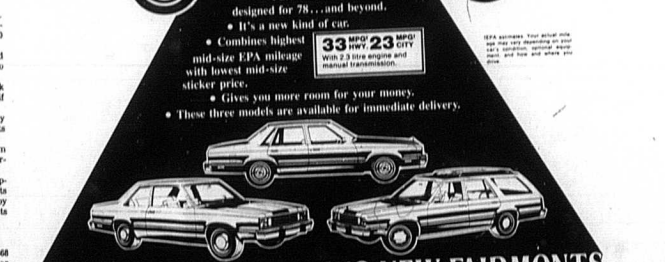
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Free arthritis booklet available

"Aside from the pain and crippling involved, arthritis takes a tremendous economic toll," reports James E. Letcher, Executive Director of the Kentucky Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

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