

Life on Russian farms different in many ways

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Like any other hog, the hogs at a Soviet farm near Minsk eat table scraps, except that the scraps have first been ground and cooked, seasoned with nutrients, and pumped in liquid form to feeders.

The hogs are the receiving end of a highly mechanized swine complex that produces 60,000 animals a year, all in climate-controlled barns. Before entering or leaving the complex people must take showers and change clothes, because the hogs are susceptible to diseases brought in on clothing.

A model of a modern Soviet farm layout, the swine complex was one stop on a working tour of the country made by 12 young agricultural specialists from the United States in an exchange program last summer.

Assembly-line Approach

At a garbage processing plant, the major difference between the Soviet farmer and his American counterpart emerged. When an American asked a worker about the protein content of the feed, the worker answered, "I don't know. I am only a mechanic. You'll have to ask the feeding specialist."

Unlike the American farmer, who usually is involved in the entire production cycle, the Soviet farm worker sticks to one job, like an assembly-line worker.

The Americans, nine men and three women in their 20s, spent the summer driving combines, milking cows, showing manure, meeting Soviet citizens, attending an agricultural academy, and occasionally tending with bureaucrats.

The program, organized by the National A.H. Council and funded by International Harvester and the International Communications Agency, also

sent a dozen Soviet citizens to U.S. farms.

"The experience was often not fun," writes John Garaventa, one of the Americans, in the June National Geographic. "We were exasperated many times by people's suspicion of us, and we were annoyed by their overbearing efforts to indoctrinate us to the Soviet way of thinking."

"Yet we did gain a valuable firsthand look at rural Soviet society, studying in the process how the agricultural industry pursues its immense task of feeding more than 260 million people."

Many friendships blossomed, especially during a two-week stay with local families.

Babe Ruthers to compete in tourney

Clifton Vaughn, president of Nicholas County Babe Ruth Baseball, announces that the District Seven tournament will be played at the Ashland Babe Ruth Park in Ashland on Sunday, July 8.

The All Star team of Nicholas County consists of 13-year-olds will play the Greenway County All Stars at 12:30 p.m. The All Star team consisting of 14 and 15-year-olds will play Greenway County All Stars at 3:00 p.m.

What should you do when a tornado watch is issued? How does a watch differ from a warning? How can you tell when a tornado is spotted in your area? Carlo-Nicholas County Civil Defense Director Hasso Bell has passed along the following actions to take in each case. As you'll see, a watch is different from a warning but in many cases by the time a watch is changed to a warning it might be too late.

Tornado watch — A tornado watch is issued by the National Weather Service when weather conditions are favorable to tornado development and formation. A watch does not mean that a tornado has been spotted; it means that the atmospheric conditions are ripe for a tornado to form out of low-hanging, black clouds and swoop down to earth. Many watches are issued each year without a tornado forming but it is best to be safe.

When a watch is issued it means that people should make preliminary preparations to seek shelter in case a tornado does occur.

Ideally, people should be prepared well in advance, with a shelter picked out and a battery-operated radio and flashlight ready. All these items should be arranged so that they may be picked up and moved at a minute's notice. Often that is all the warning that is given. A watch is not designed to scare, but to inform the public that a tornado could form. In most cases a watch will be accompanied by some form of bad weather.

Tornado warning — A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been spotted in the general vicinity or is moving toward the general vicinity in which the warning is issued. Warnings are transmitted by the National Weather Service, the Kentucky State Police and the NOAA weather radio, which are designed to activate at the sound of a tone transmitted from NOAA's headquarters in Lexington.

When a tornado warning is given, people should head for the nearest shelter. A basement or area shelter is the best place to be. If you don't have a basement, move to an area inside the house away from windows and protected by interior walls. Windows should be raised in the house to prevent the explosive effects that are formed when the low-pressure area of a tornado passes over a house.

If the house windows are closed the air pressure inside the house can be so much greater than that outside, within the tornado, that the inside air escapes with an explosive effect. Many houses have literally been blown apart by this effect. But don't use precious moments to have a house when you mean your life.

Persons in mobile homes should vacate them immediately when a warning is issued. In fact, when a watch is issued persons who live in mobile homes should already be considering some shelter. Because of the construction



This buck's a lady
Susan B. Anthony graces the newly-minted dollar coin released July 2. The long-time woman's rights advocate is the first real woman ever honored on a United States coin.

What should YOU do when warnings sound?

tion of mobile homes they are highly susceptible to tornado damage, even if they are tied down. Persons living in mobile homes should seek shelter with nearby friends or at one of the three Civil Defense shelters in Nicholas County that are named below.

If you are in a car and hear a tornado warning of one and have no chance to seek adequate shelter the best course is to get out of the car and find the lowest place in the ground, such as a depression or a drainage ditch and lie face down until the storm has passed. If you stay in your car, it can become a metal deathtrap. If you must, because of age or condition, stay in your car, then make sure it is parked in the lowest place possible and sheltered as best as possible. But remember that a tornado always uproot and move trees around and down power lines.

What NOT to do — Unless you have actually spotted a tornado, don't call police or firemen to inquire. If you have a NOAA weather radio the chances are you will know as much about the emergency situation communications as the most vital aspect.

Don't go joyriding and look for a tornado. The Civil Defense has designated spots to be better prepared for what job it is to do the looking. What you should be looking for is shelter.

Don't go to the Emergency Operations Center unless you believe there. You will only get in the way and if a warning has been issued and a tornado spotted you could be endangering your life. If you do not have shelter in your home the Civil Defense has designated three places in Carlisle where citizens may seek shelter. They are:

1. The basement of the courthouse.
2. The old armory on Main Street.
3. The basement of the post office.

Don't go to the hospital if you have relatives there. The hospital staff has a detailed emergency plan and they can take care of your loved ones much better than you can. Again, you will more than likely be in the way.

Don't panic. That sounds easy to say, but it is full of dark, threatening clouds and the sirens ring, it is not easy to maintain your wits. A tornado is an act of nature and you can do nothing to stop one. All you can do is get out of its way and attempt to minimize its effects.

Remember that when a tornado watch is issued or even a warning it usually means that some sort of bad weather is in the area. Even if a tornado does not form there will more than likely be high winds and electrical storms. The best place to be is inside, next to your radio or television.

The signal for a tornado warning is five long blasts of the siren followed by a pause and then repeated. If you hear this signal, at a time seek shelter and to stay until the all-clear is sounded. The all-clear signal is one short blast of the siren followed by one long blast, sounded once. Your radio or television can also tell you when the warnings have been lifted.

How can you learn more about tornadoes? Bell said he has access to a film called "Day of the Killer Tornado," using footage from the 1974 tornado that swept the eastern half of the United States. He will show this film to groups of 35 or more and must have two more in stock. Another good place for more information on tornadoes is in the card files of the Nicholas County Library. You'll find more there than you want to know and that you will remember what to do when the siren rings next — and it will.

New associates

M.C. Blair and Joe Crouch look over a policy in the new headquarters of M.C. Blair Insurance Agency. Blair bought Joe Crouch Insurance Agency and will move his offices to the newly-located offices (Crouch formerly occupied in the Depot Bank building. Crouch will remain as an associate with the Blair agency. — Mercury photo.

M.C. Blair buys agency

The change was effective July 1. Joe Crouch will remain with the Blair agency to service his accounts and act as an associate. The move joins two veteran insurance men with a combined experience of 64 years.

Blair began operating the insurance agency last by his house in 1948. From that year until 1962 the agency was operated from his house on Locust Street.

In 1962 Blair moved across the street. He was joined in his agency in 1966 by Wanda Hamilton.

Crouch began his insurance career in Bath County and has been in business in Carlisle since 1956. He has represented the Celina Mutual Insurance Company since 1956 and that company will be retained in the new agency.

Other companies represented by the Blair agency are Hartford, Ohio Casualty, Home Insurance and Northwestern Mutual Life.

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Frank Hoffer, proclaims a North Branch driver as he leads Carol Schmidt, one of 12 American agricultural specialists who spent last week in the Soviet Union studying and working on farms in a 14-day exchange program.

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These kittens, owned by Mrs. Charles E. Watkins of Myers, have some spare toes. Some have six toes on the front paws and five on the back (four is average), some have five on the front and four on the back and some wouldn't hold still long enough for a court. It was the mother's first litter! — Mercury photo.

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What was it? Hornets' nest, most agree

That "what is it?" isn't pictured in last week's Mercury brought a response from several readers.

The nest has tentatively been identified as a hornet's nest. If the photo-graher had known he might not have felt so safe, even with a window glass between him and the nest, having had some experiences with hornets in the past. That memory priggishly another part.

Those who wrote and said it was a hornet's nest were Silas Campbell, Ricky Moore, Mrs. Grimes Bassel and Mrs. Cleva Davis. Only one reader thought otherwise, Melissa Scott, who ventured it might be a praying mantis nest.

Ewing-Fleming County Fair and Horse Show
July 9 thru 14 Ewing Fair Grounds Ewing, Ky.

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 9	6:00-8:00 P.M.	Enter Floral Hall Exhibits
	8:00 P.M.	Motorcycle Parade Show
Tuesday, July 10	10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Enter Floral Hall Exhibits
	3:00-9:00 P.M.	Judging Floral Hall Exhibits
	7:00-9:00 P.M.	Floral Hall Open to Public
	8:00 P.M.	Greasy Pig Contest
	8:00 P.M.	Foxy Pulling Contest
	8:00 P.M.	Draft Horse Show
Wednesday, July 11	5:00 P.M.	Swine Show
	6:00 P.M.	Beef Show
	8:00 P.M.	Beauty Contest
	All Night	4-H Night-All Fleming County 4-H Members admitted at 1/2 price with membership card Floral Hall Open
Thursday, July 12	10:00 A.M.	Dairy Show
	10:00 A.M.	Swine Carcass Evaluation
	10:00 P.M.	4-H Tractor Driving Contest
	7:00 P.M.	Floral Hall Open
	8:00 P.M.	Horse Show
Friday, July 13	All Day	Senior Citizens Day
	7:00-9:00 P.M.	Floral Hall Open
	7:00 P.M.	Swine Carcass Sale
	8:00 P.M.	Horse Show
	4:00 P.M.	Antique Car Show
Saturday, July 14	6:00 P.M.	Baby Show
	8:00 P.M.	Floral Hall Show-Dinner Derby
	4:00-9:00	Floral Hall Open (Exhibits may be taken out after 1:00 P.M.)
	8:00 P.M.	Night Championship Horse Show

Bridges are family affair

Once a covered bridge is gone, it's gone.

"The craftsmen are no longer around and the structural timber isn't readily available any more," according to L.S. "Stock" Bower, a third generation covered bridge builder from Flemingsburg (Fleming County). Bower, who has worked with the state of Ohio to keep its 15 covered bridges intact and repaired, would like to see the Kentucky structures restored and maintained.

Edward W. Melton, executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Commission, said that preservationists across the state want Kentucky's bridges restored and maintained. "Covered bridges and the craft of building them will be lost soon as its tourism program, may want to assume responsibility for the bridges in that area."

Mrs. Melton said, "If we can get some matching funds and find some county officials who will be responsible for restoring and maintaining them, we might have a chance to save them."

Bower's grandfather, Jacob Bower, was born in 1829 and was one of the first to build bridges in Fleming County. Stock was the last in his line to build bridges in Fleming County. Stock was the last in his line to build bridges in Fleming County. Stock was the last in his line to build bridges in Fleming County.

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