

# Farm report

Weather and general conditions. Many reporters indicated yellowing and loss of bottom leaves due to the hot, dry weather. Rain the last of July and first of August have helped, but have also brought more reports of black shank and blue mold. Black shank has been worse than normal this year, and blue mold has been identified in a large number of counties with the worst cases reported in North Central Kentucky. As of August 10, reporters indicated this year's crop was 12 percent lopped and rated the crop as mostly fair.

The month of July was one of the hottest on record. Daily high temperatures climbed into the high nineties and low hundreds over most of Kentucky during the first three weeks. Temperatures averaged the highest in Western and Southwestern Kentucky. The highest official reading of 107 degrees was recorded in Bowling Green during the third week of the month. Precipitation averaged above normal, but was spotty and deficient in some areas, especially Western Kentucky. Most precipitation came in the first and last weeks of the month and was in the form of heavy showers. The extreme heat and dry conditions during July caused considerable stress and damage to growing crops.

Corn  
Kentucky's 1980 corn crop is forecast at 130 million bushels, down 10 percent from 1979. Although acreage intended for harvest as grain at 1.2 million acres is up 10 percent, yield at 80 bushels per acre is down 20 bushels from last year and 12 bushels below last month's forecast. Dry conditions and the extreme heat during July hurt yields the worst in Western Kentucky. The heat prevented effective pollination in many early fields and some reporters indicate they "corn is not better harvesting" for grain. Late corn that had not started to tassle fared better and will have the potential for good yields. As of August 10, reporters indicate that 90 percent of this year's crop had reached or passed the silk stage.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 6.0 billion bushels, down 14 percent from last year's record high crop. Estimated yield at 83.0 bushels per acre compared with 109.4 bushels per acre last year.

Burley  
Burley production in Kentucky is expected to total 407 million pounds, up 30 percent from last year's short crop but 60 million pounds below the 1980 effective quota. Estimated yield at 2200 pounds per acre is 200 pounds below 1979 while acreage intended for harvest at 185,000 acres is up 10 percent. This year's crop is behind normal in growth and has suffered from the heat and dry conditions.

The meeting served as one of several community forums being held state-wide to define concerns of elderly persons for Kentucky's White House Conference on Aging. Representing the state's 15 area development districts, the men and women took turns at the speaker's podium. Asking questions, expressing opinions and telling Stumbo their experiences of growing old in Kentucky, the senior citizens expressed concerns about long-term care

for the aged and a need for increased in-home services.

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Marie Chapter 59 recently honored two members who have reached the 50-year milestone in length of membership and recognized two others who have been members of the chapter for more than 50 years. Among those present were, from left, Mrs. Thelma Standiford (50 years), Mrs. Opal Sexton Hamilton (Worthy Matron), Frances Fulton (50 years), Charles Fay (Worthy Patron) and Mrs. Grimes Caywood (50 years). Not present when the picture was taken was Thelma Linville, who has been a member for more than 50 years. — Mercury photo.

## Senior citizens group meet in Frankfort

Thirty-five older Kentuckians traveled to Frankfort this week to meet with Human Resources Secretary Grady Stumbo. "I'm going to sit down and listen to you," Stumbo told the group. He said that in the past, decisions about services provided for older persons "were made without consulting elderly people. This doesn't mean I can do everything you suggest, but I'd like to try."

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"The Army offers guaranteed skill training in many different fields, including electronics, communications, and mechanics," he says.

"And the Army offers some benefits that even the best employers usually can't offer, such as high educational benefits and travel to Europe."



According to Gill, the Army has several programs that are of special interest to new graduates, such as the two-year enlistment. In addition, the Army is offering cash bonuses up to \$3,000 for those enlisting for longer periods in certain Army specialties.

Army veterans get up to \$4,000 for post-service education for a two-year enlistment, and higher amounts for three or four-year enlistments.

For more information on Army opportunities, call Sergeant Gary Gill at the Lexington South Army Recruiting Station, telephone 278-2545.

## CHS Class of '30 has 50th reunion at local library

Camera units may have recorded the proceedings at this reunion, but members recalled many events which happened during the past 50 years as the class of 1930 gathered at the high school reunied at the Nicholas County Library.

The class prophecy was read during the proceedings and the traditional school colors blue and gold decorated the cake which was enjoyed by everyone.

The everyone's surprise Hazel Schwann, who had not been able to attend the past class reunions, attended this year's reunion.

Of the 17 members who attended the class reunion, 14 attended the alumni banquet at Lake Carnico. The 1930 class won the silver cup for best class percentage of those attending.

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## UK Ag College plans alumni fest for Sept. 6

The date for the 1980 reunion of alumni of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture has been set for Saturday, Sept. 6.

Scheduled on the day of the first home football game each fall, the event is a week earlier than usual this fall. The early date for the first home game was set to give the Kentucky Wildcats one game of experience on home turf prior to the game with the usually-tough University of Oklahoma Sooners at Norman Sept. 13, UK's opponent Sept. 6 is Utah State University.

This year's eighth annual UK Ag Alumni Roundup promises to be "the biggest and best ever," according to Paul Appel, assistant to the Dean of Agriculture. He said, "A very large blue and white tent will be erected outside of the E.S. Good barn to comfortably seat over 5,000 guests that are expected."

The meeting at the E.S. Good barn on the UK campus will feature a barbecue luncheon and a program honoring a distinguished alumna from each of the 15 chapters of the UK Agriculture Alumni Association throughout the state, with special recognition given to one selected as the state distinguished alumna.

Members of the 50th anniversary class of 1930 will be recognized during the program which also includes pres-

entations of the alumni leadership award and of student cash scholarships provided by the alumni group.

Special guests at the alumni roundup will be the 1980 cheerleader squad, the Wildcat mascot and 1980 basketball players including freshmen recruits and coaches.

"The annual Roundup programs are planned to encourage alumni to return to the campus to renew old acquaintances, make new friends and visit with faculty members," said Appel, who is coordinator of UK College of Agriculture Alumni affairs. He added, "The meeting also provides an excellent opportunity for the College of Agriculture Alumni Association to publicly recognize 50th anniversary class members and to present awards to distinguished alumni."

The luncheon which will be served at 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the program, alumni with tickets will attend the football game across the street in Commonwealth Stadium. Game time is 1:30.

Appel said that letters of invitation to the Roundup, including luncheon and football ticket ordering information, have been mailed to each College of Agriculture Alumna. (The College has 1,800 football tickets reserved for the September 6 game. Appel said that alumni association dues must be paid up to be eligible for reserved seat tickets.)

### Elementary school menu

August 28 — Sept 5

Monday, Aug. 28 — Hamburger on bun, french fries, tomato slice, banana, chocolate or white milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 29 — Corn dogs, cowboy beans, carrot and celery sticks, apple slices, chocolate or white milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 30 — Grilled steak on bun, tomato slice, lettuce leaf, peas, pineapple slice, chocolate or white milk.

Thursday, Aug. 31 — Spaghetti, peanut butter sandwich, green beans, french bread, fruit salad, chocolate or white milk.

Friday, Aug. 30 — Fish on bun, macaroni and cheese, slaw, ice cream, chocolate or white milk.

Saturday, Sept. 1 — No school.

Sunday, Sept. 2 — Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, tomato slice, cookie, pineapple slice, chocolate or white milk.

Monday, Sept. 3 — Pizza, corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, chocolate or white milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 4 — Ham, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, hot rolls, appleauce, chocolate or white milk.

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