

DEATHS

CANTRELL FLORENCE
Cantrell Florence, 78, died Friday, Jan. 23, 1981 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

He was a native of Nicholas County and a retired farm laborer. Survivors are his wife, Mary T. Florence, Carlisle; two sons, Croy Florence, Millersburg and William Florence, Bourbon County; one daughter, Mrs. Easter Stump, Bourbon County; one sister, Mrs. Gladys Tison, Lexington; one grandchild.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 26 at Matthews-Gaunce Funeral Home by the Rev. Eugene White. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

GEORGE B. DEATLEY
George B. Deatley, 87, of 1609 Versailles Road, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1981 at the VA Hospital.

He was a retired horseman, former owner of the High Point Stock Farm in Harrodsburg, and was a breeder of saddle horses. He was a native of Carlisle, the son of the late N. Lee and Addie Wilson DeAtley and was a veteran of World War I, having served with the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Hazel D. Sheely; two nephews and a niece.

Graveside services were conducted Jan. 27 in the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery by the Rev. Marshall J. Leggett.

Sales Report
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Jan. 24, 1981
Hogs Receipts, 223 — Packers 41/75; Heavies 60; Sows 27-43/50; Boars 30-37; Sows and Pigs 155; Shoats 6/26.
Cattle Receipts, 471 — Steers 25-30; Heifers 48-60; Baby Steers 25-30; Slaughter Cows 25-30; Slaughter Bulls 45-55; Cows by head 250-1300; Cow and Call by head 290-640; Stock Bulls 225-800; Stockers 115-220.
Calves Receipts, 106 — Top Veals 12-130; Medium 71-82; Baby 30-35.
Total Receipts — 859.

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Kentucky Afield

By John Wilson

RUSSELL P. ALEXANDER
Russell P. Alexander, 77, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 1981 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

He was a retired farmer and contractor, veteran of World War II, member of the VFW American Legion; Daughters Lodge #66 F&M, and was an elder of the First Christian Church, Carlisle.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Alexander; one brother, Dr. Raymond Alexander, North Carolina; one sister-in-law, Mrs. W. J. (Edith) Alexander, Carlisle; and three nephews, Services 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the First Christian Church by Rev. Mark Prevo and Father Herman Kambridge. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.

State fires cause \$700 million loss

Last fall's forest fire burned more than 302,000 acres in Eastern Kentucky and resulted in a loss of \$700 million in timber, according to Natural Resources Commissioner Ken Innes. Innes gave this report to the subcommittee on Development, Energy and Natural Resources of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee during its Jan. 27 meeting.

Innes also told the subcommittee that the administrative costs for the emergency were more than \$500,000, but some bills were still in and he could not give an exact figure.

From 85 to 95 percent of the fires were "necessary" in nature, Innes said. Field staff identified which fires had been set. There were no blunder storms in the area, and the fires had originated at trash dumps, he added.

Innes said Kentucky had a good stand of white oak and some Europeans were interested in it, but "that's gone now."

The \$700 million loss was solely for timber, and does not include such damage as sedimentation in streams. "This was the worst one we've ever had" in terms of loss and acreage affected, he said.

He also told the subcommittee that the division of forestry intends to train most of its staff to enable them to direct teams of 10 to 15 workers to deal with future emergencies. He said forest fires are difficult to handle because "you don't always know what they're going to do." He also praised the work of volunteer fire departments but said Eastern Kentucky has a critical need for more departments — some counties in that area have no departments.

Secretary of the Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Jackie Swartz told the legislature she is pleased with how the bureau responded to the emergency. She also said the bureau had eroded its performance to see what worked well and what went wrong. "The key item is coordination. We need to have a system in place ahead of an emergency," she said.

Innes also gave a brief report on activities of the division of forestry. During the 12-month period of July 1979 to June 1980, the division assisted 3,149 owners of woodland. In the first six months of the current fiscal year staff members aided 979 owners, whose land totaled 37,000 acres.

What do you do if you want a mess of fresh fish but your favorite pond is frozen over? Well, if the ice is thick enough you might give ice fishing a try. I was introduced to this sport recently by Dennis Brown, Louisville, and his two children, Jeff, 15, and Andrea, 18. The Browns have been ice fishing for several years now and seem to be using the techniques down pat.

The air temperature was about 26 degrees when we met at a small lake near Louisville. Although the sun was shining, the wind was rather brisk on the lake and the chill factor was probably around zero. So the first lesson I learned was to dress warmly — long underwear, heavy pants and shirt, a light down jacket and a snowmobile suit felt about right.

The next thing to do is check the line. The lake we were on had a six-inch ice layer, plenty enough to support people. Anything over three inches is safe, but Dennis says we won't venture out on the lake when the ice is thinner than that.

We were after bluegill, a species that, summer or winter, is generally willing to oblige the fish-hungry angler. The big trick in any season is finding the fish, but Dennis said he had already located the fish located. They were schooled in the deepest part of the lake, over the old creek channel about 20 feet down.

Although holes can be chipped in the ice with a hatchet or (as we saw another angler doing) with a garden spade, the easiest way to make a quick and neat hole is with an ice auger made for the purpose. These augers cost around \$20, but Dennis says they're worth the money if you do much ice fishing, since it is often necessary to drill a lot of holes to locate the fish.

Regular ice-fishing tackle is basic — a single anchor reel and a short rod, but rod and reel serve primarily to store line and isn't used either to cast or to play the fish. You can also use regular light spinning tackle.

Two or four-pound test line is best, coupled with a small hook and a light split bob. Was worms or meal worms make good bait and these should be treaded on the hook completely so that none of the hook itself shows.

Then lower the bait through the hole in the ice. When you feel the sinker touch bottom, lift the line a few inches, then attach a small float to the line to hold the bait suspended just off the bottom.

The next step is to sit down on a stool (or inverted bucket) you've brought along just for that purpose and wait for a bluegill to bite. If you're in the right place, you shouldn't have to wait long. But if there's no action, reel in, move to another spot and repeat the process.

When the float starts twitching there's a bluegill after your bait. The fish move slowly in cold water, so don't expect the cork to pop under as it does when a summer bluegill strikes.

After the float twitches a few times, set the hook. Because the float won't allow the line to be reeled in, the fisherman drops his rod and brings the fish up hand-over-hand. After the fish are caught, just lay them on the surface



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