

10.4% unemployment

Kentucky's unemployment rate, according to a recent report by the Department of Labor, has dropped slightly in February, preliminary labor force estimates show.

Unemployment was estimated to be 10 percent of the labor force during last month, the Department for Human Resources reported.

Approximately 146,000 persons were out of work in February, down from 170,500 recorded in January, according to a report by the Department of Labor. The report also indicates that the number of jobs in Kentucky in 1981 exceeded the 4,000 de-ficit in the number of jobs in 1980, and the remaining 2,190 "giving up and dropping out of the labor force."

The total number of Kentuckians working in February was 1,468,000 — a 4,100 more than in January.

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News briefly

BILL PRE-FILED
Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mt. Sterling, and Rep. Woody Allen, R-Madisonville, introduced a bill today which would require the state to pay for the cost of the state's public defender in the event of a conviction for a crime involving the use of a deadly weapon.

PLANTING INTENTIONS
Kentucky farmers plan to set 216,000 acres of burley tobacco in 1981 according to the Kentucky Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is 17 percent more than last year's harvested acres and 38 percent above 1979. Weather and disease reduced yield on both the 1979 and 1980 crops and burley use has been outstripping production. Because of the demand, government stocks are virtually empty. The basic quota is up 7.5 percent from last year and the farm quota, which reflects 1980's under-marketing, totaled about 850 million pounds for the Burley Bill. Average plantings in the Burley Bill total 32,310 acres, up 16 percent from 1980.

WHITE CORN PRODUCTION
White corn production in Kentucky is expected to total 118,000 acres of white corn in 1981, unchanged from a year ago. Farmers are hesitant at present to expand their acreage due to the recent drop in white corn prices and the low contract price for 1981 white corn. White corn intentions in the U.S. (19 estimating states) at 47,000 acres are one percent above last year.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM MARKETING
Kentucky cash receipts from farm marketing reached a record high of \$2,223.5 million in 1980, an eight percent increase over 1979. Cash receipts from 1979. Cash receipts have exceeded two billion dollars in Kentucky for the first time in 1980. Cash receipts from farm marketing in the past two years have more than doubled in the past ten years. Cash receipts from farm marketing increased during the past decade except during 1975 and 1979 when short crops, especially tobacco, caused needed declines. Production costs throughout the period have also increased significantly. The increase in total cash receipts was caused by a 37 percent increase in crop receipts which more than offset the two percent decline in livestock receipts. The increase in crop receipts was mainly due to a larger tobacco crop and higher prices for Kentucky's major crops. The decrease in livestock receipts was mainly due to lower prices received for cattle and hogs.

KIC BOARD TO MEET
The Board of Directors of the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) will hold a special meeting on Friday, March 27, 1981 at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Capital City Hotel in Frankfort, Kentucky. The purpose of this special meeting is the authorization for the staff to proceed with aggregate action to effectuate the sale of a Construction loan. This action to provide interim construction financing. Section 5 of the act authorizing the sale of the loan is being amended. The act and public are cordially invited to attend.

Senator Dee Huddleston
REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

Farm bill issues
On March 2, the Senate Agriculture Committee began 17 days of hearings on a new Farm Bill. This bill will provide the framework for federal farm policies and programs for the next four years, so many of the issues involved will affect Kentucky farmers. Those of us on the committee feel that substantive changes need to be made, not only because of the new administration's economic policy, but because we have seen deficiencies in some of the programs authorized in the 1977 Farm Bill. Of course, many of the factors which make up the economic climate for farmers are beyond the control of Congress, but we will make a serious effort to act on policies which will provide stability in the farm economy.

Issues we will be working on include:

- Commodity programs. Commodity programs included in the Farm Bill are food grains, soybeans, dairy products and wheat, among others. The most difficult aspects of fashioning commodity programs is the structure and level of the price and income supports which the farmer receives. Although these were set by the 1977 Act, changes have been made each successive year.
- Target Prices. The debate on target price levels and the components of production costs will focus on the base and adjusting support levels for wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice.
- Price supports. Levels and methods of adjusting loan rates will be closely scrutinized for all the commodities.
- Payment limits. Efforts will be made to reduce and increase the limits for wheat and feed grains. The crux of the argument will center on the distribution of program benefits — who should receive program benefits.
- Average Adjustments. The number and types of crops to be included in the means for annual adjustment, and the extent of adjustments will be in the Committee's evaluation as cropland diversion, set-aside, and normal crop acreage are discussed.
- Farmer Held Grain Reserve. Major debate will likely center around the extent of its role as a policy tool, and the mechanics of its size, release prices, col-piries, participation incentives, and the amount of administrative discretion to allow in operating the reserve.
- Conservation. The loss of soil by water and wind erosion continues to be a serious problem. There will be initiatives in link conservation programs and incentives to the commodity programs, with the key issue being to what extent the government should regulate farm business, while others will focus on cost sharing and tax incentives.

This year debate surrounding tobacco research and the price support and allotment programs. Expect to be intense. Even though administration officials have publicly pointed out that the tobacco programs have been the most successful and least costly of all the commodity programs, there are those who wish to eliminate the program. Those of us from tobacco states must therefore remain alert and continue our effort to convey to our colleagues and the public the value of the program.

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THE CARING CORNER

Bookie 20-15 "You shall not die"
A father came home one evening to find that a problem had arisen during the day with his young son. He had been accused of stealing comic books from the man who ran a store downtown. The mother had decided to wait until the father got home as they could talk about it as a family and decide what to do. After they talked a little bit, the father and son walked downtown to the store. The father said to the owner, "Is this the boy who stole from you a long time ago... and then he said, 'No, it's not the boy'?"

And as they were walking back together, the boy looked up at his father and said, "See Dad, doesn't it make you feel good inside when you know you didn't do it?"

We had such fun when we visited the property rights of owner. Join us this Sunday as we study the Ten Commandments.

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Letters

To The Corleone Mercury:
Tonight I read the Mercury of a letter reader by Dept. Donald Elder from the Civil Defense Department. I was asking that your Nicholas County Board of Education give permission to the elementary school to give field of a farm as a study facility in the field of a farm or other direction. The board voted in favor of the request stipulating that the gym may be used only for school purposes.

This seems to be a most selfish decision for a group of educated people make. Believe me that if a killer tornado ever strikes near and many people and property are killed and destroyed, as we were in Xenia April 3, 1974 (my inclusion) you surely would not be so inhuman as not to allow classes to be disturbed in order to allow one section of me heading to be used for your unfortunate fellow man. This is the tornado season, you know!

Your buildings could be flattened in a second. Don't think they are tornado proof. We have no building in Xenia that is not "tornado" to use in an emergency.

Disturbing classes when a tornado comes is the farthest from one's thoughts in my mind. I would like to see the same as yours before the great tornado leveled our big high school and five elementary buildings and 11 churches, not to mention many of our homes (mine included) and many places of business! If so, we are informed now.

Trusting you will have second thoughts and concern for your fellow man.

From a former teacher of 27 years' work in my dear old Nicholas County, KY.

Sincerely,
Lillian H. Ferguson
1046 Lark Lane
Xenia, Ohio

Feeder cattle outlook
Spring price rise fall even higher

If you have feeder cattle to sell or if you want to stock pasture or fill a feedlot, this spring outlook has a good tone to go to the market.

"This may indicate that double-batch, but the long and short term price outlook for feeder cattle indicate that both buyers and sellers will have profit opportunities this spring," said A. Lee Meyer, Extension livestock marketing specialist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Here's how he figures the prospects for sellers:

Spring usually is a good time to sell feeder cattle because seasonal demand is strong from feeder operators and from farmers who have grass coming in and need cattle to get the forage to market. Highest prices of the year generally are paid in March to June.

"The specific situation this year adds support to the normal trend for feeder cattle price strength in the spring months," said Meyer. "The outlook indicates price will rise, probably starting upward around mid-April. A spring price rise is fairly certain. Just when it will occur is more open to question."

If you want to buy feeder cattle, an unusual thing about this situation is the year indicates good profit prospects on feeder cattle bought this spring, according to the marketing specialist.

Prices of feeder cattle will be even higher next fall than during this spring's strong market, according to the longer-term outlook.

"Buyer feeder cattle early this spring especially looks like a good profit opportunity in view of the rise in higher next fall than during this spring's strong market," Meyer said.

The specialist advised preparation of a feed cost budget to get a good estimate of how you might come out by buying feeder cattle this spring for feedlot or pasture. Forage improvement by limping or intercropping with legume such as red clover in fescue pastures can help hold down feed costs.

For customers who see enough profit opportunity in buying feeder cattle to push pasture carrying capacity to the maximum, Meyer recommended supplementing pasture to increase the stocking rate and produce faster gains on the cattle.

If you decide to sell or buy feeder cattle this spring, the marketing specialist said there are several types of market in Kentucky — auctioneers, direct selling on the farm and board sales which are relatively new and combine features of an auction with those of direct selling.

In addition to regular auctions, the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association sponsors graded and grouped auctions. There are 19 KBCA auctions scheduled from March 28 through April 29. County Extension agents in Kentucky can provide dates and places as well as conditions of sale and number of cattle expected.

Direct sales at the farm include operations of cattle dealers and order buyers.

A board sale is scheduled April 6 at the Clark County stockyards, with over 800 Angus and Angus crosses expected to be offered. In this type of sale, the cattle actually stay on the farm of the producer until after they are sold. A description of the cattle is available to buyers, and they may go to the farm to inspect the cattle prior to the sale. At the auction, buyers bid on each offering on the basis of the description without the cattle being present.

\$57.6 billion generated annually by tobacco growing

What does tobacco contribute to the nation's economy? A 1979 study by Wharton Research Institute shows tobacco and its products generated \$57.6 billion annually toward U.S. gross national product. These include 2 million jobs, \$30 billion wages and earnings, and \$15 billion in capital investments.

Saltwell news

Miss Leah Doyle, Harrison County, and Miss Lyle Doyle, Mt. Sterling, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Milton, near Carlisle, was a Saturday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Storey.

Miss Frances Barlow, Carlisle, spent Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

The Headquarters United Methodist Men and Ladies will have their regular monthly meeting this Thursday night, March 26, at 7 o'clock. Supper will be served. Howard White, Carlisle, will be speaker for the men.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady and Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Brunker and Mike were among those in violation at Whaley Rural Home on Friday night for the passing of Lloyd Brunker, Cynthiana.

Mrs. Vaughan Matton and Mrs. Allen Rick Grant at the Sarda Church the past Sunday afternoon.

James Gaucens, Troy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morris and son and Donald Hight were among a group attending a Lay Women's Session at Cordie, South Georgia, this weekend.

where Rev. Norman Danlop is pastor. Mrs. Erma Nichols, Mrs. Beate Smith, Mrs. Miranda Wilson and Stanley Storey enjoy ice cream and cake with Mrs. Iva Stone, Lexington, on Thursday, honoring her 81st birthday. Mr. and Mrs. George Root, Georgetown, were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Andrew Grey, Carlisle. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Whitlough were also Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Grey.

Mrs. Fred Hollar spent Friday with Mrs. James Wilson, Carlisle.

Mrs. Beverly Bean, Warner Robbins, Georgia, and Mrs. Brenda Nelson and children, Cynthiana, visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGeed and Eric, Fairmount, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hazel Soapp.

Mrs. I.H. Gaunce and Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell attended the birthday dinner for her brother, Art Pallard, Frankfort, who was 83 years old this past Saturday.

Harold Matton and Kay Mahoney, Lexington, spent the past Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar.

Any and Dena Matton, Lexington, spent the past weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Storey.

Larry Faulkner, who has spent the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Faulkner, Ft. Pierce, Florida, arrived the past week with his family. Mrs. Fred Hollar and his wife also spent the past several weeks with Mr. McDonald, who remains ill, but is slightly improved.

A very large crowd attended Visitation and funeral of Mark Withers at Matthers-Gaunce Funeral Home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Masters and children, Xenia, Ohio, spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Stone and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar visited Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Matton on Sunday night.

Mrs. John Withers and son Mark and Chris Strickland of Cleveland, Ohio, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Phyllis McDonald, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Soapp and Mrs. Alberta Soapp spent Sunday with

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Soapp, near Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith and Shellie, Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Faulkner, Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gilbreath and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and children.

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