

Some hog farmers out of business

Higher beef, pork prices ahead for shoppers

Consumers who have enjoyed the relatively steady and low prices of recent months may be disappointed by what is ahead for most parts.

Larger cuts in farm level production during the last year have initiated a series of events which will lead to higher pork and beef prices in the next few weeks, according to Dr. A. Lee Meyer, Extension economist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"Pork prices will rise an average 15 percent, about 20 cents a pound, Meyer said. And for beef, the price increase is expected to be about seven percent, or an average 15 cents a pound.

When retailers promote meat for grilling and steaks, he said, the average retail beef price is likely to rise six to eight percent, or about 15 cents a pound for ground beef and about 8 cents a pound for sirloin steaks and other cuts.

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Fashion Revue and Charm School

Seven 4-H girls were chosen for the Bluegrass Area Fashion Revue to be held June 8 at Fayette Mall in Lexington. In addition, Michele Mattan was selected for model and Melanie Robbison for best garment selection in Charm School participation. Front row, from left, are Lisa Moss, Unit Champ; Gretchen

Mills, O'Hara win... Nicholas turnout was very light

In a Democratic spring primary in Nicholas County that was spectacular for the number of persons who didn't vote, Don Mills narrowly carried the county over his nearest challenger, Ed Miller of Orlitage, with Dick Robinson a poor third and Jerry Hammond a dismal last. The race was for the right to face GOP Congressman Larry Hopkins of the 10th District in November.

Only 264 persons voted in Nicholas County, out of a possible 4124, the number of registered voters. That is a percentage of only 7.1 percent. Mills got a total of 130 votes in the county and carried every precinct except Barterville, Headquarters, and Battery. Ed Miller got a total of 84

votes with Dick Robinson getting 21 and Hammond 12. In the race for Justice of the Supreme Court, John J. O'Hara carried Nicholas County by a wide margin over his two challengers, Donald Winterbottomer and Tim Nolan. O'Hara got 114 votes in the county with Winterbottomer getting 71 and Nolan 56.

The primary noted for its lack of any local races to spark interest in an otherwise "bored-out campaign" by four Democratic congressional candidates, all of whom said they were saving their " firepower" for the fall confrontation with Larry Hopkins. Long time political observers in Nicholas County, however, have told the Mercury that Hopkins seems to be unshakable this year, regardless of who the Democratic candidate is in the fall.

Our pictures

Because of space and time restraints it is not always possible to get all the pictures we have taken in the very next issue of the Mercury. If we have taken a picture of your event or meeting and it does not appear in the very next issue, most likely it will appear in the issue after the next. You are welcome to call us at any time requesting any pictures we have taken.

Rainfall still below normal

Although Nicholas County farmers are better off than they were a week ago with regard to rainfall, the county is still well below normal for the time of year.

The Kentucky Crop Reporting Service says the Mayville reporting station is 4.06 inches below normal in rainfall since April 1. The Lexington station is 2.26 inches below normal.

This could cause problems in July and August, if we have low rainfall moisture during the hottest days of the summer.

Setting barley setting is now active in most areas, the Crop Reporting Service says, with about 20 percent of the barley crop set as of May 24.

At this time there appears to be enough plants in most areas and no unusual problems are being reported, except for some angular leaf spot and some cornworm night-beds.

The crop service says setting is about an inch below other normal years.

Speedo swimsuits Made in Paris by Wayne Shumate's company

Kentucky Monthly magazine, a glossy magazine published in Lexington, has a feature article this month on the company owned in part by a Nicholas County resident, Wayne Shumate. The article, accompanied by numerous color pictures, is actually about Speedo racing swimsuits, but the company name is Kentucky Textiles of Paris. In case you haven't seen the article, we have obtained permission to reprint it. It was entitled, "The Competitive Edge."

Tucked away at the bottom of a hill on a narrow side street near the outskirts of Paris, Kentucky, is a large, square-of building that could be the home of just about any manufacturer. It is, in fact, the home of Kentucky Textiles — and inside the building are created all of the Speedo racing swimsuits sold in America. You may not know them by the Speedo brand name, but you have

Memorial Day Monday closings

If you're thinking of transacting any business in Carlisle on Monday, May 31, think again. Although some retail businesses will remain open that day, many others will not. The Post Office windows will be closed that day, however the lobby will be open. The Nicholas County Library will be closed Monday, May 31, and the bookmobile will not run Tuesday, June 1. The Nicholas County Community Center will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. The County Clerk's office will be closed, as will the Circuit Clerk, the Property Valuation administrator and the Sheriff's office. (The Sheriff will be on call.) Both Carlisle banks, the Deposit Bank and the First National Bank, will be closed. There is no school on Monday, May 31. All state offices will be closed by order of Governor Brown. Kentucky Utilities office in Carlisle will be closed. Both Blue Grass Industries and Blue Grass Bottling will be closed on Monday, May 31, and so should will work that day.



Along Burns Pike Burns Pike, the county map calls it, at the south end of the county between Jacktown Road and Somerset Road. Several like this are one more reason why folks say Nicholas County is one of the more scenic counties in Kentucky.

Donations toward the medical response of Mrs. Nora Mitchell Brumage are being accepted and may be made by contacting Doug Garrett at Garrett's Funeral in Carlisle. Mrs. Brumage is suffering from cancer and is a widow with a young daughter and no insurance. Mrs. Elaine Crawford has told the Mercury. Any gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Dr. Asbury will speak Historical Society annual dinner

Dr. Eddie Asbury of Cincinnati and Carlisle's Forest Retreat Farm will be the guest speaker at the Nicholas County Historical Society's annual dinner-cum-dance on Saturday, June 12, at 8:00 p.m. at Carver County Club, Carlisle. The public is invited. Dr. Asbury will hold an autograph session before and after the dinner to autograph his new book "Three Seasons and Summer in Kentucky." Proceeds from book sales, which may be ordered for \$14.95 from Dr. Borna Colledge, Press, Dept. A, P.O. Box 580, Lexington, Ky. 40501, go to Borna Colledge. Born in Carlisle, Ky. in 1898, Dr. Asbury will present historical reminiscences, and will compare the cultures of Ohio and Kentucky. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1920. He was a resident and first assistant in surgery at the Mayo Clinic from 1922-29, and held a medical practice in Cincinnati and Carlisle until his retirement in 1973. The first Kentucky elected to the Jockey Club in 1903, Dr. Asbury was a founder of the non-profit Board of Kentwood and Kennelwood Sales Company. He was also founder and president of the Ohio Valley Thoroughbred Club. He has been the owner and operator of Forest Retreat Farm since 1934, which farm bred Determan, winner Kentucky Derby, Hall of Fame winner of Kentucky Oaks; Revokard, winner of Kentucky and other stakes winners. The home of the 1903 Governor of Kentucky, Forest Retreat also is the site of the restored Daniel Boone's Cabin (the last home in Kentucky) and Forest Retreat Tavern (the half-way stop between Lexington and Mayville). To make reservations for the dinner, mail your check for \$2.00 per person to the Nicholas County Historical Society, P.O. Box 222, Carlisle, Ky. 40311, before June 1. Make the check dinner reservation.

The embankment to the left falls sharply to Somerset Creek, emptying into Hindlinton Creek which then forms most of our county border with Bourbon County. — Mercury photo.

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