# Courthouse news

Discussing a new cookbook

Nicholas County Homemakers got together in a meeting recently to discuss their forthcoming cookbook to be published later. Front row, Virginia Crump, East Union Club; Mrs. Hanson Ellington, Moorefield; Eula Carter, Parks. Back row, Mrs. Reynolds Allison, Headquarters; Mrs. Harold Crowe, Miranda Club. — Mercury photo.

Factory Outlet Shoes

A new store in Carlisle is selling shoes and is located next to the Senior Citizens center in the building where Abraham's Ladies Shop used to be. Bernard Tyree of Fleming County is the proprietor. His hours are 9 to 5 p.m., six days a week. "I have quality shoes at lower prices," says Mr. Tyree. — Mercury photo

**Marriage Licenses**

Douglas Earl Frederick, 19, Route 4, Carlisle, a cemetery worker, and Jacqueline M. Walters, 19, Route 4, Carlisle.

## 4H Camp here June 13-17

Nicholas County will be camping at North Central 4-H Camp June 13-17. Classes will be offered in archery, swimming, boating, computers, arts and crafts, riflery, recreation and nature study.

Camp will be held with Bath, Clark and Menifee counties. 4-H members ages 9-14 may attend camp at a fee of $35. Applications are available by calling the County Extension Office, 289-2212. All forms and money are due by the first week of June.

## Nicholas has new job program

Human Resources Secretary Buddy Adams has announced Kentucky will receive about $34.4 million under the Job Training Partnership Act to fund programs in fiscal 1984.

JTPA is the new federal program which will be administered by the Cabinet for Human Resources through the Department for Manpower Services. It will replace the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Oct. 1.

The cabinet will distribute $26.9 million (78 percent of the state's allocation) for programs which will be administered locally by nine service delivery areas, including the Bluegrass ADD which covers Nicholas County.

Bluegrass ADD (Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford counties) — $1,921,775.

An area's allocation is based on the number of economically disadvantaged and number of unemployed in the area. The funds will be used for training, administration and support services.

**FARMERS STOCKYARDS**
**Flemingsburg, Ky.**
**Feeder Calf Sale — May 25, 1983**

| CATTLE | |
|---|---|
| Receipts | 369 |
| **FEEDER STEERS** | |
| 300-400 lbs. | 67.00-69.00 |
| 400-500 lbs. | 69.00-69.75 |
| 500-600 lbs. | 66.75-69.75 |
| 600-700 lbs. | 64.00 |
| 700-800 lbs. | 62.10-62.25 |
| **HEIFERS** | |
| 300-400 lbs. | 64.00 |
| 400-500 lbs. | 58.00-62.00 |
| 500-600 lbs. | 54.95-56.25 |
| 600-700 lbs. | 56.90 |
| 700-800 lbs. | 55.00 |

# Burley meeting

## Fails to produce any agreement

Leaders of Kentucky burley interests met last Thursday with Senators Walter Dee Huddleston and Wendell Ford and other members of the state's congressional delegation in an effort to develop a legislative strategy that would insure survival of the tobacco price support program.

The two-hour session failed to produce an agreement as to what changes would be acceptable to all segments of the industry. However, the group unanimously agreed that the program must be saved and said it would try to provide the Congressional delegation with a list of alternatives to consider.

"It is virtually certain that there is going to be legislation affecting tobacco this year," Huddleston said. "What is important is that whatever gets enacted be in burley's best interests.

"We all have a primary interest in saving the burley support program. Any legislation that fails to do that is simply unacceptable."

Ford joined Huddleston in focusing on protecting burley's interests, particularly in light of the apparent need for serious changes in the flue-cured program.

"A number of major changes in the program have been proposed by flue-cured interests and it is essential that burley have significant input into any proposed legislation," Ford said. "As far as the Congress is concerned, tobacco is tobacco and the changes that the flue-cured interests support are not necessarily in burley's best interest.

"It was important that we all sit down together and lay it on the line so that there are no surprises down the road. We need to know what changes they can live with before we go out on the House and Senate floor and we simply are a long way from having a consensus right now.

"The Kentucky group told the Congressional delegation that the major problems facing burley right now involve a large surplus as a result of last year's record crop and the need to provide stability in the support price for growers. However, a number of factors such as increased use of offshore tobacco that can be purchased by manufacturers at a lower cost and reduced export demand for American tobacco have placed burley growers at a major crossroads."

**PARIS STOCKYARDS**
**May 25-26, 1983**

| CATTLE | |
|---|---|
| Receipts | 589 |
| **SLAUGHTER COWS** | |
| Price trend | Steady to 1.00 lower |
| Utility | 43.00-52.50 |
| Cutter | 37.50-43.00 |
| **SLAUGHTER BULLS** | |
| Price trend | 1.00 lower |
| Yield grade 1-2 | 46.50-60.00 |
| **VEALERS** | |
| Price trend | No test |
| Choice | 75.00 |
| **FEEDER STEERS** | |
| Price trend | Steady |
| 300-400 lbs. | 70.00-75.00 |
| 400-500 lbs. | 68.00-81.00 |
| 500-600 lbs. | 67.00-74.00 |
| 600-700 lbs. | 63.00-67.00 |
| 700-800 lbs. | 62.00-64.05 |
| 800-900 lbs. | 60.00-63.40 |
| **HEIFERS** | |
| Price trend | Steady |
| 300-400 lbs. | 58.00-62.50 |
| 400-500 lbs. | 58.00-62.50 |
| 500-600 lbs. | 55.00-60.00 |
| **COWS W/CALVES** | 370.00-502.00 |
| **BABY CALVES** | 105.00-165.00 |
| **SLAUGHTER HOGS** | |
| Receipts | 553 |
| **BARROWS, GILTS** | |
| Price trend | .25 lower |
| U.S. 1-2, 210-240 lbs. | 47.50-47.65 |
| **SOWS** | 1.00 lower |
| Price trend | 40.25-43.00 |
| U.S. 1-2, 300-625 lbs. | |
| **BOARS** | Untested |
| Over 300 lbs. | |


**New Small Animal Health Service**
at
**Nicholas Co. Health Dept.**
Carlisle
Every Saturday except Holidays
Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
* All small animal health services provided by the Blue Cross Small Animal Mobile Clinic.
For more information call the Blue Cross Small Animal Hospital, Lexington, KY. 606-254-1359.



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## Just Dots . . .

With a map of Nicholas County and a pencil, the Mercury could fill it with tiny marks. They'd be

**Just Dots . . .**

But each of them would represent a home into which The Mercury goes as a welcome visitor each week. Many of them would be homes into which it has gone since its beginning in 1867.

**Just Dots . . .**

But their number has increased steadily from year to year. Across this map, speckled with circulation dots, the newspaper's influence continues to spread.

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## — NOTICE —

All heirs or relatives of Paris Howard, Matthew Howard, Margaret Stoker, Ella Stoker, Alice Stoker Hoeing, Hattie Stoker Milligan, Sara Stoker Halderman, Minnie Halderman Victor, Catherine McCarney, Ida W. McCarney, Current McCarney, Eads Bernard Thornton, Lucy Thornton Ellis, or Matthew Thornton, contact the undersigned Special Commissioner of the Bourbon Circuit Court on or before June 27, 1983.

Raymond Francis Connell
326 Main Street
Paris, Kentucky 40361
(606) 987-3025

## SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE

NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 83 CI 025
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CARLISLE, KENTUCKY, PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
EUGENE MITCHELL, SYLVIA JOY MITCHELL, JAMES CECIL MITCHELL, PHYLLIS MITCHELL, DEAN MITCHELL, EASTERN KENTUCKY PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION, BREWER TRACTOR SALES, INC., MASSEY FERGUSON CREDIT CORPORATION, DEFENDANTS
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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered in the above styled action on May 13, 1983, the undersigned Special Commissioner will on the 18th day of June, 1983, at or about the hour of 10 a.m., at the Court House Door, in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest bidder, and best bidder, the following described two parcels of property:

**PARCEL NO. 1:**

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a post corner to Julian Mobley; thence with his other land N 41½ deg. W 900 feet to a post; thence N 28½ deg. W 1026 feet to a post; thence S 77 deg. W 159 feet to a white oak; thence S 10½ deg. W 459 feet to a post; thence S 34 deg. E 2042 feet to the center of the Carlisle and Shirley Creek Road; thence out the same N 21½ deg. E 148 feet; N 31 deg. E 100 feet; thence leaving the road N 56½ deg. W 188 feet to a locust; thence N 36 deg. E 156 feet to a locust; thence N 53 deg. E 155 feet to the beginning; containing 21.75 acres.

This being the same property conveyed to Eugene Mitchell, and Sylvia Mitchell, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of Survivorship, by Billy J. Hopkins, Trustee, by deed dated the 30th day of October, 1978, and of record in Deed Book 72, page 178, of the Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

There is EXCEPTED from the above described property the following described property conveyed by Mortgagors be Charles E. Wilson by deed dated April 19, 1979, and of record in Deed Book 72, page 466, of said office, to-wit:

Two certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Nicholas County, Kentucky, on the Stoney Creek Road, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I: Beginning at a post, a corner to Robinson and Wilson, and running with the line of Wilson North 42 degrees and 00 minutes West 794 feet; thence with the line of same North 28 degrees and 45 minutes West 57 feet to a corner to Wilson and Tract 2; thence running with the line of Tract 2 South 56 degrees and 00 minutes West 37 feet to a corner to Tract 2 and Mitchell; thence running with the line of Mitchell South 42 degrees and 00 minutes East 643 feet, and thence with the line of same South 3 degrees and 00 minutes West 316 feet to a point in the line of Robinson; thence running with the line of Robinson North 30 degrees and 00 minutes East 70 feet; thence with the line of same North 53 degrees and 00 minutes East 173 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 1.50 acres of land.

TRACT II: Beginning at a corner to Tract 1 and Wilson and running with the line of Wilson North 28 degrees and 45 minutes West 1073 feet; and thence with the line of same South 77 degrees and 00 minutes West 194 feet to a post in the line of Stanley (formerly); thence running with the line of Sunday (formerly) South 10 degrees and 30 minutes West 430 feet to a corner to Sunday and Watkins; thence running with the line of Watkins South 34 degrees and 00 minutes East 844 feet to the corner of Watkins and Mitchell; thence running first with the line of Mitchell and thence with the line of Tract 1 North 30 degrees and 00 minutes East 417 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 10.00 acres of land.

**PARCEL NO. II:**

That small tract of land lying on the east side of Kentucky Highway 32 in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of Ky. Hwy. 32, a corner to Tincher; thence leaving said highway and running with the line of Tincher South 66 deg. 30' East 688.0 feet to a corner to Mitchell; thence running with the line of Mitchell North 24 deg. 45' East 566.0 feet to a corner to Stone; thence running with the line of Stone South 64 deg. 30' West 149.0 feet; South 78 deg. 14' W 51.0 feet and thence with the line of Stone North 160.0 feet and thence with the line of same North 80 deg. 14' West 210.0 feet to a point in the center of Ky. Highway 32; thence running with the center of Ky. Highway 32 South 9 deg. 00' West 280.5 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 4.70 acres of land.

This being the same property conveyed to Cecil Mitchell and Phyllis Mitchell, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, by Billy G. Hopkins, Trustee, by deed dated the 30th day of October, 1978, and of record in Deed Book 72, page 179, of the Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

Said property is subject to WATER LINE EASEMENT AND PASSWAY granted to Michael Sexton and wife by agreement dated May 25, 1978, recorded in Deed Book 72, page 328, of the Nicholas County Clerk's Office, and deed dated April 25, 1978, recorded in Deed Book 71, page 677, of said office.

Upon sale of the above described property, the purchase price shall be payable as follows: Twenty percent (20%) on day of sale, with balance on a credit of sixty (60) days for which the purchaser shall be required to execute bond, with good security, dated as of the date of the sale and bearing interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum until paid, same to have the force and effect of a judgment, upon which execution may issue if same is not paid at maturity. As security for The purchase price the Special Commissioner will retain a lien against the real estate to secure payment of the balance of the purchase money. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying cash upon approval of sale by the court.

All unpaid ad valorem property taxes against said real estate shall be paid out of the purchase money.

Following the sale of the above described property the Special Commissioner shall report his actions to the Court. Said report shall be held over for a period of ten days for confirmation or exception, and anyone desiring to object or except to the sale shall do so by that time or be barred forever.

s/Charles M. Cox,
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER
6-2-3tc4


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**Classified Ad Page Deadline Tuesday Noon**

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Good used refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. 30 day guarantee on all used appliances. Phone Chester Bretz, 289-2709 anytime.
6-1-4tc

FOR SALE: Large sized maternity clothes, dehumidifier, deluxe Eureka vacuum cleaner, all in good condition. Call David or Sharon at 289-7357.
6-2-1t

MOBILE HOMES: Large selection new, used, repossessed homes. VA-FHA bank financing. Manchester Mobile Homes, Manchester, Ohio, 513-549-2024.
6-2-10tc

FOR SALE: 50-acre farm, one-half mile from town. 3770 lbs. tobacco base. Eight room house, electric heat. See or call Mrs. Taylor Snelling, 289-5507.
6-2-1t

FOR SALE: Farmall Super C tractor, cultivators and side dresser. Call 289-2582.
6-2-2t

FOR SALE: Bedroom suite. Bunk beds (can be used as twin beds) with mattress and box springs, dresser with hutch top and night stand. This suite is in excellent condition. Larry Wills, 289-7255.
6-2-2t

FOR SALE: Plumbing pipe and fittings. Electric wire by the foot or roll. Reid and Vice, Inc., 289-7175.
Jn-2t

IN STOCK: Roof shingles, best grade, $25.95 square our yard. Plywood, felt, nails. Reid and Vice, Inc., 289-7175.
5-26-2t

FOR SALE: Sakrete Concrete Mix — Mortar Mix. Easy way to pour or patch concrete. Just add water. Reid and Vice, Inc., 289-7175.
5-26-2t

FOR SALE: Bolts, machine bolts, stove bolts, washers. All common sizes in stock. Reid and Vice, Inc., 289-7175.
5-26-2t

FOR SALE: Lot on East Union Road. Donald Peck, Headquarters.
5-26-2t

## YARD SALE

YARD SALE: Layne Gray's, Route 4, two miles out of town. June 3 and 4. Two riding mowers, three push mowers, air conditioner, clothes, bicycle, toys, two televisions, six dinette chairs, four captains chairs, sink, ice box for van, three sets of tires and wheels, radios, CB's, tools, chest and lots more.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: June 3-4, 9:00-4:00, rain or shine. Dresses, shoes, purses, pant suits, baby things, irons, lots of miscellaneous items. Liberty Heights, Carol Sherman and Hazel Roberts.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: Green Valley Apartments, Friday and Saturday, 9 to 7. Clothes, miscellaneous.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: 314 Kennedy Heights, June 3 and 4, 9:00-4:00. Two families. Girls clothes, sizes 4 and 5, shoes, bathing suits, etc. Boys clothes, sizes 12 and 14. Also adult clothes, toys, small furniture and miscellaneous items.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: 507 East Main, June 3 and 4. Men's and women's and baby clothes, one small television, one small radio, a small round stand with door, two old baskets, one small oil stove, one kitchen stool and lots of other items.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: Car stereo, student refrigerator, dressing table, television, hifi, art, depression glass, dishes, pottery, clothes, books. 110 Catherine Street, Saturday, 10-4.
6-2-1t

GARAGE SALE: June 2, 3, 4 and 5. One mile from Carlisle on the Upper Jackstown Road, from 9 till ? Dishes, whatnots, clothes, kitchen cabinets, china cabinet, old victrola, lots of other items.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: June 4, 9:00 till .... Dishes, clothes, bicycles, furniture and lots of miscellaneous items at 375 East Main Street.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: Bedroom suite, roll-a-way bed, dresser, chest, infant, children, adult clothes. 312 East Main, Saturday, June 4, 9-4. Joyce Hill.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: Several families in Kennedy Heights. Clothes, a Diamond Galore handmade quilt, couch and matching – chair, something for everyone! Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 8:00 a.m.-?
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: Saturday, 4th, and Sunday, 5th, 9 - ? Double-wide trailer in Arnold Heights. Cancelled if rains. Elsie Earlywine, Carlg Beatty.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: Saturday, 9-5. Locust Grove Road. Six families.
6-2-1t

YARD SALE: Saturday, June 4, 10:00-4:00. Men's, women's and children's clothing. Other items, too. Michelle Skidmore and Georgia Becker, Moorefield. Cancelled if rain.
6-2-1t

## NOTICE

NOTICE: The Dairy Queen is now featuring frozen lemons and phone numbers when giving a check.
5-26-2t

NOTICE: Charlie's Electronics. I repair refrigeration units, washers, dryers, freezers, hot water heaters. Charles Gates, East Main, phone 289-7547.
5-17-4tc

NOTICE: See us for your carpet needs. Commercial or residential. Garrett's Furniture Co., 226 West Main Street. Phone 289-2308.
6-16-4tc

NOTICE: Glass, plexiglass, screen wire, rat wire, poultry wire, fence staples. In stock. Reid and Vice, Inc., 289-7175.
5-26-2t

NOTICE: Steak supper Friday night, 5 o'clock. T-bone, baked potato, salad and drink, $5.00. Kelley's Restaurant, East Main, Carlisle.
6-2-1t

NOTICE: Rose Hill Methodist Church, all day memorial service, June 5. There will be special singing by George Walker, Gospel Mellotones and Morris Guy. Everyone invited. Pastor Rev. Roy Hunt.
6-2-1t

NOTICE: We sharpen garden tools, saws, scissors, parking shears, knives, axes and hedge trimmers and more. Jones, 230 W. Main, Carlisle.
6-2-1t

NOTICE: Raymond Robinson — Al — Concrete works. Call anytime night or day, 606-289-7345. We do it all, big and small.
6-2-1t

NOTICE: Cake mixes or creamy frosting, free for $1.00. All canned goods 10 percent off. Jones Market, 230 West Main, Carlisle.
6-2-1t

CARD OF THANKS: Want to thank the entire hospital staff; also Dr. Morford for the kindness and care given me; also all my friends for visits, cards and gifts; also dietary department. Mrs. Helen Myers.
6-2-1t

CARD OF THANKS: We want to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for the kindness shown to us in the loss of our dear husband and father, Kash Ratliff; also the beautiful flowers, food, cards and prayers; Brother Gipson for his lovely services; Dr. Hamon, Mathers and Gaunce for their kind and efficient service. May God bless each one of you. The family of Kash Ratliff.

**EXECUTOR NOTICE**

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate of Andrew Holland, deceased, will call upon the undersigned at once and settle same; and those having claims against said estate will present same properly proven to the undersigned (or attorney) for payment. John C. Holland, Executor of the estate of Andrew Holland, deceased. Conley and Conley, attorneys.
5-19-3t

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids for blacktopping of Carlisle City Streets will be opened at the June 13, 1983 Council meeting at City Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

All bids must be in by 7:00 p.m. June 13, 1983.

Specifications for bidding may be picked up at the City Office.

The City reserves the right to accept lowest or best bid, or to reject all bids.

City of Carlisle
5-26-2tc4g

Want Ads sell!!!!!

**NOTICE**

Bids will be received in the Nicholas County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Carlisle, Kentucky, until 4:30 p.m., June 13, 1983, to provide Nicholas County Road Department from 7/1/83 to 7/1/84 with following:

Motor vehicle fuel — 89 octane regular gasoline, 87 octane unleaded gasoline, No. 2 diesel fuel (or equivalent thereof) — bid prices to include use of 1000 gallon tank, two 300 gallon tanks, 3 electric computer pumps, 1 small electric pump.

Motor oil — Chevron Delo 400 10W, 20W, 30W, Delo 300 30W (or equivalent thereof).

Road oil — Ashland AE 200, RS2 (or equivalent thereof).

Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m., June 13, 1983, in Nicholas Fiscal Court Room.
6-2-1tc4

## FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Nice two bedroom mobile home, 1½ miles from town. Nice lot and garden space. $150 per month plus deposit. Call 289-5138 or 289-7286.
5-26-2t

FOR RENT: Newly constructed, one bedroom apartment; street level. 246 E. Main; close to stores, banks, restaurants and churches; parking in rear. Singles or couples only. Call 289-2593.
6-2-2t

## WANTED

WANTED: Mature, experienced woman to be in charge of nursery at First Christian Church, Sunday mornings 9:30-12:00. Contact Allen Campbell, 289-7230.
5-26-2t

WANTED: Piano and organ students. Teach at Carlisle Christian Church. Adults welcome. Call collect 606-224-6107.
5-26-2t

## POSTED

All persons are hereby notified not to trespass, fish, hunt, trap or shoot upon the land of the undersigned. Any person caught trespassing in violation of this notice will be reported to the Sheriff and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is necessary that we take this step to protect our property and wildlife.
E.K. Clark Farm on Soltwell Road.
4-7-1t

Bear tracks

Bill Donovan, who works at the First National Bank, swears these are bear tracks. In fact, he's so sure, he dug the tracks out of the mud along the Licking River and brought them to town in his pickup truck and got the Mercury to take a picture of them. He believes the small track at left to be the hind foot of a female bear. We have no reason to doubt his word. — Mercury photo.

# Buying a used car

Purchasing a car is one of the most significant expenses a family has. Shopping for an automobile can be exciting, but careful planning is crucial.

Whether you buy from a dealer or a private owner, Blue Grass AAA offers these tips worth following:

— Before you make any agreement, make sure you know what you are getting. Although it is not required by law, some dealerships offer guarantees. If this applies to the vehicle you are buying, see what the limitations are and only accept a written warranty.

— Know the cost of the car including finance charges (if they apply), license and taxes.

— Beware of places that offer weekly or monthly installments that seem too good to be true. Because loan interest accumulates, low payments may mean paying more over a longer period of time. And you could end up with a car that is not worth what you paid.

— Check the "Blue Book" (a publication which will give you the current market value) price of the car. Blue Grass AAA has this information available through its Approved Auto Check program.

You do not have to be a mechanic to get some idea of what kind of condition a car is in. Tom Woolery of Blue Grass AAA offers these suggestions:

— With the owner's permission, lightly scrape the under portion of the car with a knife or screw driver. If rust is found, or if there is a fresh undercoating (sometimes used to hide rust) look elsewhere.

— Lumps in a vinyl top may indicate that the substance used to hold it in place is no longer adhering. As a result, water will sometimes collect under the top causing rust.

— For signs of interior rust, check under the floor mats.

— If black smoke pours out of the tailpipe when the car is started, or if there is an oily feeling when you touch the inside of the tailpipe the car may be burning oil.

— If the vehicle has an automatic transmission, check the fluid level when the engine is warm. If it is low, there might be a leak. Additionally, if the fluid has a burning odor, or if it is brown in color, this might indicate transmission problems.

— If the car has power steering, check the fluid well and make sure it is filled to the appropriate level. If it is significantly low, there may be a leak.

— Check the tires for unusual wear. If they are worn on the sides, the car may be out of line. Also, look for depressions on the tire tread (sometimes known as "cupping") which may indicate an indication of suspension, shock absorber, or tire balancing problems.

— If you are buying a car with a standard shift, check for grinding sounds or difficulty when shifting. These might be signs of clutch or transmission problems.

— To get an idea about the condition of brakes, apply strong pressure with your foot to the pedal. If the brake goes immediately to the floor, then it is likely that work is needed. If the pedal sinks to the floor after you have applied about 30 seconds of pressure there may be a leak in the brake line; pressure has a tendency to force the fluid in the lines downward.

— Check wipers, window washer, lights, turn signals, heat, air conditioning, seat belts, radio, tape deck and anything that is part of the car's equipment (other than the engine).

Federal law requires that upon request from the prospective buyer the seller must furnish the name and phone number of the previous owner. If a private seller claims to have been the sole owner, request this in writing.

When you contact the previous owner, ask him what major problems he had with the car and why he sold it.

The law requires that a written statement must be issued by the seller that, to the best of his knowledge, the mileage reading is correct and the mileage odometer has not been tampered with.

Finally, never sign a contract until you have read it completely and understand the terms.

For more information, contact Tom Woolery at Blue Grass AAA, 233-1111, or toll-free[*]-800-432-0996.

# Kentucky Afield

## Fish, wildlife should survive

Although Kentucky's cold, wet spring has ruined a lot of weekend fishing trips, the long-range effects of all this water on fish populations should be positive.

Generally, spawning success and survival rates are good during rainy years, according to Ted Crowell, assistant director of fisheries for the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

High water levels during the spawning season provide good hiding places for the newly hatched fry, which leads to a high survival rate, Crowell says. Flooded areas also provide nutrients which increase the basic fertility of the water. This in turn promotes the growth of plankton and gives the entire food chain of the lake a boost.

We should also expect a good crop of gizzard and threadfin shad this year. These fish, which depend their eggs on floating debris, represent an important source of food for game fish, so a good spawn of shad will mean more bass, crappie and bluegill several years from now.

With many lakes at or near their maximum storage capacity, it will take a month or more for the waters to recede to summer pool levels. This slow fall should prolong favorable conditions for fish spawning and survival.

This spring's persistent heavy rains will have some effect on wildlife production also, but biologists don't expect any long-term ill effects on any of our game species.

Although quail nests in low-lying areas have been destroyed by high waters and although some young chicks probably didn't survive bouts of cold wet weather, adult birds should have come through without any major problem and will re-nest.

Later broods will probably have a better survival rate than those which hatch early in the season, so the over-all effects of our unusual weather on population levels shouldn't be too noticeable.

Rabbits breed all summer, so any early mortality from flooding or chilling should be compensated for later in the season. About the only game species that might be adversely affected is wild turkey. Last year, a cold, wet spring was followed by low reproduction and the same could be true this year.


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## State to get tough on over weight trucks

The state Transportation Cabinet will begin a special enforcement effort shortly aimed at increasing compliance with Kentucky's weight-distance truck fees.

Tim Helson, commissioner of the cabinet's Department of Vehicle Regulation, said that information gained through interviews with truckers at selected locations across the state will be used to identify companies and individuals who may not be paying the weight-distance tax enacted by the 1982 General Assembly.

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