



Points East

By:
Ike Adams

So much for thinking that I could get away with clipping what I considered some rather cute one liners off the Internet and convincing your editor to pay me for it. Special thanks to the ones who did but I missed me last week, now you know why. So much also for working on Sunday. I checked the Internet, the weather channel, the daily paper none of whom were predicting any rain at 3:00 PM last Sunday. The tempera-

ture was up to about 80 and the humidity was murderous. According to the instructions on my jumbo, \$25.99 bottle of Spectracide weed and brush killer the conditions were perfect for attacking thistles, burdock, wild lettuce, poison ivy, dandelions, wild geraniums and a host of other weeds on my little two acres of the world.

So that's what I set about doing instead of working on the grant pro-

posal that I have to have in the mail to HUD on Tuesday afternoon. Incidentally, if you have never done a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and you currently have a job cleaning out pig pens with a table-spoon, my advice is stay on the farm.

Anyway, I began mixing up the spray two gallons at a time after reading several pages of instruction that came with the concentrate. Actually, those instructions may have been written by the same guy who prepared the HUD grant details, but I'm getting good at reading fine print.

For more than 3 hours I paced the place like it was a two acre corn field. Back and forth, back and forth. Stop to mix, up another batch and repeat step one. I'm fairly sure that there is not a noxious weed on my property that didn't get a healthy dose. By the time I finished I was taking great satisfaction from the fact that several thistles had already started to drop.

I took the sprayer to the garage and stashed it and decided that a nice shower was in order because I had sweated out a lot of my own poison and then I heard the unmistakable pitter-patter on the roof. Not the kind of shower I had in mind. I dashed outside and noticed that it was no longer simply overcast. The clouds were huge and they were dark. There was no lightning, no thunder, no wind and there was scant chance of rain according to usual suspects.

But it rained—over half an inch in about an hour.

I dug out my weed killer instructions and the news was not good. In so many words I was advised that if it rained within eight hours, results would be minimal and I should wait for another hot, humid day and spray again. So I'm thinking, heck, finches love thistle seed anyway and dandelions are actually kind of pretty when they bloom. I'm going to pour five gallons of diesel fuel on the rockwall where the poison ivy is and set it on fire.

And that's probably what I should have done to begin with.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Cumberland Valley Milling Cooperative, Inc., I am very pleased to announce that our regional feed mill project has been awarded a package of grants totaling \$2,000,000. The confidence that has been shown by Governor Patton and the state Agricultural Development Board is both our organization and our project will enable us to push forward in our efforts to establish a state of the art mill facility in the heart of the Lake Cumberland area. By acquiring the ability to produce premium poultry feeds for the local poultry industry we will insure that there will be a stable ongoing market for the region's corn production and will significantly improve the cash price farmers receive for their corn. Our ability to produce soybean meal from locally grown soybeans will greatly improve both the market for our soybeans and the availability and price of premium soybean meal throughout our region and Eastern Kentucky and Northeast Tennessee.

This grant is a major victory for the farmers in the Lake Cumberland area. We would particularly like to thank Governor Patton and his staff and our fiscal advisors and extension office, personnel in Clinton, Cumberland, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell and Wayne counties for their ongoing assistance. We also are grateful to the county Ag Councils and county committees for allocating a portion of their available funds to our project.

We are continuing to work with Congressman Harold Rogers' office as we seek the federal matching funds that will be the final piece in our grant package. We are grateful for the ongoing assistance that has been provided by the Congressman's office and we are hopeful that our efforts will be successful in Washington and we can begin construction on the new mill later this fall. Following a construction period of approximately twelve months, we anticipate being operational by late 2002.

John D. Burton
Development Coordinator

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank Tony and Pernie Shearer for the years that they moved the cemetery at the Philadelphia United Baptist Church for nothing (they mowed, weeded, seeded, did everything and the cemetery always looked good.) They would not take any money for this.

JAMES BRYANT told them he did not

want them in the cemetery. They have a son buried there, a father, grandparent, brother, aunt and uncle and now the cemetery committee necessary to do what was being done for free.

From the family who has loved ones in this Cemetery,
Myrtle Low
Crab Orchard, KY

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Flea Market Tables

Every Thursday and Friday, rain or shine, LEAP will have tables for \$5.00 a day for rent April thru Sept. Come on down to LEAP office down at Calloway on US 25 South.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info. call 256-2129.

VA Rep

VA Rep Bill Livsey will be at the VFW Post every third Sunday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., May 28th: No schedule. Tues., May 29th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Wed., May 30th: Green Hill, County Boone, Fairview, Lambert Rd., Respiratory Care.

Republican Party

Republican Party will meet second Monday of every month at Kastle Inn Restaurant at 6 p.m. until further notice.

New Library Hours

Starting Monday, June 11th the Rockcastle County Public Library will be open new hours to better serve the needs of the community. Monday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday,

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast

Livingston Homecoming Fund Raider. Pancake breakfast, Saturday, May 26th starting at 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$2.50. 3 pancakes with syrup and butter, choice coffee or juice and choice of 2 sausage or 2 bacon.

Portrait Fundraiser

Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue Dept. will be holding a portrait fundraiser. Anyone who contributes \$10 or more will receive an 8x10 portrait. Pictures taken June 15th thru 18th at the fire house. Will be going door-to-door for contributions. Thank you for your continued support.

Offices Closed

All offices in the Rockcastle Courthouse except 911 will be closed Saturday, May 26th and Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial weekend.

Quilted Duffie Purse

May 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Quilted Duffie Purse will be taught at the Extension Service. Call 256-2403 for a materials list and to register.

Extension Classes

One June 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Quilted Swing Purse and Mini Wall let will be taught by Terina Eddington at the Extension Service. Call 256-2403 for a list of materials and to register.

Closed

The Circuit Court Clerk's office will be closed Saturday, May 26th, Monday, May 28th and Wednesday, May 30th. The Rockcastle Extension Service will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

Smoking Cessation

The Rockcastle County Health Department is now offering smoking cessation classes. If you or anyone you know is interested in a great way to stop smoking, please call the health department at 256-2242 for more information.

Board Meeting

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in special session, Tuesday, May 28th at 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Board of Education Central Administration Office. The public is welcome to attend.

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