



Points East

By: Ike Adams

But there's not a Kentucky reader out there, who, if they couldn't have an AK47 to mow down the opposition, wouldn't appreciate a steel-toed boot on the kicking foot to do a little butt kicking. Especially if they were in Frankfort this week.

I swear that I would not get into personalities regarding the current meeting of the Kentucky State Legislature and it's not an easy promise to keep. Most of the crowd are vitriolists so why single out the personalities? The whole bunch should be individually bent over a hardwood fence and every Kentuckian with a good foot should be allowed to put on a hard-nosed boot and go to kicking.

I mean and groan about garbage being an eyesore to rural Kentucky when, in fact, the garbage of this state is recently accumulated in Frankfort right now in the halls of the Capitol—where liars, cheats, imbeciles and never-do-wells congregate in the name of democracy and demonstrate that the intelligence of Kentucky's lawmaking ability is right up there close to the Stone Age.

Actually, if you did a real IQ test, you'd find that the average intelligence among the members of Kentucky's Senate was exceeded by

several points among the members of the monkey cages in the Louisville or Cincinnati Zoo. Spend a few minutes talking to a monkey (at either zoo) and you will have a far more thoughtful and intelligent conversation than you can have right now in Frankfort with, name your Donkie.

We are not even going to talk about the House of Representatives here. Castrated weasels are protected this time of year.

"Some how or other we have to figure out a way to get average Kentuckians represented in Frankfort when it comes time to make the rules. We have to figure out a way to get the tax control old of a legislative tyrant's hands so that we can catch a cab now and then when we are in Lexington. We have to figure out a way that men dying of black lung can get a pension from the industry that is killing them and that is, in fact, leaving widows penniless every day. We have to figure out how to get our roads and streams clean. We have to get more money and qualified teachers into our schools. And we have to figure out a way to send the David Williamses of the world to clean Mitch McConnell's toilet with his tooth brush when Mitch is finished using dupes like Williams to work his

own agenda. It's not going to be easy but until we do, Kentucky is going to be on the bottom rung on the ladder of American civilization."

All the evidence you need to prove that is happening right now in Frankfort. It's worse than disgrace. It is organized crime and it's flaunted—right out there for anybody to see. You and I are being bought and sold like slaves in Frankfort right now. The sad thing is that we elected the agents who are selling us down the tube. Education reform has a long way to go before we will feel any benefit in governance. And governance may kill it before it has a chance to catch on.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Monthly Meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) will hold monthly meetings open to the public the first Thursday of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency located in the USDA Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th.

The COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC members help FSA at the local level by deciding the kind of programs their counties will have and how they will operate. FSA committee operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgement and knowledge to make decisions.

Referrals on Mandatory Grading of Burley

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is required to conduct referrals, by March 31st, 2002 to determine if producers favor the mandatory grading of all tobacco by USDA that is currently eligible for price support under the Agricultural Act of 1949. This vote is required under the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2002, enacted November 28, 2001.

Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Kentucky, announced that ballots for the referendum on Burley tobacco are currently being mailed to

all eligible producers. The referendum period for dark air-cured (types 35 and 36) and fire-cured (types 21; 23) will be March 18 through March 22, 2002.

Persons who were engaged in the production of tobacco in 2001 will be eligible to vote in the referendum for that kind.

If a majority of the producers voting in a referendum favor the mandatory grading of that kind of tobacco, USDA will ensure that kind of tobacco is graded at the time of sale for the 2002 and subsequent marketing years. The USDA is also directed to establish user fees for any such inspections. These fees would be established in the same manner and be comparable to user fees for the grading of tobacco sold at auction.

For additional information or to request a ballot contact the local FSA County office.

Marketing Cards

Producers who have sold the current year's crop of burley tobacco MUST return their marketing card to the FSA office as soon as possible. Marketing cards recorded on the cards are compared to sales recorded for accuracy. Failure to return the marketing card promptly delays correct information for the 2002 crop year data.

Producers wishing to purchase Federal Crop Insurance (FCI) must do so by the deadline of March 15th. Crops eligible for insurance in Rockcastle County are corn and soybeans. FCI insurance is only available through private insurance companies.

Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) Kentucky Farm Service Agency has determined to have a Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) sign-up starting immediately and going through April 30, 2002.

To apply for SIP benefits producers must have more than 10 acres of non-industrial forest land. The program includes cost share for establishing or re-establishing stands of trees through planting or direct seeding of trees for conservation and sus-

tainable timber production, forest improvement and to maintain or improve water quality and soil productivity on forest land to restore wetlands.

All cost share practices approved during this sign-up period must have final performance reported by December 31, 2002. Therefore, expiration dates cannot exceed December 31, 2002.

For additional information contact the local FSA County Office.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited basis apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

FSA Reminds Foreigners of AFIDA Requirement

"Foreigners who have bought or sold agricultural land in Rockcastle County are reminded to report the transaction to the local Farm Service Agency office." Warden Alexander, County Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Farm Agency (formerly ASCS) said.

To avoid Federal penalties and

monetary fines, foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings, acquisitions, dispositions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes to FSA within 90 days.

"The report is required by the Agricultural Real Estate Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) which is still in effect," Alexander said. Foreign investors are required to file a report if all or part of any agricultural land is sold, or the title is transferred to another person.

Failure to file the AFIDA report could result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the interest held in the agricultural land.

For reporting purposes, agricultural land is any tract of more than 10 acres in the aggregate now in farming, ranching, forestry or timber production. Land used for forestry production is land exceeding 10 acres in which 10 percent is stocked by trees of any size, including land that formerly had such tree cover and will be naturally or artificially regenerated. "This includes land if agricultural use when purchased, as well as land later converted to agricultural uses," the FSA official said.

County government offices, realtors, attorneys, lending institutions and other involved in real estate transactions are asked to notify the foreign investor of these reporting requirements.

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"What Saith the Scriptures"

In Rev. 21 it is read: "And he said unto me, It is done. Thy Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." And in Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Notice several thoughts brought up in these verses.

The water of life, as the blessings of Christ for the soul. "Water is an essential element for physical life. So this must be a good analogy to the spiritual nature of the blessings for the spiritual man, it brings life! The water of life is given to us by God, the Alpha and the Omega. It is given freely, as is shown by the word, "gratuitously." John says that it is a "fountain" which "strong's dictionary says, "through the idea of gushing plumply." There is plenty, an ample amount for the thirsty soul. And finally, notice that it is for "whosoever will." Contrary to our Calvinist friends, the blessings of Christ are available to all, who will exercise the freedom to accept God's offer of mercy in Christ. Have you accepted the Lord's salvation to come and partake of the water of life? "Are you thirsty?"

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Grading All Tobacco... It Measures Up!



TOBACCO FARMERS - VOTE!

March 11 - 15 vote for grading of all burley tobacco.

Ballots must be postmarked or delivered to your county FSA office by March 15th.

Grading all tobacco helps ensure...

- ✓ A better price for your tobacco
- ✓ Equal and fair information for selling your tobacco
- ✓ A more stable and prosperous future for you and your tobacco farming operation
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Auction

of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wren's
Holstein Dairy Herd

Friday, March 15, 2002 • 10:30 a.m.

Near Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Kentucky

Location: Turn off Highway 150 in Crab Orchard onto Highway 39 South at the Red Head Market. Proceed approximately 4 miles south of Crab Orchard to Simpson Road. Turn off Simpson Road - first dairy farm on the right. Auction signs are posted.

Due to health reasons, Mr. and Mrs. Wren are changing their dairy operation to a beef operation. Therefore, they have authorized our firm to sell these excellent cows for the absolute high dollar.

Dairy cows that will be selling includes:

18 - 3 years old	2 - 7 years old	13 - 4 years old	3 - 8 years old
2 - 5 years old	3 - 9 years old	11 - 6 years old	1 - 10 year old

In addition to the cows, we will be selling an International semen tank with 24 straws from several bulls including: Landon, RCT, Mac, Spooler, Elvin, Kemper and Lonestar.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Mr. and Mrs. Wren have milked for many years. The herd has been on DHIA and has been a high producing herd. If you're in the market for some good replacement cows and heifers from an established herd, then be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. and make plans to attend this absolute auction.

TERMS: Cash or good check in full day of sale.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

For additional information, contact the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wren - 606-355-7544 or the auctioneers.

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