



These three members of the Rockcastle County High School FFA took third place honors in welding at a recent regional competition held at the high school. Members of the team are, from left: Dusty Carlotta, Danny Hunt and Billy Hackworth.

Says Cattle Prices Will Be Sensitive To Weather

Kentucky cattlemen can get a valuable clue to upcoming trends in the cattle market from reports of what the weather is like across the nation. The reason is that rain or the lack of it will determine pasture and range conditions which likely will affect cattle marketing patterns and prices, says John Gamble, UK extension livestock marketing specialist.

The latest pasture and range report indicates that the situation has changed in the past few months, with grazing conditions generally deteriorating in the West and Plains States but improving in the Midwest and Southeast. Estimates are that 76 percent of the nation's cattle, or 94 million head, are in areas where grazing conditions are poor for lack of rain.

Continued dry weather in the West and Plains States will force some cattle to market earlier than normal, says Gamble. Drought over a wide area could cause a glut in the cattle market and depress prices, especially for feeder cattle.

In Kentucky and over most of the

Southeast where pastures are good, cattlemen have more marketing flexibility. They may hold cattle until later this spring or summer.

So far this spring, smaller supplies of light feeder cattle have supported prices, says Gamble. Demand for beef in general and farmer-feeder demand for feeder cattle replacements in particular have remained quite strong. However, with moisture critical in the West and Plains States, Gamble says that cattle prices in the months ahead will be sensitive to rainfall—how much and where it occurs.

Stepped on the Scales Lately?

Have you stepped on the scales lately? If you didn't like what you saw, try a metric scale.

Tom was tilting the bathroom scales at 220 until he stepped on a metric scale. His weight dropped to 100. No miraculous diet was required—it's just a matter of switching from pounds to kilograms.

The United States is converting to the metric system of measurement over a 10-year period and it won't be long before everyone weighs in on a kilogram scale.

During National Metric Week, May 9-13, every American is being encouraged to develop and maintain an awareness of the metric system and is urged to use the metric system where it applies to all phases of daily life.

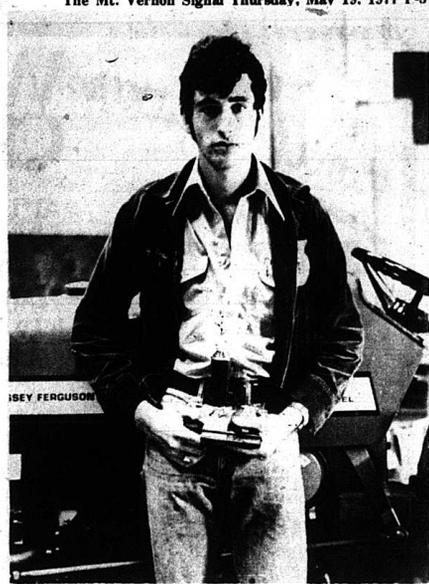
The metric system is based on a decimal system, or multiples of 10, similar to our monetary system.

We learn early in life that 10 cents make a dime and 10 dimes make a dollar. We multiply by 10 and quickly come up with \$10, \$100 and \$1,000.

Metrics work on a similar system. A gram has 100 centigrams. A kilogram is 1,000 grams.

The difficulty, said Lydia Wells Sledge, math consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education, comes when people start converting existing measurements to metric ones. Remembering that on kilogram is equal to about 2.2 pounds can be a problem.

She urges Kentuckians to "Think metric" instead of conversion factors. It's much easier to start with a gram or kilogram and multiply or divide by 10 than it is to convert pounds to grams, according to Sledge.



Phillip Kidwell, another FFA member, won first place in Regional Competition at RCHS recently.

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Bullock graduates

Bobby Bullock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer B. Bullock, of Rt. 1, Brodhead, graduated from Kentucky State University, Sunday, May 15, 1977, majoring in Computer Science. He graduated with honor and high distinction.

Bobby is a 1965 graduate of Brodhead High School and is married to the former Judy Fain. They have two children, Christy and Jason.

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ELI LEWIS CHASTEEN

To The People of Rockcastle County

Since announcing that I was a candidate for the office of County Judge Executive in the May Primary, people have wondered why I haven't had an article in the paper each week as the other candidates have done.

As most of you know, I have existed on a small Veterans disability pension since November, 1973. Secondly, I could only make a bunch of promises that I would find hard to keep if I were elected. Or, tell you what I have done in the past, which has been very little, except work hard for my family.

I only make you one promise, if you want to give me the chance to be your next County Judge by electing me in the May 24th Primar, then, with the help of the good Lord, I promise to do the best I can for the people and the County.

REMEMBER, I'LL BE WORKING FOR YOU.

There are some good candidates for the office of County Judge Executive. Most of them have rendered help to me in the past. You, the voters will make the choice of whom you want. I need the vote of all you Republicans and the influence of all the good Democrats.

Thank You for the Encouragement that I have Received. God Bless You all!

Eli Lewis Chasteen

Candidate for County Judge Executive

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