CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY–MRs. Dova Cromer celebrated her 68th birthday at they YMCA Park in Dayton, Ohio with 65 of her friends and relatives present. Her sister, Anna Wright, from Ottawa spent two weeks with her. Dova had her birthday dinner early so she could return home with her sister for a couple of weeks. Dova's birthday was last Wednesday, so after prayer meeting Wednesday night her friends and relatives wre in for cake and ice cream. Those present were her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Speed Laswell, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Laswell; Mr. and Mrs. Val Roy Wright, Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Laswell, Bobby Wright and Doris Pope, Mrs. Howard Laswell and Mrs. Anna Wright. Show in the photo are Mrs. Dova Cromer and her sister, Anna Wright.

# County Agent's Notes

BY H. LEE DURHAM
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FOR AGRICULTURE

**Take Household Inventory With**

A household inventory is a worrisome chore many people never get around to. But with camera, tape recorder, and pocket calculator, it can be a family project that's not all tha tt much work.

If a fire, tornado, or flood damages or destroys your home, you'll probably have no trouble collecting insurance on the structure. But you'll need proof on the value of your furniture, clothing and othe rpossessions.

One Room at a Time

1. Inventory your possession room by room. Take pictures of all four walls, then pull things of value out of drawers and closets and photograph thems eperately.

2. Be thorough. Include antiques, silverware, china, crystal, appliances and any professional equipment. Don't forget bicycles, gardening equipment andother thing stored in garage or basement.

3. When your pictures are printed, put a number on the back of each one. Then get together sales receipts, cancelled checks and any other information you might have about purchase prices, age and value of different items.

4. Next, get out your tape recorder. Key each voice entry with a code number on the back of a picture. Item by item, record the estimated value or date of purchase and price.

5. With pocket calculator in hand, run through your tape and add it all up.

6. Update the tape when you buy or get rid of things of value.

"If the total comes to more than your claim would cover, you might decided to update your policy, too.

Wildflower Garden

If you have a little nook or other place somewhere on the lawn too shady or otherwise unsuited for growing domesticated flowers, you might find it worthwhile to use this space for wildflowers.

Used wisely, wildflowers can yield a wealth of interest and natural beauty to the surroundings and provide an orderly succession of blooming from early spring until late autumn.

The biggest asset of wildflowers is their hardiness. Those that grow in your area are well adapted to the soil and climate there. It is from these native plants that a wildflower gardener can expect tohave the best luck in getting started.

The first step in developing a wildflower gardenis to learn as much as possible about the plants and their native hbaitats. Duplicating eachplant's natural conditions encourages good growth and enhances the chances of success. Some need drier soils; some prefer shade; some, a lot of sunshine; others require moist rich earth. All this information can be secured by just observing the plants in the places where they are found in their wild state.

Late summer and early fall are the best times to transplant wildflowers, his gives them time to establish their roots before winter closes down. Move wild plants with a large portionof soil about the roots. Wrap burlap about the root ball and keep the soil moist. Also it will help if extra soil from the same area can be gathered to mix with that of the garden. Most wildflowers are accustomed to slightly acid soil with leaf mold and humus. Add these organic materials to improve soil of wilderness gardens.

Before collecting wild plants, be sure they are in such numbers that taking a few will not threaten the existence of the rest. Also be certain to get permission from the property owner before removing them. Wooded areas or fields being disturbed for highways, housing developments, or croplands are the best places to secure wildflowers. From such places, you will be doing a the world a good turn by rescuing these plants from destruction.

Several nurseries specialize in wildflowers which can be ordered by direct mail. In general, plants that grow from bulbs or rootstocks are best for beginners.

For the most pleasing effects in developing a wildflower garden, try to achieve a natural setting. Use rocks or logs as backgrounds. If you have a water source, try brookside plants like mint or cardinal flowers. For open areas, masses of hardy field flowers like the daisy, wild ageratum or butterfly weed give a lot of beauty and color. For shaded areas, Mayapple, bellwort, adders tongue, violet, and wood geranium will do best.

A well-developed wildflower garden not only lends enchantement to the homesteads but also provides one of the best convercation pieces imaginable. Also it makes a good outdoor classroom for the study of beauty.

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# Kentucky Afield

By John Wilson

Although two inches doesn't seem like much, it can makea big difference, according to Kentucky's fisheries biologists.

When the Fish and Widlfie Commission, at its Aug. 29 meeting, adopted the League of Kentucky Sportsmen's resolution and the fisheries division's recommendation that the statewide size limit on black bass be increased from 10 to 12 inches, it approved what biologists believe will be "the very best management technique that can be applied" to meet increasing fishing pressure and to assure an optimum sustained yield from Kentucky's waters.

The 12 inch limit, if given final approval by the state Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee, will become effective Jan. 1, 1978, on all waters of the commonwealth and will apply to largemouth, smallmouth and Kentucky bass.

The increase to 12 inches, in the view of fisheries biologists, became increasingly desirabel with the rapid increase in fishing pressure during th past several years. In the 60's, increases were absorbed by the construction of new lakes, but although dam building in the commonwealth has now slowed considerably, fishing pressure continues to increase.

Also, biologists saw that the old belief that a lake could not be "fished out" simply was not true. Studies at Cave Run Lake near Morehead provide a good example. During 1975, almost 80 percent of the legal sized bass in the Lake were caught, with more than half of these removed from the lake during the spawning period (April and May).

As a result, so few bass survived to the 1976 spawning season that reproduction was low ans bass fishing suffered a marked decline from which it has yet to recover.

But had there been a 12 inch limit in 1975, the fish could not have been removed until June (in most lakes, bass reach 12 inches in June of their third year), and by then spawning would have been complete, assuring a crop of bass for future years.

Farm ponds and small lakes will also benefit from the increased size limit, biologists believe. An over harvest of bass in these waters leads to population imbalances, resulting in few bass and too many small, stunted bluegill. With a 12 inch limit, larger bass willmean more efficient predation and higher quality fishing for both bass and bluegill.

Because of their size, the beneficial effects of the increased limit should appear first on small lakes and ponds. The larger a lake, the longer it takes for the results of any management techniques to show up.

The primary objection to increasing the size limit on bass comes from stream fishermen, since bass grow slowly in streams, requiring an additional year to reach 12 inches. But while this will mean fewer bass can be kept the first year the 12 inch limit is in effect, by the second year the bass will have "caught up" and there should be just as many legal sized bass as before–if not more, in the case of heavily fished streams.

The 12 inch limit will also afford a better predator-prey balance in streams just as it will in ponds and lakes. Thus, biologists expect the fishing for bluegill, rock bass (redeye) and other pan fish to improve.

Of course, all these beneficial effects of an increased size limit depend upon fishermen observing it. So when you take to the waters next year, remember that the increase was made for your benefit and observe the new 12 inch size limit on black bass.

And for those of you who would rather goose hunt than fish, just a reminder that the application period for making reservations at the popular Ballard County Wildlife Management Area is from Sept. 15 through Sept. 30. goose hunting on the area will run from Dec. 1 through Jan. 20.

Each request for reservation must include names and addressed of all hunters in party; first and alternate choice of hunting dates; the $5 daily fee per hunter ($15 per pit) by cashier's check, certified check or money order; preference for duck or goose hunting and a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Mail application to Ballard Co. Wildlife Mgt. Area, Rt. 1, LaCenter, Kentucky 42056, and please write "hunting application" on the envelope, so area personnel will know to put your application in the hopper for the drawing.

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**UNDER CONSTRUCTION** - Valley Manor Subdivision. 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and family room combination. Garage, heat pump, carpet and much more.

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**2 ACRES** - Located on Top Hill Road. Suitable for mobile home or building.

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**TRAILER AND LOT** - 1973 trailer and approximately 100x200 lot. Lake Linville. $7,500.

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