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Bray announces bad weather procedures

As the winter season approaches, plans have been made concerning inclement weather and the transfer of information regarding school closings to the public, according to Richard Bray, Rockcastle County Schools Transportation Director.

"As has always been the case, in any decision relating to inclement weather, the safety of all students is the primary concern. Therefore, weather and road conditions over all the county will be evaluated before any decision is made, according to Bray.

Bray said that if weather conditions exist that make it necessary to begin the school day later than the regular time or to close school for the entire day, this information will be given to various radio and television stations to broadcast as soon after 6 a.m. as possible. The stations contacted to broadcast this information will be as follows: Radio-WRVK (AM 1460), WHAS (AM 840) Louisville, WVLC (FM 93) Lexington and television station WLEX (Channel 18) Lexington. If school is delayed or cancelled the night before, television station WKYT (Channel 27) Lexington will be notified in addition to the other sources.

Also, if weather conditions appear to be getting bad while buses are making runs or while school is in session, students may be sent home early. If this situation does occur, parents not at home during the day are advised to have some alternatives available in receiving and caring for their children.

During any event that could possibly cause altering the regular school schedule, parents and students should not call radio stations, schools or school staff members at home. These calls will tie up telephone lines and delay important broadcast information that everyone should know. Please listen to the radio for announcements.

Many tobacco farmers would quit if price support program ended

A third of Kentucky's burley tobacco farmers say they would quit producing tobacco and another 50 percent said they might not produce it if the price support program ended, according to a survey of Kentucky farmers conducted by a team of University of Kentucky agricultural economists and rural sociologists.

"We found in the survey that farmers desired the stability that a price support program offers and many would be unwilling to produce burley if they had no assurance of price," said Mike Reed, one of the economists who conducted the study.

Of those who said they would continue producing tobacco without a price support program,

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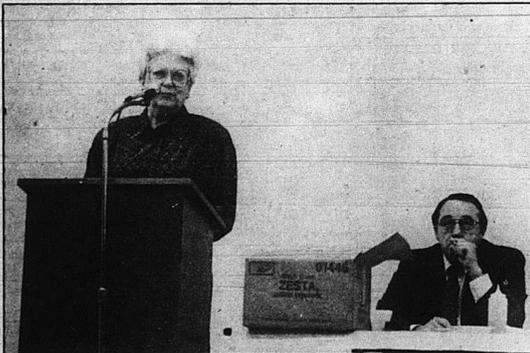
Farmers-Business Banquet...



Tammy and Bobby Cox, Jack Dailey, Russell Parsons and Dr. Rudolph Burdette enjoyed the meal Friday night.



Entertainers from the Valley at the banquet were, from left: Patty Flye, Bee Lucas, Virginia Meece, Swance Cornett, Country Charlie and Terry Clark.



Mrs. Ann Henderson was guest speaker for the banquet. She spoke briefly on the Valley and then let entertainers from the Valley perform for the audience. At right is Robert Robinson, master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Local teen part of movie being made in McCreary

Deep in the woods of McCreary County, Somerset entertainer Jay Perkins assembles a couple cast members for another day of filming.

A scene is supposed to be shot today at a log cabin located not far from the Big South Fork and the Tennessee line. Those involved in the filming have driven 60 miles to get there, some of it by gravel road.

Using a Panasonic video camera, a script he wrote himself and a cast of 47 people, Perkins has spent about six months taping scenes for his movie.

It's a western, he says, that tells the story of a colorful McCreary County native John West.

West, who died in the 1950's, was a gunslinger-turned-preacher whose story fascinated Perkins, a country music singer born in McCreary County.

Perkins borrowed West's story as the basis for his movie, but the final product - expected to be completed in a year or so - will be a fictionalized account set in a different time period and different part of the country.

"It covers a time span from 1865 and we have him dying in 1923," Perkins explains. "You can cover a lot of different cultures and a lot of different time periods. But the story is still based upon his life."

"We're having a lot of fun with it," says Louvon Whitaker, Perkins' co-producer and ex-father-in-law. "But we've had three or four bad days."

Whitaker, of Shopville, handles the camera and other technical aspects of the filming. Like Perkins, he is a member of the popular local band, Stardust. He also runs the Log House Recording Studio in Pulaski County.

The movie will use three actors to portray West as a child, young man and older man. As a young man, he returns to the homelance from the Army, learning the civil landowner "has burned up his ma and pa in the cabin."

(The log cabin used in the "before the fire" scenes belongs to Sam Boggs, a retired agricultural Extension agent in McCreary County. A second, already-burned cabin will be used in the "after" scenes.)

"Then he becomes a different person," Perkins says. "He's out after everybody - but this guy primarily - he doesn't trust anybody, in other words."

So the enraged John West commits many violent "deeds."

"He winds up spending 20 years in the federal penitentiary for the last deed," Perkins says, "in which he buries the landowner's son in a hole in front of the corral, cuts the fence and turns loose a couple hundred of the cattle over his head."

"So then he goes to federal pen for 20 years. He comes back and he becomes converted, he becomes a minister and not necessarily the minister that's going to tfinn the other cheek. He."

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"Mass Appeal" to be presented by Arts Council in November

For their fourth annual dinner theatre production, the Rockcastle Council for the Arts is pleased to announce the presentation of "Mass Appeal" by the Actors' Guild of Lexington. "Mass Appeal," written by Bill C. Davis, is about a priest and a deacon, and though that sounds like the start of a Henny Youngman joke, Mr.

Davis' script is a dazzling funny and warm play about conflict and collaboration, about faith lost and love found.

Father Tim Farley has found peace and lost his faith. Seminarian Mark Dolson is aflame with love for his Lord, in hot water for his ideas and subjected to a baptism of fire by a priest he calls a song-and-dance theologian. And yet, behind the humor is the deeper message that what is ultimately important is love - the love you have for others and the love you have for yourself. The New York Times called it "first rate...a wise, moving and very funny comedy about the nature of all kinds of love."

Time Magazine said it was a "luminous...glowing parable about the indivisibility of love." Presented last month in Lexington, Dan Smith, contributing theatre critic to The Lexington Herald-Leader, said, "The humor comes through strong...it is a particular strength of Bill Davis' "Mass Appeal" that religion is a very funny business...Thanks largely to John B. Lynaugh's (Father Farley) comic charm...this production makes for an engaging evening."

Returning to stage work after an absence of several years is John B. Lynaugh in the role of Father Tim Farley. John holds a Ph.D. in theatre from the University of Wisconsin and is a former faculty member of the University of Kentucky's theatre department. Lexington audiences know him from his outstanding performances in American Buffalo and Fiddler on the Roof. He is the owner of Lynaugh's Irish Pub and Grill in Lexington.

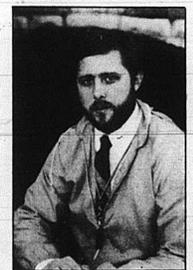
Chase Clark is renewing his portrayal of Mark Dolson in this production of "Mass Appeal." His first appearance in this role was with the Pegasus Players in Frankfort. He has also performed in "The Elephant Man" and "Grandma's Flower Garden." He is a free-lance special events coordinator.

Director Carol Spence is one of the founders of Actor's Guild and is producing director of that

group. She holds a B.A. from Penn State and an M.A. in theatre from the University of Kentucky. Carol comes to "Mass Appeal" with experience of several highly successful productions, including "The Slab Boys" and "A Lesson From Aloys." She is also a television producer-director for UKTV.

Reservations for this very popular event, held at the Cedar Rapids Recreation Center, are \$12.50 per person and must be made in advance with Mrs. Sue Rowe at 256-2148, no later than Monday, November 16th. Dinner will be catered by the Rockcastle Steak House and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. with the program following at 8:30 p.m. Treat yourself and your family to an entertaining evening and support your local Arts Council.

Anderkin elected to KPA board



Richard Anderkin, co-owner and publisher of the Jackson County Sun and reporter and advertising manager for the Mt. Vernon Signal was elected last week to the Kentucky Press Association's Board of Directors. In his first attempt to gain a spot on the 25 member KPA board, Anderkin defeated incumbent Earl Burchfield of Middleboro Daily News.

Anderkin will assume his duties on the board at the 1988 KPA winter convention and his four year term will end on January 1991.

He was elected from the 13th district composed of member newspapers in Knox, Whitley, Laurel, Clay, Bell, Rockcastle and Jackson Counties.



Brakes failed on a National Guard army truck, parked on a steep hillside, Saturday while the Guard were fighting forest fires in the Clear Creek area. The truck struck and damaged two other vehicles before hitting a tree and stopped in a deep gully. The dozer was used to pull the truck. Luckily no one was injured in the incident.