



Two Hanson-Aggregate employees at the Mt Vernon plant were recently honored for their service to the company. Supt. Ralph Tiley presented Bill Reynolds, right, a diamond ring for his 41 years of service. Robert Thomas, left, was presented a clock for his 16 years of service. Reynolds is a plant operator and Thomas a euclid operator.

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Library News

By Carol Jones

Well, we finally made it to spring, but with the trend the weather has taken for the past few weeks, you'd never know it, would you? Thinking positive, however, I'm firmly convinced it can only get better. This is the time of year most of us want to start heaving out all the tired old baggage we've accumulated over the past year and add a touch of zip to the house or landscape around us. Some times that might be merely painting the walls, hanging a new pair of curtains, or planting a rose bush, but for some reason it gives our spirits a lift.

Don has been working on our family room floor in his rare, spare moments laying tile, and I'll probably never get him to begin another project for me because of my constant nagging about the mess the house is in. Has anyone noticed that things and people don't seem to move as fast as they did when we were young? Gosh, I can remember when... Oh, no, I'd better not go there!!

Things are moving along at a fairly normal pace at the library right now, though. We now have one of the computers set up that we will be using for automation, and we may be able to have everything for the automation process set in place by the end of May if all goes well. We are hoping anyway!

I'd like to remind everyone once more to please make sure you have all the appropriate cards for the different library services updated if you haven't already done so. Also, remember that you will be asked to show your cards each time you come into the library no matter who you are, or whether we already know that you definitely have them! Some patrons have gotten upset that we are asking for them each time they visit the library, but since they will have to have their cards available to scan once the automation process is in place, they must be in the habit of bringing their cards with them NOW!

Please don't ask us to do special favors for you when you don't follow our rules! We want to be fair to everyone; we should not be asked to play favorites. Thanks for making that special effort for us during this transitional process.

Included in the new book arrivals for the month is *Listen To Your Heart* by Fern Michaels... With her parents gone, her twin sister, Kitty, about to be married, and no hint of Mr. Right on the horizon, Josie Duprice is lonesome. Luckily, she has her booming New Orleans catering business to keep her busy, and her fluffly white

dog, Rosie, to keep her company. Then, with all the subtlety of Bourbon Street at Mardi Gras, a Boston-sized rogue of a Boston destroys Josie's flowering window-boxes, and in the process, brazenly captures petite Rosie's undying devotion. Now that Rosie and the aply-named Zip are an item, Josie finds herself an unwilling chaperone and doing her best to avoid Zip's owner, the irritatingly appealing Paul Brouillette.

Anyone can see that the wealthy, sexy Paul is little more than a love 'em and leave 'em Cajun playboy. He's all for 'amour, but Josie has no intention of falling for him. Still, ever since Paul came into her life, strange things have been happening. She hears music that isn't there. Then she smells her mother's favorite cologne in an empty room. Maybe her Mom's trying to send her a message. Something about finding love where you least expect it... and listening to your heart.

Another fiction offering on our list is *Wicked Widow* by Amanda Quick... Madeline Deveridge is still too aware of the whispers behind her back, the rumors that she dispatched her husband to the next world and concealed her crime. But Madeline has a far more pressing problem than being called the Wicked Widow. She fears that she and her beloved aunt are being haunted! And all the evidence points to one improbable culprit: the ghost of her late husband. Of course it is impossible, but Madeline cannot take chances. So she dares to summon the only person with the power to help her uncover the truth: Artemis Hunt.

Brilliant, relentless, reclusive, Artemis has made it his business to keep much of his private life hidden. No one knows that he's the owner of the Dream Pavilions, London's favorite pleasure garden, or that he's a master of an arcane science. Curiosity brings him out on a fog-shrouded night to meet the infamous Wicked Widow, but his assassin quickly flees when he realizes that Madeline has learned enough about his affairs to wreak havoc on his carefully ordered existence. He must secure her guarantee never to divulge his secrets to anyone, even if it means helping her to track down a phantom.

As soon as the bargain is struck, Artemis and Madeline find their arrangement complicated by a searing desire, and the frightening realization that the ghost poses a very real danger.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, ESA Director

Tobacco Leasing

Quotas for the 2000 crop year will be mailed on April 7, 2000. Leasing for the crop year 2000 will be April 15th through July 3rd.

Small Grains

Producers growing small grains (wheat) must report their acreage by May 31, 2000. If crop acreage is not filed timely and producer applies for a Loan Deficiency Payment, then a charge of \$26.50 will be applied for a late file.

CRP Continuous Signup
Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced that landowners could receive more money for participation in the Conservation Reserve Program continuous signup. The new financial incentives, totaling up to \$350 million in the next three years, include signing bonuses and more money for installing and maintaining conservation practices.

"Higher payments should persuade more landowners to participate, protecting ever more environmentally sensitive land along streams, rivers, wetlands and public water supplies," Glickman said, speaking to the Agriculture Earth Day celebration on the National Mall. "In difficult economic times for farm country, this additional \$350 million will mean more cash in farmer's pockets."

The continuous signup enhancements, part of the Clinton-Gore plan to strengthen the farm safety net, consist of additional economic incentives and updated rates including:

- An up-front signing bonus for \$10 per acre for every year the contract covers. This amount to \$100 to

\$150 per acre at the start of the contract to help defray up-front installation costs for filter strips, riparian buffers, grassed waterways, field windbreaks, shelter belts and living snow fences.

- A payment equal to 40% of the practice installation cost, in addition to the 50% cost-share paid by USDA for establishing certain approved practices.

- Increases in maintenance rate incentives for certain practices involving tree planting, fencing, or water development. Between \$2 to \$5 per acre may be added to existing maintenance rate incentives.

- Updated marginal pastureland rental rates nationwide to better reflect the market value of these lands. In many cases, rental rates increased with the update.

The rule changes and incentives apply only to certain CRP continuous signup practices that generally include small acreage that provide high environmental benefits because of their impact on much larger areas. Up to \$100 million in FY2000 and \$125 million in FY2001 and 2002 will be provided in signing and practice bonuses.

Unlike the regular CRP program, the continuous signup program allows producers to enroll eligible highly environmentally sensitive land at anytime, without waiting for a sign-up period or competing against other offers. Conservation practices protect streams and rivers by keeping sediment and nutrients from entering the water, providing cleaner drinking water, enhancing recreation and improving wildlife habitats.

Birthday Celebration

You are invited to join us for a celebration of the birthdays of John "Ing" Kirby and Estel Kirby on Saturday, May 6 at the Quail Community Park on Hwy. 70. Ing will be 92 and Estel will be 86. A pitch-in lunch will be held around 12 noon. We would especially like to invite any family members of Ing and Estel, who are cousins, to join us. We hope you can make their birthdays a special time.

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Highway 461

Near Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

Location: From the traffic light/intersection of Highway 461 and 150, turn southwest on Highway 461 and proceed approximately 1 mile to the property. Auction signs are posted.



Mr. and Mrs. Kidwell are pursuing other interests and do not have time to devote to this business. Therefore, they have authorized our firm to sell the property at absolute auction.

The real estate and restaurant/grocery equipment will be offered separately and then together selling in the manner which reflects the most favorable results for the seller.

The brick building measures 36x80 and is divided by a partition with one part of the building in operation as a restaurant and the other as a convenience store/service station. In addition, there is also a 26x40 canopy with all modern pumps and tanks.

The lot contains approximately 1 1/2 acres.

Equipment that will be selling consists of: True Meat Case • Tec Digital Scales • True Milk Cooler - 2 door • Schaefer Cooler Freezer • Jordan Commercial Ref. - 3 door stainless • Powers Cooler - 2 Door • Deep Freeze upright • Foster commercial Ref. - 2 door stainless • Commercial Prep Table • FEL Heat Lamp • Hobart Deep Fryer • Star Grill • 6 Burner Franklin Chief Gas Stove • Toastermaster 3 Drawer • Warming Warmer • 4 Depr. Steam Table (holds 12 pans) • Stainless Table - 5 ft. with 2 shelves • Stainless Table - 4 ft. • Toledo Meat Slicer • Four Wooden tables with 4 chairs each • Two Small tables with 2 Chairs each • Two High Chairs • Three Booster Seats • Two Oak Bar Stools • Merco Heat Light - 4 ft. • Stainless 3 Dept. Sink • Floor Safe

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