

Library News

By Pam Challif

Summer Reading has once again been a success on the Bookmobile. Winners of the reading contest in the age 7 and under category were first place, April Coffey and second place went to Ben Coffey. In the age 8 and up category Brooke Caperton took first place and Jill Owens second.

If you know these young people, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done.

I will miss seeing all of the young folks that will be starting back to school next week. I always look forward to seeing the children from year to year to see the changes in them

physically, as well as in their reading ability and the different materials that they choose to read.

Remember that the bookmobile service is available year-round, weather permitting. If you have young children or are home schooling, the bookmobile will bring reading material to your home. If you are unable to use the bookmobile service, during the months that school is in session, don't forget about the public library. The library is open six days a week and lots of services are available there. I hope to see you in the library or on the bookmobile.



April Coffey



Ben Whitaker



Brooke Caperton



Jill Owens

Agricultural News

By Wanda Alexander, FSA Director

Applications For Tobacco Payments

Hampton Henton, Jr., State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, has announced that burley tobacco farmers can apply at FSA for compensation under the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program (TLAP) starting July 31, 2000. USDA will distribute \$340 million to compensate tobacco farmers who suffered a reduction of tobacco quota or acreage for the 1999-2000 crop years. Kentucky's share is \$140 million.

As directed by Congress, farmers of designated types of tobacco will receive a portion of the \$340 million to help defray lost income resulting from declining quotas and allotments. Individual farm payments for burley tobacco will be split three ways between farmers, quota owners, and those in control of the quotas (farm operators). Payments under the second year of TLAP will be based on the 2000 crop quota.

TLAP payments will be made no earlier than Oct. 1st and not later than Oct. 20, 2000. Regulations state beginning Jan. 1, 1999, all federal payments will be made through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Therefore, producers signing up for this program who are not signed up for EFT are encouraged to bring a check at the time of sign-up which can be voided for filing with the SE 1199A, Direct Deposit. Producers who do not have a financial institutional account may sign a waiver to receive the TLAP payment by way of check.

Sign-up at local USDA Farm Service Agency offices will begin on July 31st and ends on September 1, 2000. Late-filed applications will not be accepted. Payments will reach farmers between October 1-20, 2000.

Report of Burley Tobacco Loss After Harvest

Farmers who have suffered a burley tobacco disaster loss are reminded to file a report with FSA prior to harvest to retain their eligibility to lease quota under the disaster lease provisions.

The disaster lease provision was implemented to provide relief to producers that suffer a disaster loss and are unable to produce and market the farm's effective quota. To be eligible for a disaster lease and transfer, the transferring farm must have: 1. A crop acreage report on file with FSA; 2. Planned an acreage sufficient to produce the farm's current year effective quota; 3. Made a reasonable

and customary effort to produce the effective farm marketing quota; 4. Suffered more than a 20 percent crop loss; 5. Met all price support eligibility requirements.

Farms that fail to report losses

before harvest will be a required spot check.

Loan Deficiency Payment

Producers who retain beneficial interest in a commodity eligible for a loan or a loan deficiency payment (LDP) are eligible for payment if all of the following remain with the producer: • control of the commodity; • Risk of loss • Title of the commodity.

One of the eligibility requirements for loans and LDPs is the crop must have been produced on contract acreage (AMTA), exception to soybeans.

A recent bill will now allow non-contract crops to be eligible for LDPs for 2000 year only.

For further information on the LDP program contact the local FSA office.

Pork Referendum

People and businesses who owned and sold hogs or pigs or imported hogs, pigs, pork or pork products during the representative period from August 18, 1999 through August 17, 2000 will be eligible to vote in referendum to determine if producers and importers favor continuation of the Pork Checkoff Program, formally known as the Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Order.

There are three types of eligible voters. One, are people who own and sell hogs or pigs in the US in their own name. The second, is people who import hogs, pigs, pork, pork products, into the US in their own name, and the third is people who are designated to cast the single vote for a business entity that owns and sells, or imports hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products into the US.

Producers voting by absentee ballot may obtain ballot packages from Aug. 18th through Sept. 18, 2000.

Pasture Recovery Program

USDA's Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly has announced that about \$40 million will be issued to producers under the Pasture Recovery Program (PRP).

PRP was established to help farmers whose pastures were severely damaged by drought in 1999 reestablish forage crops. Eligible land included pasture which was normally drought grazed by livestock, but was so damaged by drought that seeding was required to reestablish forage crop.

County FSA offices conducted a sign-up from March 20 to June 23, 2000. Since the producer demand exceeded the amount of funds available by approximately \$14 million, a national factor was applied to all requests. Consequently, producers will receive about 73.5 percent of the

amount they qualified for under PRP. Payments will be made by county FSA offices shortly provided the re-seeding has been established successfully.

Remember: Signup for the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program runs through September 1, 2000.

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

The Accuser is the Doer

I learn many things from the people who come to me for counseling. I will forever be indebted to Debbie (not her real name) who taught me an important lesson.

It happened in a group session in which another woman told how her husband was always accusing her of having an affair. He did so, even though he kept a close eye on her, and she had little chance even to talk to another man. After she told her story, Debbie leaned close to her and said, "The accuser is the doer."

Now certainly this is not always the case, but it is true enough times to bear looking at carefully. When someone accuses his spouse unjustly of having affairs and is extremely jealous even in the face of no evidence, one must wonder what he is doing that would make him so suspicious of his spouse.

Consider the case of Evelyn and Dean (both, fictitious characters).

Dean had been jealous of Evelyn from day one of their relationship.

When they were dating, he became visibly upset if she talked to another man. At first this felt good to Evelyn.

She thought his jealousy meant that he loved her.

After they were married, he questioned her about all her activities. If she were fifteen minutes late, he wanted a detailed explanation of where she had been and to whom she had talked. "I began to feel as if I were in prison," Evelyn explained.

When he came home from work, he checked the mileage on her car to see if she had gone anywhere. Once he saw tire marks in the driveway and asked who had been there and what she had done with them. "I have been home all day with three children!" she replied in frustration. "When do you think I would have the time to do anything with anybody?"

He openly accused her of seeing other men. "Why did you stay so long at the grocery store?" he wanted to know. "What did you do with that

man who works in produce?" he asked accusingly. When she went to church, he even accused her of having an affair with the preacher! (I know of one husband who was so jealous that he would not let his wife watch country music videos on television because he did not want her looking at those good-looking men.)

The accuser who is the doer often operates with two sets of rules: one for him and one for his wife. He may stay out as late as he wants without explaining anything, while he puts her through the third degree if she is five minutes late. He can go wherever he wants, while she must be home waiting for him when he comes in.

Finally Evelyn opened her eyes to what was really going on. She began to realize how controlling her husband was. "He wants to know where I talk to and where I go," she said. "Being five minutes late means I have to spend an hour explaining where I have been."

And Evelyn began to see other things as well. "Sometimes he stays out very late and I don't know where he is," she told me. "I don't dare ask him because he gets upset if I do. My sister told me once that she had seen him with another woman, but I figured there was a good explanation. Last Sunday morning he came home at three, and he had been drinking. I now believe he is seeing someone. He is accusing me of what he is doing!"

"The accuser is the doer" Debbie had told me, and Debbie has a good point. Some of the most jealous men are men who are having affairs. They seem to think if they would do it then their wives must be capable of it too.

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