

White Oak Grocery Store & Sledding



Times Remembered Betty A. Young
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Betty is on the sick list, so, this is a classic "Times Remembered" for last year.

In the mid-eighties I worked at my sister's grocery store on White Oak. It was a gathering place for the discussion of politics, community news and playing pranks on people. It was a fun place to play video games, play pool and plan activities or grab a sandwich and a cold Ale-8.

Most days I recall several locals being there such as: Rodney Sparks, Junior Walling, Casey Hix, Ray Wiseman, David Watson, Ray Walling, Betty Noland and Margaret West. Many more paid a visit and some ate breakfast, especially Johnny "Hot Dog" Embs, who lived just down the road. He always had a story to tell and could make you laugh until you were sore while listening to some of his tales.

This particular day on a Saturday in January there was a big snow on the

ground. My niece Sherry and her husband, Larry, and Ronnie and several others were congregated around the stove talking about going sleigh riding over at the farm. Rhonda, my other niece and Ellen, her friend, had already been testing the slopes with their acrobatic moves on a tractor tire inner tube the day before. Word was the hill was pretty fast.

Hot Dog said, "Ronnie let's me and you go over there and try that hill. I bet we can take all of them." Rodney Sparks said he wanted to go, but Ronnie was a little apprehensive. Finally Hot Dog talked him into going. They bundled up and took off and Margaret stayed behind to work in the store.

The hill behind the barn had been cleared but was surrounded by woods. The hill was a solid sheet of ice and it was getting on in the day and starting to freeze. It was becoming slicker and slicker and more dangerous by the hour.

There is something wild and crazy in all children and a few adults that makes you want to speed down a slippery slope without any contraptions to help you brake or steer, and with only the laws of physics to bring you to a scathing halt.

Of course Hot Dog, being the wild and crazy guy he was, said, "Let's go all the way to the top of the hill so we can get more speed; it will feel like we are flying down the hill." Ronnie said, "Why don't we just start out on a smaller hill." Then Hot Dog said, "No, no, no....

let's go to the top." Ronnie, Rodney, Hot Dog and Larry climbed to the top of the hill. Everyone got aboard the huge, tractor tire inner tube except Larry. He decided to pass on going over but gave them a big push to get them started.

Everyone was wanting to join in the fun and gathered at the bottom of the hill to cheer them on..

Rhonda came down the hill first speeding about 90 miles an hour and did a backward flip off the inner tube near the bottom. Then here comes the Three; you never heard the like of screaming all the way down the hill; then all at once they go flying through the air... arms and legs going in every direction. Rodney is ok, but Ronnie hit a stump and Hot Dog cracked his head when he landed on a rock. They were bleeding, but Ronnie is laughing all the time because Hot Dog is carrying on...saying he is killed, to call the ambulance and get him to the doctor... he is dying."

Everyone gathered around them and someone stopped the bleeding and decided they had some deep cuts on their heads and would require stitches. Ronnie drove himself and Hot Dog to the hospital, all while trying to keep Hot Dog from going berserk

When they arrived at Marcum & Wallace Hospital, Hot Dog told the nurses and the doctor to sew him up first; that he was dying and he was hurt a lot worse than Ronnie . . . Ronnie could hardly talk to the ER

personnel for laughing at Hot Dog. He was hilarious!

Luckily, they were not hurt bad but their cuts took sixteen to eighteen stitches each. Hot Dog said, "Forget about the thrill, he was never going to sleigh ride or go tubing again."

The euphoria of flying down a slope, the cold air whooshing against your face, your friends screaming and cheering you on is a thrill I am grateful to have experienced.

Taking the spills out of sledding or tubing would be like taking away the snow.

The only accident I ever had was running under a fence and cutting the tip of my third finger nearly off; not bad for twenty years of sleigh riding!

Of course, these days many kids would rather stay on their Wii boards on a simulated sled or ski sloop, but I ask you, where is all the thrill in that? Where's the excitement? It seems to me that all childhood adventures are now simulated, electronically powered and artificial.

I am not an advocate for unsafe sledding by no means; just follow some simple safety precautions such as:

- Check the terrain for rocks, stumps and debris
 - Protect your head
 - Respect that sledding may be dangerous
 - Bundle up to avoid hypothermia
 - Encourage riders to go feet first down a hill by sitting face forward on the sled.
- In memory of Johnnie "Hot Dog" Embs"*

Seeds of Hope



"He who runs from God in the morning," said Paul Bunyan, the author of Pilgrims Progress, "will scarcely find Him the rest of the day." In other words, if we want to sense the presence of God, the guidance of God and the strength of God throughout every minute of every hour of every day, we must begin the day with God.

Rarely do we begin any day without some idea of the things we intend to do, where we plan to go or what is expected of us. And although we may not go through a formal planning process where we establish priorities and allocate certain amounts of time for each of them, we have some idea of what we are going to face.

That is why David, in his infinite wisdom that came from God said, "Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly!"

How presumptuous of Christians who profess our dependence upon God to make plans without Him, to set goals that exclude Him or make decisions without His advice. Beginning each morning with God and presenting our "agenda" to Him for His blessing is the proper thing to do. When we offer our thoughts and plans to God and seek His directions, we are saying to Him: "Lord, what I face today may be beyond me, but it is not beyond You. Therefore, I need You to be with me in everything I do, to walk with me wherever I go and to put Your words in my mouth before I speak."

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He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

MICAH 6:8

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Numbers 16, who ran into the congregation carrying incense to stop a plague? Moses, Aaron, Izhar, Anak
3. To whom did Paul address, "Mine own son

after the common faith"? Timothy, Philemon, Titus, James

4. In 1 Kings 5, what type of trees out of Lebanon provided the wood for Solomon's temple? Cedar, Fig, Olive, Barley
5. From 1 Samuel 9, who was Saul's father? Jonathan, Michal, Goliath, Kish
6. How did God first appear to Moses? Burning bush, Whirlwind, Mighty wave, Thunder

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The Importance of Faith

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I had the privilege of hearing Ken Hamm, the creator of the Creation Museum, located in Covington, Ky. He was debating a fellow named Bill Nye, a well-known professor who teaches against the creation account of the Bible. While both men gave a good record of their knowledge regarding the topic, it seems that even without saying it that Mr. Hamm revealed in his delivery that his beliefs were based upon faith in the scriptures and are totally justified by archeological discoveries. At the same time, Mr. Nye turned to fossil discoveries hoping to prove that the earth is perhaps millions of years old, instead of six thousand which is plainly taught by the Bible.

While they were making their case, I kept thinking this: if Mr. Hamm is right, then he has something to hang onto at death, and at the same time I ask: what will Mr. Nye have at death? By his own words he said that man like an animal just ceases to exist at death and that is all there is to life as we know it.

While there may be many more who may believe as does Mr. Nye, where does this place all the unbelievers in this world? While the Bible plainly teaches that after death there will be a judgment day (**Hebrews 9:27**), Mr. Nye refuses this teaching.

While Mr. Nye teaches publicly about his belief concerning evolution, there are just as many others who claim to be atheists who never heard of Mr. Nye. At the same time, where do we categorize the scoffers who don't believe in the uncertain return of the Lord? **1 Peter 3:14** tells of such. Then again, there are just as many who claim to believe in God and Jesus who are living their lives as if neither of them existed. Are they any different than Mr. Nye? No! And as long as they abide in their state of unbelief are in fact holding hands with him. So friend, today if you do not want to be one who is in favor with all the agnostics, the scoffers, the atheists, the evolutionists, and all unbelievers, this is what you need to do. First, research the Bible to see its truths and then by faith believe and obey its commands. **Hebrews 11:6** says: "*But by faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*"

So again, the obedient believer has something to look forward unto at death, but the unbeliever shall perish in everlasting destruction (**Matthew 25:46**). So then each one of us will make our own choice. Visit with us at Broadway We talk about such things sin church.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

Brothers Celebrate Birthdays

Tommy and Stevie Henry celebrated their birthdays on February 24, 2014 at the home of their sister, Lillie Marcum.

Those present were Tommy and Stevie, Glenn Henry, Earnie Henry, Lois Plowman, Roger Marcum (Blue), David Marcum, Danny and Ryanna Marcum, Jessica Kirby and daughter, Ella Kate; Brenda Witt and

granddaughter, Cloey Grace; Donna (Sissie) Marcum and Lillie.

Those visiting Lillie Marcum on February 18th were Blue Marcum, Roger Marcum, Jack Marcum, Wayne Abney, Tommy Henry, Boyd Henry, Shirley Hawkins of Winchester; Donna (Sissie) Marcum, John W. Robinson, and John of Richmond.

Irvine Police Department arrest log

A bench warrant from Madison County was served on Marie Stepp, 34, of High Street, Irvine on Friday, February 28 by Officer John Sturniolo.

According to the bench warrant, Stepp was arrested in Madison County on charges of receiving stolen property, possession of a controlled substance, first and third degrees, drug paraphernalia buy/possess, possessing license when privileges are revoked, and there counts of illegal possession of a legend drug.

The warrant was issued by Madison Circuit Judge W. Clouse. It states that Stepp has violated her conditional release.

Judge Clouse set bond for Stepp at \$10,000 cash.

Eric Brooks, 26, of Collins Street, Irvine was arrested Tuesday, February 25 and charged with assault fourth degree (minor injury) by Irvine Officer Karl Rifensbark.

The citation states that Brooks struck his wife, Amber, multiple times on the arms and legs with a two-inch wide leather belt.

The officer states the injuries consisted of raised red welts on the wife's arms and legs.

James B. Tipton aka Jamie Tipton, 42, of Cantrill Street, Irvine was cited to Estill District Court for possession of drug paraphernalia by Chief Brad Smith.

The citation states that Tipton's mother called about her son being intoxicated.

Chief Smith said several items of drug paraphernalia were found in the home, including a crack pipe, straw

with blue residue, tin foil, scratch pads, rubber bands, etc.

Tipton will appear in Estill District Court on April 16.

Jeff Gross, 49, 135 North Plum Street, Irvine, was cited January 17 by Sgt. Michael Gross for violating a city ordinance. The citation states there were nuisance conditions on private property.

A bench warrant was served on Kenneth P. Stepp, 35, of Estill Acres, Irvine by Sgt. Gross for failure to pay restitution in a 2012 case for theft by unlawful taking or disposition. No bail was set.

Officer John Sturniolo arrested Robert Gerald, 35, of Brassfield Road, Richmond on February 19 and charged him with fourth degree assault (domestic violence) and wanton endangerment second degree.

The officer says that Gerald was seen driving a vehicle at 1019 Winchester Road, Irvine, and he ran the vehicle into Trina Begley causing her to fall to the pavement.

Sturniolo said it happened once before he arrived and again after he arrived. He said Gerald admitted to hitting Begley with his vehicle. The victim refused medical treatment.

Captain Adrian McKinney arrested Margaret Richardson, 55, of Cobb Hill Road, Ravenna with public intoxication on February 19.

The citation states that Richardson came to the back door of the judge's chambers on February 19, and when the door was opened

by Chief Brad Smith, it was obvious that Richardson was intoxicated. McKinney said her speech was slurred and she failed a field sobriety test.

The police captain said that Richardson stated she had taken xanax and another depression medicine before coming to court.

Officer Jeff Knuckles charged Donald R. Hardy, 60, of Broadway, with possession of marijuana on February 19. According to the citation, the Irvine Police Department executed a search warrant at Hardy's residence. It says that Captain Adrian McKinney located marijuana seeds in the drawer of an end table in the living room.

Tim Bishop, 21, of Noland Court, Irvine, was charged on February 19 by Officer Sturniolo with alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Sturniolo was dispatched to Bishop's residence to investigate a fight. When he arrived, he said Bishop began yelling at him and trying to chase him.

The citation states that Bishop was unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech, and a strong odor of alcoholic beverages. It adds that Bishop said he had drunk alcohol earlier.

Sturniolo said Bishop was fighting with his mother and next door neighbors.

The citation states the subject was tazered to allow officers to arrest him.

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Earl Young Jr., 53, of Barnes Mountain Road, Irvine, was arrested February 22 by Irvine Officer Knuckles and charged with driving under the influence, first offense.

The officer stated that he observed Young's vehicle cross the center line multiple times. He said Young had a strong odor of alcohol and failed field sobriety tests. According to the citation, Young stated that he had drank four or five beers.

Bobby Puckett, 28, of Armour Street, Irvine was charged with disorderly conduct, second and menacing on February 23 by Officer Sturniolo.

He said Puckett was traffic stopped at 132 Broadway, and his vehicle was being towed due to no insurance. He added that Puckett began to yell at him and curse him. The citation states that Puckett said he was going to get the officer.

Sgt. Gross served a bench warrant February 20 on Meloney Rose, 31, of Richmond. It says that Rose was found guilty of theft or disposition on 9/12/02. The bench warrant was issued for \$210.50 in fine or 11 days in jail.

A bench warrant was served on Betty A. Moore, 31, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine on February 20 by Sgt. Gross. The warrant states that Moore failed to appear for a status hearing on charges of no registration plates, no registration receipt, and failure of owner to maintain insurance, case date January 2013.