



Mount Carmel School, or Tipton Ridge, about 1920

Left to right, front: Betty Tipton, 5, sister to Alice Tipton, 7, Daniel Henry Crowe, 8, Vollie Barnes, 5, Garnie Henry, 11, George Harvey Puckett, 5, Mary Elizabeth King, 7, Richard 'Dick' Ashcraft, 6, Tracy Tipton, 8, Dillard Tipton, 8. **Second row:** Dorsey B. Sparks, Bernie Tipton, 9, Ethel Tipton, 10, Allen Crowe, 9, Millard Tipton, 10, Tracy Tipton, 8, son of Silas, Magalene Tipton, Ella Tipton, 8, Armster Barnes, 9, Asa Lee Barnes, 7, Bessie Tipton, 5. **Third row:** Zettie Tipton, Unknown, Carlie Tipton, 12, Cornelius Tipton, 12, Mae Tipton, teacher, Gentry Sparks, 10, Arnold Barnes, 11, Lou-Ann Tipton, 10, Eddie Clay Crowe, 11, Carrie Tipton. **Back row:** Ester Mae Barnes, 13, Nannie Susan Puckett, 11, Ida Puckett, Betty Puckett, Rice Tipton, Charlie Tipton, 14, Gordon Tipton, 11, and Martha Puckett. Ages are from Ancestry.com.

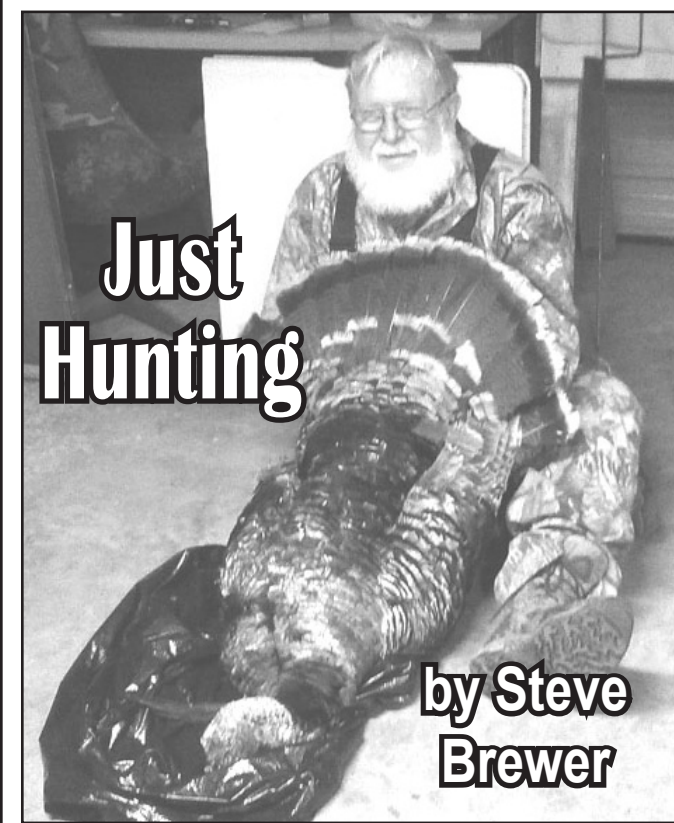
NOTE: This same picture is in the book, "Schools of Estill County, Kentucky," which is still available in limited quantities from The Estill County Historical & Genealogical Society for about \$57.00.

Blast from the past!



TOP: John D. Witt, longtime principal at Hargett Elementary, congratulates Linda Patrick (Johnson) at 8th grade graduation of 1966-67. **BOTTOM:** Linda Patrick Johnson and the late Albert I. Thomas who were both Estill County High School graduates in 1971. That class is celebrating its 50th year reunion in 2021.

(Photos courtesy of Sue Warner Tompkins)



Hunting in Nebraska on Little Creek Ranch

been almost impossible to buddy up with another hunter that can afford to go with me. When Mrs. Janice asked, I jumped with joy. Although Doomsday didn't go with me to hunt Watermelon Pond Plantation, in Florida for the opening of spring turkey season, which started the 15th day of March, the plan was he would go to the western hunts.

We started in Nebraska, that is another story for a later "Just Hunting". I had warned my dear friend to take three changes of clothing for the western swing. You can never tell what the weather is going to be, within minutes. We left Nebraska and landed in Cawker, Kansas, at the hunting lodge of my friends, Tom and Vonda Palmer. I have called their lodge my home, for nigh on to 20 years in April.

Doomsday, although never having stayed at a hunting lodge, was right at home. We would travel the 22 miles to Little Creek Ranch the next morning to do our hunting. Little Creek Ranch, is a 6,000-acre working ranch that is owned by my friends, Bill Anderson and his lovely wife Ms. Sandee. I have hunted with them for the same 20 years. I need to mention, I have killed a ton of Rio's on that ranch. I called in a flock once, that I counted 68 turkeys, half of which was long beards, before I hammered down. That ranch has been in Bill's family since 1859. Bill has always lived there.

Unless you have hunted in the west, you can never grasp the strength of their wind, it always blows. We hunted that morning, we got us a turkey apiece and went in for lunch. I never hardly hunt with my best hunting equipment out west, if you do, you are putting it in danger of the wind ripping it to shreds, and you inside the blind. My blinds are less than \$100.00 each, and I usually take three. Well, Doomsday never had any blinds, he had never needed them. I told Doomsday he could borrow one of mine, a suggestion he quickly shot down. He had gone to Cabela's in Lexington and bought himself one of those fancy "Double Bull" blinds, with a price of around \$500.00, much to rich for me.

Between the time we hunted that morning, and went back out that evening, the wind had went from about 25 miles an hour to just below 60 miles per hour. Not uncommon for hunting the west. On our way back to the ranch, I asked Doomsday, "you did have your blind staked down good, didn't you???" He said, "no, I was moving around and never staked it." It took a week for the ranchers to find it, it is still in Kansas, and we have not been able to return because of the virus. Maybe this year.

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Aldersgate is 'ramping up' for the summer with two additional canoes

Ready for some good news?

In the midst of this freeze, Aldersgate is ramping up for summer! They are happy to share that Aldersgate received several program focused grants this year to help them improve and expand their summer camp offerings.

With the aid of these grants they have been able to:

- Launch a new canoe program! Funding allowed us to purchase a canoe trailer, 6 canoes, paddles and life jackets. This program will start in 2022 and will help us highlight the beauty of our KY rivers, while also incorporating aquatic life and water way protection in our discussions of stewarding God's creation. Two additional canoes have also been donated to this program.

- Make a significant contribution to their scholarship fund! This money will directly help them get more kids at camp during 2021. Please encourage families and faith leaders to contact us about this resource.

- Re-roof two buildings! If you have ever been in OP Smith Lodge during a heavy rainstorm, you know it had a few leaks. The same was true for the Director's house, but happily that is no longer the case. Grant funding allowed them to re-roof both buildings in metal. Given all the rain, snow, and sleet we have had this month; it couldn't have happened at a better time!

And that's not all! They have several other grant funded projects and improvements for Aldersgate.

Aldersgate reports, "We will continue to share that



Aldersgate Camp shows off its fleet of canoes that are ready for a new program in 2022

good news with you here and online. Of course, we can't wait to welcome you home to show it all to you in person.

"While we are beyond excited about how these

grants have helped us to expand and improve our summer camp program at Aldersgate, we continue to be deeply thankful for the financial gifts of individual givers and churches who

have helped Aldersgate we simply wouldn't be able to continue this ministry without you. Please know it is from the bottom of our hearts when we say, thank you!"

meet the day to day costs of maintaining camp during this challenging year. While helping Aldersgate pay its power bill isn't as glamorous as buying new canoes,

we simply wouldn't be able to continue this ministry without you. Please know it is from the bottom of our hearts when we say, thank you!"

Aldersgate Camp