

Times Remembered **Betty A. Young**

BYoung505@Outlook.com **Hickory Nuts**

Every fall, when I was growing up my Mom and Dad and myself would travel to my Grandmother's place on Crooked Creek to gather bags of ripe, ready to eat hickory

Grandma's property, but the one I remember most was the huge hands, shells, meat and all. one just below the old gray-

them later.

hard to crack and even more difthe shell. But Mom worked them. magic with them. She had a lifetime shelling hickory nuts.

She had a special little hamthem on back stoop porch or the treats. hearth of the fireplace. I can still see her salt and pepper hair shimand her face glowing with love as she tried to teach me the art of it. I was fascinated with the hammer, nut in left hand and hammer in right, I tried to imi-Whoops! The nut slipped; try There were several trees on again; I tried harder; Crackkk!

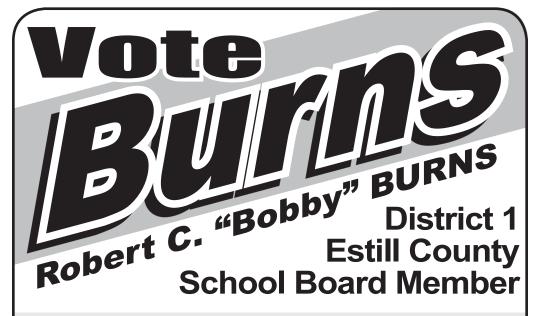
weathered barn. The ground Mom set about her work. Ham- to have wonderful holiday trawould be covered and I loved mer in right hand, nut in the ditions.

spending the sunny afternoon left; she knew exactly where to gathering the nuts and remov- place the hammer to crack them ing the hulls in order to crack perfectly. She usually cracked several nuts and picked them After the harvest, when we out a little later. She diligently got home Mom allowed the and patiently used a hairpin to nuts to dry for a while and then remove the hickory nut meat she would begin cracking and from the shell. I didn't have that picking out the kernels from magic touch, the nuts I cracked the shell. Believe me, they were were always stuck in the shell tight as glue or squashed. I ficult to remove the meat from never had much luck removing

Every year at Christmas, learned to crack hickory nuts at Mom used hickory nuts in most a very young age. She had spent everything she made or baked for the holidays. Especially in her jam cakes, hickory nut cake, mer that she used; she cracked fudge candy and many other

I didn't realize then how much it took for mom to conmering in the afternoon sunlight tinue year after year shelling hickory nuts, even though the pain of arthritis. Her annual baking with hickory nuts was process. Eagerly I picked up the ,one of my most treasured holiday traditions.

Mom is gone now. She tate her. Crack.....not quite. passed away 10 years ago this past October 5th. My heart is filled with love and fond mem-The nut crumbled in in my ories of Mom and all the hard work she endured to make an-I watched spellbound as nual preparations for our family



- I am running for the District #1 seat on the Estill County School Board.
- I served two terms on the Estill County Fiscal Court as Magistrate in District #3, and I am a retired Irvine police officer.
- I want to help take care of the people, and kids are my Number 1 priority.
- I was diagnosed with kidney cancer one year ago, but I received a clean bill of health after a doctor's visit in September.

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Sunday, October 23rd @ 10:30am

Homecoming at Williams Memorial

Williams Memorial Baptist 2016, with morning service Church in Ravenna will be starting at 10:30 a.m. folcelebrating its 93rd anniver- lowed by a fellowship dinner. sary on Sunday, October 23,

Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, October 22nd @ 4pm

Fish Fry at Drip Rock Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to Drip Rock Baptist Church for the p.m. with the Chitwood Famfirst annual fish fry with Dan- ily from Tennessee as guest ny Webb cooking the fish. singers. Eating will begin at 4 p.m.

A singing will follow at 6

Everybody is invited.

Sunday, October 30th - 5-9pm

Benefit Singing at Roadside Mission

Furnace Junction on Sunday, Danny and Barbara Rogers. October 30th, 5-9 p.m.

This will be a benefit gos- tend!

There will be a "5th Sun- pel singing in cooperation day Singing" at the Roadside with several other churches to Mission Church of God on help with financial needs of

Everyone is welcome to at-

The Declining Demise of America by BOB CASEY, preacher **Cornerstone Church of Christ** 70 Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine

Believe it or not, whatever happens to, or witin our country depends not upon political solutions, but solely upon the hearts of its people toward their God. In all of the great collapses of nations in our past have been due to the rejection of God in their decisions. Our God is still in charge of all of us, whether we recognize it or not. He is a God that will not be ignored or mocked. He has always allowed events to occur to bring men back to attention. But this I know, if men continue to harden their hearts toward God, then intervention in their affairs will happen. It happened in Noah's day. It happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. It happened to Israel and God retaliated by letting the Syrians come in and carry them away to Babylon and slavery. David wrote in **Psalms 37:37** these words, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not, yea. I sought him, but he could not be found." Also in verse 20, "But the wicked shall perish and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs and they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." Even though this chapter was written many years ago, still its precepts are just as viable today as then. We do not know with a great sense of accuracy what will soon take place.

But men will not be allowed to ignore our God and prosper. America needs an awakening of the heart, and this will only happen when men arise and hear, and obey Him. This may not ever happen, but it can, if people will repent and turn back to righteousness. Only then can we begin to return to the great nation that we once were. But only each individual must contribute to its awakening, or else we will steadily decrease into decline and destruction. God will not be mocked!

Visit with us this Lord's day at 70 Bond Street, West Irvine.

Sincerely, Bob Casey 1(859) 369-4165



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