



Times Remembered

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and there's not a day goes by that I don't miss my Mother; although she has been gone ten years. Whether it's something she did or said or some small occurrence that brings back powerful memories of a woman whose whole outlook on life seemed to be sweetness and serenity. Things I remember her saying, "Always do your best, if you do your best I'll be proud of you." "Treat all kids the same, no matter where they come from."

Seems I always want my mother by my side; no matter how old I get . . . when I get

real sick I want my Mother. No one could soothe the pain, make the best chicken or potato soup like Mom. In fact, no one could cook like my Mother. She made the best fried chicken, country ham and butterscotch pies.

I suppose we all feel that way about our Mothers; but that is the way it is supposed to be. I'm including some Mother's Day poems in my article that touched my heart this week. So visit your Mother this week . . . you don't know how long you will have her.
Happy Mother's Day.

Husband complains about being treated like God



America's Heartland

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A fellow confided to his friend one day that his wife treats him just like God.

"So, she worships and honors and obeys you?" the friend asked.

"No," the fellow responded. "She ignores me until she wants something."

Unfortunately, that's just how most people in this world behave toward God. Until they face a huge need in their lives, they just ignore Him. I'm so glad God is willing to show up in our times of need.

In the Old Testament, a prophet named Jeremiah had the daunting task of

trying to bring a spiritual awakening to a people who had turned their backs on God. Those people didn't want to hear Jeremiah's message, so they mistreated him horribly. They put him in prison. They even threw him into a muddy hole in the ground where he would have perished had God not intervened.

Jeremiah found that God is faithful, always showing up in his time of need.

Even so, life was tough for Jeremiah, and he came to be known as the weeping prophet because of the heartaches he faced on an almost daily basis. But, in the midst of the heartache, Jeremiah found cause for hope and joy.

"Ah, Lord God," he proclaimed in Jeremiah 32:17. "It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you."

As we face hardship all these many years later, we can have the same assurance Jeremiah had in knowing nothing is too hard for God.

In fact, God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

A God like that certainly is worthy of worship and honor. I'm glad that readers of this column in every state throughout the South and Midwest recognize the majesty of God, and I'm glad they don't take Him for granted.

It would be easy to fall into a routine of ignoring God until we need something, without realizing He provides for us every day. How can we forget that God has given us the air we breathe, the food we eat, the families we love, the homes we live in, the income that pays our bills?

God quietly goes about tending to the everyday needs of everyone and everything alive on this planet, often entirely unnoticed.

"Look at the birds of the air," Jesus said in Matthew 6:26. "They do not sow or reap or gather into barns - and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

He tenderly cares for each of us, too. We should have thankful hearts for such a God as this.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

A MOTHER'S WAY IS LOVE

A Mother's way is warm
And gentle is her touch;
With just a hug she says,
"I love you very much.
A mother's way is kind,
Ever giving of herself;
Her day are filled with riches,
Her children are her wealth.
A mother's way is wise,
Her counsel from above
The dearest gift God gives
Is that of mother's love.

A MOTHER'S LOVE

So tender is a mother's love,
A love that can't be measured,
A love we know, without a doubt,
Is one that's to be treasured.
For God instilled this special love
Within a mother's heart
For each of her dear children,
Whether near or far apart
Unchanging is a mother's love
Throughout the fleeting years,
A love that's wrapped with gentleness
Which wipes away all tears.
How precious is a mother's love;
It lingers all the while,
And keeps alive that heavenly bond
"Tween mother and her child.

Mother's Day by Betty A. Young

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14. We celebrate across America as the result of the proclamation that was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson on May 9, 1914. The proclamation declared the 2nd Sunday of May to be observed as Mother's Day to honor the mothers.

After the American Civil War social activist, Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic), was horrified by the carnage of the Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War and so, in 1870 she tried to issue a manifesto for peace at international peace conferences in London and Paris, (it was much like the later Mother's Day Peace Proclamation). It was one a woman's peace crusade that was the precursor for the Mother's Day Proclamation. She rigorously campaigned for the official celebration of Mother's Day, but as she turned more attention to peace and women's rights, her efforts sort of died out. To acknowledge her achievements she was honored by issuance of a stamp in her honor in 1988.

Anna Marie Jarvis, a young Appalachian woman who in the 1900s worked to reunite the healing of a nation after the Civil War. In 1858, she worked to reconcile Union and Confederate neighbors by organizing nursing and better sanitation conditions that saved many lives.

It was Jarvis' daughter, Anna Jarvis, finally succeeded in introducing Mother's Day in the sense as we celebrate it today. Anna had spent many years caring for her ailing mother. After her death Anna chose to devote all her time to establish Mother's Day to "honor mothers both, living and dead." She wrote letters to urge ministers, businessmen, and congressmen to declare a national holiday. She believed we should show more honor and respect for mothers and parents; which would strengthen family bonds.

As a result, Anna's dream came true when President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation declaring the 2nd Sunday of May to be observed as Mother's Day to honor motherhood.

School Menus

Estill Springs & South Irvine

Monday, May 15

Breakfast: Guess What Day, Pear Halves, Juice, and Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets/Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple, and Milk.

Tuesday, May 16

Breakfast: Guess What Day, Apple, and Milk.

Lunch: Manager's Choice. West Irvine

Monday, May 15

Breakfast: Guess What Day or Cereal, Pear Halves, Juice, and Milk.

Lunch: Bologna and Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Pork 'n Beans, Dill Spears, and Apple.

Tuesday, May 16

Breakfast: Muffins or Cereal, Apple, and Milk.

Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Cucumber/Dip, Side Kicks, and Milk.

ECMS

Monday, May 15

Breakfast: Dutch Waffles, Choc. Mini Wheats,

Cereal Bar, Assorted Pop Tarts, Apple, Assorted Fruit Juices, and Milk Choices.

Lunch: Sandwich Surprise, Potato Surprise, Fresh Veggies w/Dip, Fruit Surprise, Milk or Juice.

Tuesday, May 16

Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Cereal Bar, Assorted Pop Tarts, Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juices, and Milk Choices.

Lunch: Pizza Surprise or Bosco/Taco Snax, Calzone, Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk or Juice.

ECHS

Monday, May 15

Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, Yogurt, Orange or Apple, Assorted Juices, Variety of Milk.

Lunch: Hot Dog on Bun, Chicken Pattie on Bun, Chips, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Peaches/Pears, Variety of Milk/OJ.

Tuesday, May 16

Breakfast: Manager's Choice.

Lunch: Manager's Choice

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

REAL ESTATE (Rain or Shine)

SATURDAY MAY 27TH 10:00AM

We have been authorized by the heirs of the late Mr. Melvin Short to sell at public auction the real property located at 800 Dug Hill Road, Irvine, Ky.

DIRECTIONS: From Irvine, take Hwy. 52 S 1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 499, proceed 3.4 miles. Signs will be posted. From Lexington, take I-75 S to exit 90A, take Martin bypass to Hwy. 52 E toward Irvine, approx. 15 miles to Hwy. 499 (turn right at McDonalds).

REAL ESTATE

This very desirable 106-acre farm (more or less) is level to gently rolling with tillable land, pastureland & timberland. The farm has not been surveyed. The farm has a Columbia Gas pipeline that runs through the farm with the gas lines running to the house & barn. There is approx. 5/10 mile of road frontage on Dug Hill Road, approx. 4/10 mile road frontage on Hoys Fork Road & approx. 3/10 mile road frontage on Riddell Road.

HOUSE: (28' x 36') 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath, full basement & 2 fireplaces. City water is available. Dwelling needs a total renovation.

QUONSET BUILDING: (40' x 72') Concrete floor & is in good condition.

BLOCK GARAGE: (30' x 40') Has a garage door on both ends.

BARN 1: (36' x 56') 4 bent stock barn with stalls and a loft.

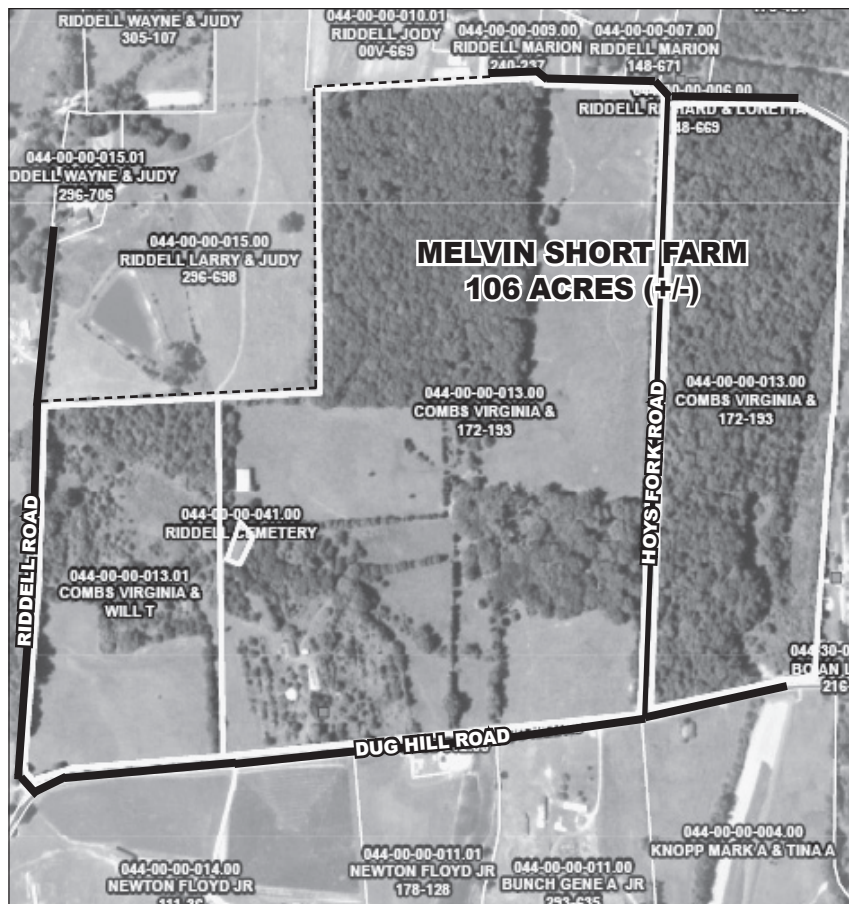
BARN 2: (40' x 60') 5 bent barn with a concrete foundation, gas lines to barn & a loading chute. This barn has sliding center doors & double doors on end.

BARN 3: (40' x 72') Tobacco barn with a concrete foundation.

There are several other buildings. The farm has a water tank, several springs & a nice large spring fed pond. The property is fenced & cross fenced with mostly #9 woven wire.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale with balance on or before 45 days with delivery of deed. 2017 property taxes will be prorated. Property is being sold in "As Is" condition with no warranties expressed or implied. Any & all inspections are the responsibility of the buyer to be made prior to day of sale. Announcements day of sale takes precedence over printed material. NO BUYERS PREMIUMS!

AUCTIONEER'S NOTES: Very desirable location & farm. Farm has been in family since early 50's. Ideal for cattle or horse operation, could be subdivided & has TIMBER (check out the large oaks & other timber - Easy to harvest). Looking for pastureland, woods for hunting or just country living at its best-THIS IS THE ONE!! Call for more information.



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