

213 TALES

by the late

Michael Dale Profitt

Memories of the late Michael Dale Profitt who lived much of his life on KY-213 and KY-52, now called Furnace Junction, continued from last week.

After my sophomore year in school, we got out and started a new summer. We would still ride in the trucks some. I got to going to the pool room in Ravenna. I liked playing pool with my friends. I got pretty good. Devoe Baber owned the Ravenna Pool Room. Little Jim ran it for him. He didn't have but one short arm with two fingers on it but he could still play pool good. They said he had a college degree.

He was kin to David "Mad Dog" White and he would let Mad Dog rack the balls for him. I went to school with Devoe's son, Gary Baber. He would play pool too. It cost 5 cents a game then. We would play check for 10 cents a game. We loved playing check. Sometimes we would play 9-ball and 61. Also, we would play 8-ball in the side pocket. You had to make the one in the side if you had the small number balls, or the 15 if you had the bigger number balls.

Tony Witt had started dating and married Sam Buck's sister, Amanda. He would let us ride home with him a lot of times. He was always really nice to us. He was a good person. He was "big buddies" with Vernon Muncy.

After sister Sue got married, it was up to me to help in the store. I would get up early and watch the store while Mom went to get my little sisters ready. Hinkle Contracting had bought the rock crusher and changed the name to Tipton Ridge Quarry. They sent workers from Bowen in Powell County to work there. They would stop every morning. The oil field workers would park across Highway 52 and catch their ride to Leeco in Lee County. They would also come in the store every morning. There were several others who would stop there on their way to work.

In the afternoon, I would watch the store until Mom could go cook supper. Dad would come home from work and eat. Then he would take over watching the store. I had to get all the coal in now. We used to take turns but brothers Glenn and Chester were gone now.

Andrew Patrick in his A Model Ford



Sister Sue had married Vernon Muncy and lived in a mobile home on Cow Creek. I would go down there now and mow their grass. Vernon had went to work for B and C Wholesale in Ravenna. I would go with him to help him make his deliveries. We went to Mt. Sterling sometimes. (I would get beer there). One day I missed the step and cut my head open. I had to get it sewed up. We also went to Stanton, Campton, and Winchester. I had fun riding with him.

We would go to the blacktop plant at the foot of Tipton Ridge and catch the trucks sometimes. Glenn Witt was the scale operator. He was handicapped and had went to school with my brother Chester. His dad worked at the dump as a guard until they closed it. They had a really pretty girl named Sherry Witt. She was the same age as me and I went to high school with her. After high school she got married to Guy Hatfield who ran the Citizen Voice newspaper. She later died. She was so young and beautiful.

We put up a lot of hay that summer and did a lot of other things. We were still young and had a lot of fun. My mom's cousin Andrew Patrick would come over sometimes. He was Mom's Uncle Harrison Patrick's boy. They were raised on the next farm to Grandpaw's. He drove an old A Model Ford and it looked so funny. He would haul a bunch of dogs in the back. I heard he like to drink beer and whiskey a lot. His brother Dillard was married to Opal Abney Patrick and had a whole housefull of boys. Andrew wasn't married and didn't seem to work much.

That fall, before school started, we started to work in tobacco. I just turned 16 and still didn't have a

license to drive. We rode some with Elmer Bowles from Cow Creek. We went to work in Clark County that year. Elmer had a Chevrolet panel truck like Chester's but it didn't have windows in it. We went to work for Earl Noble. He had a lot of tobacco to house. We made \$5.00 an hour and 6 cents a stick for cutting. We really thought we was getting rich. We missed nine days of school, then went back to school one day. A girl I went to school with stopped and told me if I didn't go back within 10 days they wouldn't let us go back. Her name was Sarah Staples and her dad, Mr. Staples, was the librarian. They had moved here from Massachusetts. They run the Garrett Orchard and her mom was a Garrett. They later sold the orchard and went back to Massachusetts.

We would stop in Winchester to eat breakfast at the Playhouse Pool Room. The other farmers would beg us to go to work for them. We already had a job. I would always get a salame sandwich and Ale8-1 to drink. Earl had a lot of nice tractors. He would let me drive the 5000 Ford he had. It would "fly" down the road. Elmer always claimed he wasn't making any money hauling us to work. I don't know why not. We finished working for Earl Noble and went back to school.

School was exciting this year. I took driver's education and got my driver's license this year. I bought a 1959 Ford Fairlane 500 from Stella Puckett. It was a pretty car; blue and white and the best Ford car that year. It was a nice car.

I had psychology and didn't like it at all. Mr. Huckleberry was my Civics teacher the year before and I liked it. I had distributive education II. Ameri-

can History was hard. Miss Pilant was the teacher and she gave us hard tests. I think she was stuck on me the way she acted. She quit in the middle of the year. The football coach took her place. He couldn't understand why everybody failed the class the first semester. She was giving college level tests. Everybody that failed he gave an "I" and then if you tried, he changed it to a "D". I had English 2, PE II and American Literature. Miss Prewitt was my teacher and let you do book reports for credit. I had Mrs. Strong for English.

Dad retired that fall and I didn't have to watch the store so much. I went home with one classmate and stayed all night. He lived on Crooked Creek on Preacher Arvin's farm. I lost my billfold and my permit that night. They had their own cows but I couldn't drink milk. The water was sulphur water and tasted awful. I was in a bad spot. Didn't have nothing to drink. His dad was elderly and his mother had been disabled since she was a teenager. She wasn't able to do much and his ole man cooked. The classmate later came and stayed all night with me.

Mom started going to Weight Watchers in Richmond. She would go with Katherine Moreland and John Harold "Jank" Moreland who lived about a mile from us. She was Arnold and Mae Tipton Puckett's girl. She was a nice woman who loved cats. She sold Avon all the time. John Harold loved coon dogs and beagle hounds. He said she put up with his dogs and he put up with her cats. Katherine later got sick and passed away. I know John Harold really loved her and missed her. She was really nice.

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Library Happenings

Estill Public Library

by Shannon Horn

Hello readers! June 12th, 2019

This week has FLOWN by. I honestly can't believe that the first week of Summer Reading has come and gone. We have had so many exciting things going on and we've seen so many people that I don't even know what to share!

Touch a Truck

Our first Summer Reading Program was last Thursday. We hosted a Touch a Truck event that 77 community members attended. The children absolutely loved looking at all the different vehicles and some didn't want to leave. There were a few that didn't want to get out of the school bus! I want to say thank you to all of the community members that brought out different trucks. We had nine different trucks/cars that the children got to climb on, take pictures with and they even got to honk a couple of horns. I got in the bucket truck and watching the little kids' faces as I went up was so funny. We all had such a great time.

Spider-Man

Our next Thursday program will be on June 13th. Spider-Man will be here for two different programs. I'm not sure what he has in store for us, but I have a feeling it will be fun. The first program will be at 1:00 and the second will start at 2:00. If you would like to reserve a seat for you and your child sign up for Beanstack. Those that register through Beanstack will not only get to enter the program first, but they will also receive a superhero cup. You can register for Beanstack at www.beanstack.com.

Teen Programming

We have several cool things going on for teens this summer. Teen Game Night is still going on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 3:30. On The 25th of this month we will have an escape room as our Teen Game Night activity. Every single Friday we have a different teen program planned. The 14th we will be having a drawing class. The teens can

just show up. No sign up necessary. Our teen book club is still meeting as well. They are going to begin reading Twilight by Stephanie Meyer this month. They will meet again on June 24th at 4:00. If your teen is looking for a new book to read then they should come to our next Book Tasting event. This will be from 3:30 - 5:00 on the 17th of June. Last time, several teens found some new books to read, so maybe your teen can too!

Pickin' in the Park

Our concerts are still going really well! We've had wonderful audiences for each performance and the music has been great. Our next concert will be Cameron White. Ethan Hunt will perform on the 25th. We've been lucky that the weather hasn't been bad, but if the rain continues, remember that the concerts will be moved inside the library. Otherwise, we will be at Rising Park at 6:30, waiting for you to join the fun.

Summer Feeding

The library is now a part of the Summer Feeding program through our school system. Wednesday I was not prepared for all the children that showed up. We only had 15 meals, but 17 kids arrived hungry and ready to eat. I made sure to have more for this week! This program is for any child under the age of 18. You don't have to sign up for it or provide any personal information. Just stop by with the kids and they can grab a healthy meal.

Adult Programs

Lesa has been working really hard to put together some wonderful programs for our adult patrons. The one I would love to go to is the blacksmithing class on the 15th. I'm pretty sure I could make something, but I could also just catch something on fire. That is why Brad Holman is teaching a class on the basics of blacksmithing! This looks like it will be very interesting. I know there were a lot of people there last year.

Crafternoon is back in full swing. On the 26th we will be hosting Diane Johnson and her goat soap making class. She will be showing us how to make soap and she will have samples available for people to look at and try. This will start at 1:30.

We have so many fun things going on at the library. Stop in and get a calendar so you can join in the fun. Hope to see you soon!

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Wednesday, June 12th

Owl Bookmarks

Estill County Public Library will be hosting crafternoon on June 12 at 1:30 and the craft will be Owl Bookmarks. Bring in your 2 favorite colors of yarn and a plastic canvas needle. Everything else will be provided. Please call Lesa at the Estill County Public Library at 606-723-3030 to register or go to estillcolibrary.beanstack.org/reader365, so that we have enough supplies.

Saturday, June 15th

Blacksmithing Techniques

The Estill County Public Library will have Brad Holman here on Saturday, June 15 beginning at 10:00 a.m. demonstrating his blacksmithing techniques. Chairs will be provided, but if you wish to bring your own lawn chair for comfort feel free to do so. This is a free program provided by the library.

Friday, June 21st

Woodworking Demonstration

On June 21 from 5:00-6:30 there will be a Woodworking Demonstration by Warren Rogers. This will be held at Rising Park up behind the Estill County Public Library. For more information contact Lesa at 606-723-3030.

Wednesday, June 26th

Making Soap from Goat's Milk

On June 26 at 1:30, Diane Johnson will be at the Estill County Public Library to demonstrate how to make soap using goats milk. For more information please contact Lesa at 606-723-3030.

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