



Points East

By:
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Lola Clark Prewitt was my next-door neighbor for several years back in the eighties. Our homes were maybe the length of two football fields apart and separated by a ditchline, a ground hog den, the pasture part of part of a cow pasture and two barbed wire fences. Take the groundhog den out of that equation and you have, what I believe to be, adequate space for fostering a congenial relationship with other folks in the community.

At least it worked that way for Lola and me. We were not right in each other's faces everytime we walked out the door but if we saw each other outside and hollered "howdy" loud enough across the field and the ground hog hill, we would wind up against the fence row and commence talking when both of us were supposed to be hieing our gardens.

When the weeds were tall and ugly, we'd simply wave and holler back and forth that it was a hot day, and weren't these bean bugs and Japanese beetles the worst we'd ever seen and then we'd bend our backs to the hoe and dig lick the ditches before it got dark.

Many times I've kept on putting around in the garden until I was sure she had quit because I didn't want to be outworked by an old woman, who could, in fact work circles around me.

My wife was following dresses nearly to her ankles and long or half sleeves even in July and August. Big, towering, flowery sun bonnets with lace embroidery on the tops and tasseling tie strings dangling down that she tucked into her apron strings. She was partial to blue material with little flowers speckled with yellow and pink and lavender stuff when it came to dressing for the garden but

the truth is that Lola was dressed for the garden 365 days a year except for the bouret.

She was 70 years old when I first met her. I had just moved in beside her on Harmon's Lick in Garrard County and our dogs had gotten into a fight. My dog had crossed her fence and I was anxious to assure my neighbor that I would keep my dog tied and this would never happen again etc.

"I don't think you'll have to do that on my account", she said, "because I think my dog has just taught your dog a lesson" and she was rather amused at my concern if her smile was any indication of her real demeanor.

She scolded her dog and started loving on mine and talking to "old Patch" (now long dead) until he wagged his tail and before you knew what was happening Patch and I were sitting on her front porch. I had a cup of hot coffee and a fried apple pie and Patch had some left over chicken dumplings.

She told me her name and told her mine and we spent an hour figuring out that we were not kin to each other. We talked about gardening and fishing and teaching and agreed that we needed to become better neighbors and I went back home after dark that evening literally glowing.

And so, especially during warm weather, it got to be something we did at least once a week. We sat on her front porch or in her kitchen or leaned on the garden posts and talked and drank coffee or tea. And not gossip, mind you. Lola was not interested in anybody else's business. She didn't care what the neighbors were doing or who had divorced whom as long as they kept the fence up and the cows out of her garden.

She wanted to talk about the philosophy of education and the Kentucky Education Reform Act. She wanted to talk about Mark Twain and Zane Grey and Herman Melville, and compare whatever it was she was reading at the moment to the classic writers. And she read and read and read and read.

Lola mothered me, nurtured me, taught me gardening tricks, showed me how to freeze beans so that they taste just like out of the garden when you cook them in January. She taught me, the way that she had taught so many hundred adolescents in her long teaching career, to be a better person than I would be without her influence on my life.

When I moved from Harmon's Lick I probably let myself lose touch

with Lola Prewitt on a frequent basis. Students do that even with their most favorite teachers, no matter how much they love them, and I often wonder why that is the case.

Lola Clark Prewitt was buried in

the ground, she loved so well last Monday. She was 86 years old. I promise you faithfully that the world is a little less close to perfection than it used to be.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

Livingston Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who donated to our auction. We really appreciate all of the help. All proceeds went to the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department.

Livingston Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Editor:

Our class has been learning about community resources. We want to thank Trooper Yates for visiting our room. We learned lots of things. He was very nice. We also want to thank Mr. Sherman Cook for talking to us about welding and getting good jobs. We want to thank the people at the courthouse, especially Mrs. Teresa Vanzant, Mrs. Sonja Parker, Norma

Hook and the rest of the courthouse people. They were very helpful. We want to thank the staff at the Rockcastle Public Library, they gave us a tour and talked about all kinds of things. The Rockcastle County Hospital staff was very helpful, especially the X-ray department. We want to thank Brian Burdette at White Star Auto Parts for talking to us about his job. We also want to thank Mrs. Melody Salyer for letting us visit the Livingston Post Office. She was very nice. We learned many things about our community.

Sincerely,
Shane Burke and
Jesse McGeorge
RCMS students

Kiwanis Club inducts two new members

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club inducted two members into the club on Thursday at the monthly business meeting. Claudina Cash has worked for the Rockcastle County School System for 29 1/2 years. She is presently a District Supervisor in charge of assessment and Title I. She lives in the Ottawa section of our county and is married to Charles Cash. They have two sons, Chuck and Curtis; one daughter-in-law, Sherri and a grand-daughter, Carlie.

Phillip DeBorde grew up in

Rockcastle County and later graduated from Woodford County High School in Versailles. In 1996 he retired from the Kentucky State Police and now resides with his wife, Linda in Mt. Vernon.

The club feels very fortunate to have Claudina and Phillip to join their ranks and are looking forward to working with them on the many up-coming projects. On April 24th the club will be sponsoring an Invitational Track Meet with all proceeds going to the RCHS Track Team. On

May 5th they will be the host for an entertaining production of "Just Desserts." You will not want to miss this fun night. Reservations will be required. Contact any Kiwanis member. Also on May 5th the club will be having a N'orthy Day Rummage Sale in the lot next to the Community Trust Bank on the bypass. As you can see the Kiwanis Club is busy with project preparations and needs all your support in making our community a better place to live.



Fast Kiwanis president Tagmy Cox inducted new members, Claudina Cash and Phillip DeBorde with the assistance of president Donald Coyle.

AUCTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 20th, 2001 AT 6:00 p.m.

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