

County won't miss Robinson



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I would venture to say that less than 500 of Rockcastle's County's 17,000 or so residents even know who their state senator is.

Well, he was Albert Robinson or I guess he still will be until January of next year.

However, a couple of weeks ago, the Kentucky General Assembly redrew district lines for State House

and Senate and for the U.S. Congress.

Robinson will no longer represent Rockcastle, which was part of the 21st district that included Laurel, Knox, Jackson and Rockcastle Counties.

You really shouldn't say that Robinson represented Rockcastle County in the Kentucky Senate.

He was our state senator, but he did little or nothing for Rockcastle while he was our spokesman in the Senate.

And he was in position with the Republican party, who were in the majority, to send some money for some projects our way, but he did very little if anything.

I guess we should thank him for

not blocking some of the good work State Representative Danny Ford did for the county.

For the most part, the only time you saw Senator Robinson in Rockcastle was when he was running for re-election.

The other times were few and far between.

Rockcastle's new spokesman in the state senate is Ed Wexley of Richmond.

Rockcastle was placed in the 34th Senate District along with Madison and Lincoln Counties.

Worley is a Democrat, but he has ties to Rockcastle County. His wife, Jamie, is a Rockcastle native and former Rockcastle County High School teacher.

His in-laws, James and Thelma Mullins, are also life-long Rockcastle residents.

Worley faces a challenge this Fall from former senator Barry Metcalfe, a Republican, who did not seek re-election the last time because he ran an unsuccessful race for U.S. Congress.

The good old Kentucky General Assembly never fails me. Most of them (not all) are out for themselves or at least both parties certainly believe they have the right to control state government and those who represent us.

That was obvious by their actions two weeks ago, when they finally passed a re-districting plan.

The plan was signed into law by the Governor late on Thursday evening and the General Assembly set a filing deadline for the upcoming Primary at 4 p.m. the next day.

The average citizen, who might have been thinking about filing for a house or senate seat, had less than 24 hours to make up their mind, get the appropriate documents from the Secretary of State and make their way to Frankfort by 4 p.m.

It was simply another case of the incumbent members of the General Assembly protecting themselves.

One legislator told me that if anyone was really interested in running

for office they would have already filed - even though a Frankfort Circuit Judge had extended the deadline.

The simple facts are that people did not know where the new lines would be drawn or even for sure what district they would be placed in. It was just good old Kentucky politics at work.

Last week David Hudson, General Manager of Charter Communications, basically told the Mt. Vernon City Council and several concerned citizens that if they did not like the cable television service provided by Charter, not to buy it.

He made no apologies and gave few direct answers during the meeting.

He said he thought Charter was providing a competitive product, although they have doubled their rates and the service they provide to their customers is mediocre at best.

Charter takes in over \$650,000 per year from their Rockcastle customers. I'm satisfied the city council could find some legal reason to revoke their franchise something that should be done.

Another cable company may not even be interested but then again they might and if they did a good job they would pick up more customers.

There should be no exclusive franchises in a free enterprise system.

Most of us don't have the protection of the government for our businesses - it simply isn't right to tell one company they can do business and tell another they can't.

When you eliminate even the threat of competition problems occur, as they have with Charter.

On the subject of the city of Mt. Vernon, Mayor Karen King has made it known that she would like to see an increase in the local payroll tax, which currently stands at half a percent.

The current tax is generating an extra \$200,000 for the city's treasury each year, but the Mayor says that isn't enough.

When the council passed the tax two years ago, the Mayor promised several improvements for the city.

Unless I've missed something those promised improvements haven't been made. City employees have gotten a much deserved raise, but other than adding extra employees, the city really hasn't made any improvements.

I will give the Mayor credit for one thing, she is very blunt about her intentions, even in an election year.

The council is also kicking around the idea of making the Mayor's job a

full-time position with a full-time salary.

They are also considering raises for council members. Both of those things need to occur, because in all honesty there are very few real volunteers left and pay increases may cause more people to become involved in the political process.

Running the city of Mt. Vernon is a big job these days and one that should involve a paid position.

In and Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

Mrs. Mark Eaton and children and Patricia Holland were in Somerset recently.

Dorothy Hasty celebrated her birthday February 6th. We wish her many returns of the day.

Mrs. Lori Eaton and children and Patricia Holland were in Richmond and Lexington recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton, II visited Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coulter of Mooresville while Friday night.

Mr. Linda Eaton and mother, Patricia Holland were in Richmond Saturday.

Mrs. Wanda Burton visited her sister, Margie Cummins while Sunday.

Angie Eaton of Midway visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton, II while Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston visited her father, Mr. Oscar Saylor of Crab Orchard Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harris Burton and Delphia Cox were in Richmond recently.

Margaret Coffey visited Elizabeth Stokes at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset Sunday afternoon.

Roger Eugene Hasty of Elizabethtown visited his father, Roger Hasty and grandmother, Dorothy Hasty during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary February 9th. We wish them many returns of the day.

Mildred Hunt celebrated her birthday February 14th. We wish her many returns of the day.

"Personals"

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visited Doc's mother, Mrs. Bessie Kirby over last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney had breakfast together at Hardee's Tuesday morning.

Recent visitors of C.S. and Marie McKinney were their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Lovins and grandson, Jack Lovins and great granddaughter, Sarah Lovins.

Mrs. Margie Cromer and Mrs. Ruby Jean Hanzel visited Mrs. Bessie Kirby while Saturday.

Deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Barnett while Sunday.

Mrs. Wanda Sowder of Ohio spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Pansy Nicely.

Happy Valentines Day
Farmer Waddle

"What Saith the Scriptures"

Last week, the winter Olympics began in Salt Lake City. Paul uses the imagery of the athletic games in his writings. "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now this do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." 1 Cor 9:24-25. As we contend in the "Spiritual Olympics of life" it is necessary that we show temperance or self-discipline in serving the Lord. In Salt Lake City all will run and compete in the race, but only one will win, so each contestant is going to give it their best. Even so, God wants us to give it our best effort in running the race.

Another point Paul brings up, is that if we are going to compete in the "Spiritual Olympics," we must go by the rules. Again in 2 Tim 2:5 we read, "And if a man abasheth himself, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully." You cannot compete in the Winter Olympics and get the gold by failing to follow the rules; "strive lawfully." Said to say we have a lot of religious people who are not following the rules set forth in the Bible, read Matt 23:23. "Are striving for the incorruptible crown of life?"

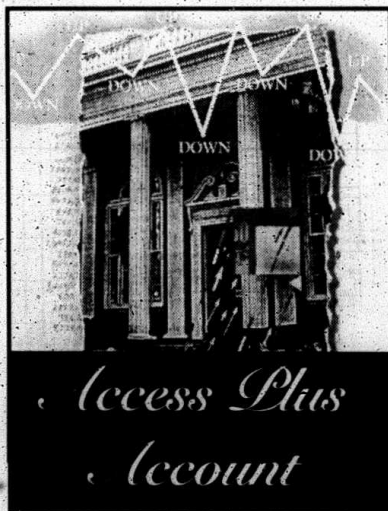
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