

Points East

By: Ike Adams

I'm ashamed to tell it, but the truth is that I hadn't seen my Aunt Oma Adams in over 20 years.

We talked on the phone once in a while the last time at Christmas last year and I kept promising that I was coming to see her. To sit on her porch near the head of Camp Branch and just visit, face-to-face instead of using the phone conversations, because neither one of us was much good on the phone where both of us asked "What?" a lot. "What-a-way?"

I started having hearing problems when I was 40. Too much bluegrass and Rock & Roll cranked up way too loud through headphones. Too many front-row seats at concerts between banks of speakers driven at too many thousands of watts.

Walk up to me in the mall or on the street or call me right now and my reaction will be: "What-a-way?" The last time I talked to her, Aunt Oma was concerned about my hearing because, at 85, she could hear much better than me. "We talked about children—her great nieces and nephews and we reminisced a bit about who was where and what they were doing. Just the stuff that families do to keep up with each other."

On the way in my living room there is a nice big clock about a foot square that Aunt Oma and her daughter-in-law, Mercedes, my cousin Johnny Ray's wife, gave to Loretta and me for a wedding present.

Every time I look at that clock, I am reminded of Aunt Oma. At least a hundred times I've told visitors how we came about it.

Aunt Oma will be buried Tuesday alongside my Uncle Raymond on Camp Branch in Letcher County. She was 86 years old and I am reminded of the old hymn that goes "Oh, Lord I need thee more than ever" because there is no doubt in my mind that my Aunt Oma is among the saints just now.

To make the news a bit more upbeat, Paint Lick Reflections Vol. 1, #1, is hot off the press and the reviews are so complimentary that Rita Fox has a red face. "Printed on stock so heavy that the magazine weighs a quarter pound, the premier issue is destined to be a collectors' item."

Rita stuck her neck out and printed 800 copies. About 200 are left and she will send you one for a measly \$5 bucks. Send your check or cash to Rita Fox, Publisher, Paint Lick Reflections, 11091 Richmond Road, Paint Lick, 40661 in order's single copy. I'm betting you will subscribe once you read the premier issue.

Finally, if you are in our neck of the woods, please try to drop by Yoder's Greenhouse. Actually it's about 10 miles, as the crow flies, from my house and the Amish owner

is not keen on having his name in the paper. The Highway 29 between Lancaster and Crab Orchard and turn onto Frenchmans Road West toward Stanford. The greenhouses will be on your right shortly after you cross the steel bridge over Dix River. And stop by Granny's Store too, out on 39. These are among the best kept secrets in central Kentucky and I will take the heat for mentioning them in the paper.

Be careful of the kids on horseback or bicycles and please don't try to pass a horse-drawn carriage unless you can see what's coming in the other direction. Our Amish community in Garrard and Lincoln Counties are extra-special stewards of the land and extra special friends to those of us who love it as they do. They will be a bit upset that I mentioned them in the paper because they don't like to advertise. But I know them well enough that they'll get over it if you seek and buy some pointed plants and make arrangements to come back for the best but cheapest vegetables on the face of earth.

Rest in peace Aunt Oma

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

"We would like to thank the following businesses, community leaders, parents and individuals for their support to Project Graduation Celebration 2002. We greatly appreciate each and every one for helping to make this a huge success."

A+ Check Advance, Carolyn and Charles McKinney, Citizens Bank, Community Trust Bank, Mary Ida Jones, Shirley Cummins, Joseph Clontz, CPA, Clontz & Co., L.L.C., Bradley's Barber Shop, Young's Pharmacy, Broadhead Lions Club, Mary Owen Home for Eunuchs and Monuments, Daniel Whitaker, Broadhead Arcade, Collins Respiratory Care, Adams Feed & Supply, C&N Storage, Rockcastle County Ministerial Association, Mt. Vernon Lions Club, Kwik Mart, Willapa Grocery, Britton, Chevy-Olds, Brunner Studio, Dr. John Parsons, Janita Norris Country Peddler, Rockcastle Embroidery, Marsha Foley, Bullock Muffler Shop, Town & Country Motors, Dabney Feed & Supply, Lennie & Teresa Vanzant, B&J Printing, John Ford, Attorney, E. Howard Saylors, Perry's Body Shop, Milt Builders, Broadhead Farm Equipment, Ford Brothers, Roy, Todd Builders, Inc., Shirley and Elizabeth Smith, Marlene Lawson, L.L.C., Buckeye Christian Church, Heritage Furniture Gallery, Integrity Mold & Die, L.L.C., J&J Auction, Edwards - Chiropractic, Inc., Rockcastle Veterinary Clinic, Miller Auto Sales, Sparks Flowers & More, Jeffrey T. Burdette, Floors, Etc., J&D Cabinets, Robert M. McCord, CPA, J&J, Inc., Singleton & Associates, Inc., Win E. Taylor and Mary, Inc., Mt. Vernon PTA, Clarence & Louise Carter, John Hamm Auto Sales, Clifford Collins, Peoples Bank & Trust, Advance Auto, Davidson Krumm, E&J Excavation, Carpenter Custom Building, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Lee's Famous Recipe

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If we have accidentally left someone out, please feel free to call us and let us correct the error.

Nancy Hale, Chairman
Project Graduation
2002 Committee

Dear Editor,

The Rockcastle County FFA Alumni Association would like to thank the following individuals and area businesses who made monetary donations as well as those who donated items for the 5th Annual FFA Alumni auction last Friday night, April 12th.

Helen Faye Abney, Tommy and Doris Adams, Alena's Flowers, Barlow Farm Equipment, Beng's

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Thank you,
Judy Adams,
President of FFA Alumni

Dear Editor,

I read an article recently written from a woman on Flat Gap Road. I was very pleased by this letter. I myself live off of Flat Gap and know of the problems she's discussed. The Sheriff's Department and State Police are up here all the time, but nothing is done, knowing there is drug traffic and fighting all the time. The one arrest this time is nothing but a show.

My children can't even go outside without hearing or seeing trouble. You can't sleep well at night knowing there is a lot of traffic and drug traffic. What a way to live. I hope if there is anyone else that has this problem they also will speak up. It's terrible to be a taxpayer and have to live without peace.

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TIME FOR A CHANGE

VOTE

Gary V. Linville

Rockcastle Co. Sheriff

May 28, 2002 (Lever 8)

With God's help and your vote and support Gary V. Linville will be THE NEW Rockcastle Co. Sheriff.
By the people, for the people to protect and serve.

Someone asked me the other day about experience in law enforcement. My response was, I think experience is real important (if you use it). You could have all the schooling and training to be a brain surgeon, but if you never went into the operating room or did a surgery then all that training and schooling would be useless.

As important as experience is, I feel as most other people in our county. What we need is LEADERSHIP experience will follow. And that is something God has gifted me with is LEADERSHIP, because for years I first learned to follow. You must first learn to be a follower, if you're going to make a good leader. It's a humbling experience and God is the best teacher.

There's been many people called to great responsibility who had little or no experience. But because God had his hand on their life he made them great leaders. He gave them favor with people even with Kings.

Someone said the other day, you need to keep God out of politics and I responded that's what's wrong with the government, schools, law enforcement, and the justice system today, we've left God out. Just look at the condition of our nation and the world. President Lincoln said, "The greatest gift God ever gave me was the Bible (and I say Amen)."

We agree with most other people, it's time for a change, not just in the Sheriff's Dept. but in our nation.

Are we so quick to forget Sept. 11, 2001, when the twin towers in New York City fell. There was a stirring in the people, it was a wake up call and friend we better not fall back asleep. There are many grave dangers our country and nation faces today and now more than ever before we need LEADERSHIP and take the responsibility to the best of my ability to protect and serve all the people in Rockcastle County.

I also will work hand in hand and support all other law enforcement agencies, both local and surrounding counties, who stand for what is right.

May God direct your heart as you carefully consider who will be your next Sheriff.

To all our supporters, city and countryside, again I say thank you and God bless America. Prov. 29:2 KJV.

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