

Points East

By:
Ike Adams

According to the old song by Peter, Paul and Mary, "You could hear the whistle blow 500 hundred miles".

Such a beautiful song. I recently acquired an old Wasburn 12 string guitar that I've strung up with ultra-light Martin wire and my favorite past-time is kicking back on the front porch swing and strumming on it and trying to play the harmonic melody, at the same time, with a piano strapped around my neck that lets me blow the harp while I'm strumming. I darn near have it down pat.

Ever tried to rub your belly with one hand and scratch your head with the other at the same time? Try humming Yankee Doodle and doing it in the key of C.

Now complicate that by lying flat of your back lengthwise on a porch swing with your back propped up with a feather pillow and put your foot up against the chain so you can pump to and fro and make her swing vertically in time with the music.

Anyone can sit down on a swing and kick the floor or the bare earth and make it go back and forth horizontally. It's an impulse. Why would you sit in one, otherwise? But I'm a verbal kind of guy. Instead of swinging front-to-back, I like going side-to-side. Please don't be reading any politics into this left to right business. Otherwise I'd be hung up on

left side and stuck in mid air.

Anyway, what you do is lay down flat of your back, put your foot up against the chain that holds the swing, and gently pull it back and forth and before you know it you are sound asleep. Unless you have a guitar in your lap and a harp pursed up against your lips. In which case you try to "Weep no more my lady. Oh weep no more today" (it "My Old Kentucky Home" in your thing) and you do this by playing the melody on the harmonic, chord progression on the guitar and you let the porch swing set perfect rhythm.

If you can do that easily, the Olympic people would want to talk to you about upcoming kayak competitions.

In the meantime we are back to the front porch. I'm sitting here in my swing and every once in awhile I'm calling in the owls. In the distance I hear heavy equipment running. The road that we need is not coming and I try to figure out what's wrong. Lennie Nigier and Ed Worley who represent us in Frankfort are letting this happen and then it dawns on me that these guys are real estate agents. Wouldn't it be nice

to see how much land they own that this new road is going through? Or their mothers or fathers or sisters or brothers or ex-wives or cousins or

whom ever else it is that's going to place the cash back into their pockets. Because you can bet your last dollar that Ed and Lennie are gonna come out all right on this deal.

I just discovered that I can play, "In the sweet bye and bye, we shall

meet on that beautiful shore. In the Sweet bye and bye--and I can do it on guitar, harmonica and make the porch swing keep perfect time all at the same time.

It ain't much but it's a heck of a lot better than politics and a lot more fun

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves

Family Reunion

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned the family reunion Janet was sponsoring at their home in Walton where there would be music from voices, young and old - some nearly worn out from use, many from old age, with the rest joining because that was the thing to do. Guitars that had been idle for years were dusted off and the music that came from them with my nephew Glen touched the strings and sang the first notes to "Amazing Grace" proved old music never loses its charm. This beginning was followed by a sing-along where young voices blended in perfectly with those whom practice kept tuned up for such occasions and others whose voice had likewise been cranked by age and over use. But, whatever condition the voice was in, who could care. Those were voices of our loved ones and if they had been worn out by use we had been the beneficiaries for we, me especially, had listened to and heard each being developed from the childhood stammering to the adult singing solo, duets, quartets or choir. It never mattered who sang which part for most of this family loved and practiced by doing what they loved. Chad, Birch and my nephew, Travis, all the same age and the same interest in music, etc., took part in, and contributed to, the melody soaking into every corner of the lawn where chairs and tables had been arranged. Birch had been invited to bring his Sax along so, before we got into other activities, he treated the crowd to a solo of "Amazing Grace," followed by a vocal solo of "I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger." This was one of the songs my mother used to sing and Birch had never heard her, yet he sang by meter instead of notes just like she did.

This reunion began Friday evening and from what I hear hasn't ended yet. I finally got worn out so Polly and Chuck brought Pauline and me home late Sunday evening before I literally passed out. We, left a lawn full of people still trying to get caught up on what they had been missing in all the years we had been separated. As all my readers know by now, my younger brother, Herbert "Herb" Tackett, and I, Ziva "Zi" Tackett Graves are all that's left from a family of 10 children of Thomas Henry and Rena Eldridge Tackett. And the offspring, or a member of the family of, each of the three departed ones were present to celebrate the "survival of the fittest" which happens to be Herb and me. I honestly was embarrassed when I was called to the platform and had to huddle up with the help of a cane and someone's strong arm to assist me. Oh no! I am not that crippled. I was playing the hand-capped to get the attention of the

tar which he confessed he hadn't touched in 12 years. But when he touched the strings, the music, accompanied by his voice, was just the same as when I heard it about 12 years ago. Oh, maybe age had left a few cracks that needed mending but a little practice with his singing daughter and grandson would fix that. This was a sing-a-long and soon the whole 80 or so guests were clapping hands and tapping feet to the music. Birch had been invited to bring his Sax along and, at my invitation, he played "Amazing Grace," then sang the song, "I Am Just A Poor Wayfaring Pilgrim." That was super special for it is the one Mom and I sang the night I sat at her feet and we sang from her old "Thomas Edition" (Hardshell Baptist songbook), sung by meter not notes.

The reunion was getting better all the time. Joyce, Thelma's only daughter, had arrived and that completed the hoped for unborn circle. Now every baby Thomas Henry Tackett fathered was represented by one of his/her offspring. He had one child, Willa Susan, by a former marriage and although "Willy" had been a loving big sister to us, we never got acquainted with her children as adults. But, not long ago, a great niece called and announced she had finally run down a relative, me, that her dad, Willard Wells, had told her about years ago and she wanted to further the relationship. So, we met, we clicked as new found kin as well as friends. Susan, and husband Jack, a sister and brother were there to join

in the reunion of a family they had not known existed until lately except in grandpa's mind, and to do honor to Herb and me, the leftovers from the family of ten, and to enjoy the getting-acquainted with new relatives while enjoying the frolicking of the young ones.

Needless to say, it was the most perfect reunion I have ever attended and Janet, with Lynn's OK and sup-

port of every whim deserves credit for it all. It was a wonderful time when relatives of all ages could meet and enjoy themselves without the bickering and fussing that accompanies most gathering of a mixed age group of the old folks and kids.

Next week, if I am up to it, you will get the next chapter of the TACKETT CLAN, as individual families.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

As Secretary of the Rockcastle County High School Senior Class, I would like to thank all those who make our Baccalaureate service possible this year.

We appreciate the Rockcastle County Ministerial Association for being willing to sponsor and plan the service. The spiritual support each of us has received from our churches over the years will never be forgotten!

Also, thank you to the parents who make up the Project Graduation 2002 committee for all their help and to Renfro Valley Entertainment for allowing us to have our service in their facilities.

We appreciate Mr. Greg Daugherty and the RCHS band and

Mrs. Tammy Reynolds and the RCHS Honor Chorus, as usual, their musical contributions were great! A special thank you to our classmates, Andrew Hammond and Courtney Alexander, for their prayers and to Amber Thacker for her very touching song, "Will You Remember Me?" Thank you especially to Bro. Chad Burdette for his challenging and motivating message.

A final thank you goes to our Principal and other RCHS staff members who attended our Baccalaureate service; we appreciate not only the things you have taught us over the years, but the example you have lived before us each day.

Truly,
Josh Hale

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 30, 2002, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Case No. 2002-00148, an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 for approval of an amended compliance plan ("KU's 2002 Environmental Compliance Plan") for the purpose of recovering the capital and operating and maintenance costs associated with new pollution control facilities by way of assessment of an environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning December 1, 2002, through KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule 18 on file with and previously approved by the Commission. The total cost of these new facilities is estimated to be \$20.3 million.

Compliance with all federal, state and local environmental regulations requires KU to continually build and upgrade equipment and/or facilities required to continue to operate in an environmentally sound manner. Specifically, KU must expand the ash treatment facilities at the Grant Power Station at Grant, Kentucky to meet current environmental water quality standards.

The estimated impact on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month is expected to be an increase of \$0.53 for KU customers in 2004.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Public Service Commission may make an order modifying or denying KU's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for consumers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion, within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2002-00148. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 1000 S. 2nd St., Louisville, KY 40202. The motion shall set forth the grounds for the request and the status and interest of the party. Intervenor may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 222 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202. Attention: Michael S. Beer, Vice President, Rates and Regulatory Affairs. A copy of the Application and testimony will be available for public inspection at the KU's offices where bills are paid.

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Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon and Alcohol Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Republican Party Meets

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., June 3: Broadhead, Copper Creek.
Tues., June 4: Green Hill, Coway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Road, Respiratory Care, Mt. Vernon Manor.

Smoke Detectors

Rockcastle Hospital Home Health, with the assistance of local volunteer fire departments, is distributing smoke detectors to the citizens of Rockcastle County who are over age 60 or disabled, and do not have a smoke detector in their home. To

apply call 256-1808. Necessary information: Name of applicant, address, date of birth, phone number, nature of the disability (if under 60 years of age).

Clothing Donations Needed

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program, 245 Richmond St. (across from the Board of Education) is in need of clothing of all types. Call for a pickup (256-2157) or bring your donations by the Migrant Office any week day 8:00-3:00.

Center Hours

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Mission Hours

First Baptist Church Food and Clothing Mission's hours are Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mission is located on 30 Church St., Mt. Vernon.

Class Reunion

Attention 1992 Graduating Class of RCHS. To respond to interest in a class reunion, please visit www.classmates.com. It will be 10 years.

Special Session

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in Special Session, Friday, May 31, 3:00 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Board of Education Administration Building. The public is welcome to attend.

Fish Fry

Carterville Ruritan Fish Fry, all you can eat, June 8th. Adults \$6, children, \$3. Carterville Ruritan Park, Harmon's Lick Rd., 1/4 mile off Hwy. 864, 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Canceled in case of rain.

Soccer Sign-Ups

Laurel Optimist Youth Soccer sign-ups Fall 2002, June 22 & 29, July 6 & 13 from 10:00-2:00 at the Laurel Optimist Gym off West Hwy. 80. For more information call 606/78-0418.

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An auction kicks off the festival Friday at 7 p.m.

Items to be auctioned off include:

- Collector Knives • Cakes
- Quilts • Savings Accounts
- Country Hams and many other items

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

MUST HAVE NUMBER TO BID!

Gospel Band Playing After Auction

Last minute changes include:

Horse tournament moves to 10 a.m. Saturday

Go-Kart Exhibition at 11 a.m. Saturday

Key Club Food Auction is 12 Noon Saturday

Roy Knipp w/ Southern Harmony Band plays at 4:30 p.m.

South 75 Band plays next

Festival Queen Coronation is at 7 p.m.