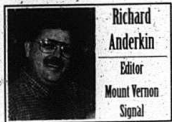


Representative candidate has spent no time in the ROCK



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The general election is less than two weeks away and, Rockcastle County voters have a lot of decisions to make.

In Mt. Vernon, they will choose the first full-time paid Mayor in the history of the city.

Two school board members will be elected and there are two magisterial races, which, in the end, could change the direction of the fiscal court.

Local voters will also have a hand in deciding whether veteran Republican U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, one of the most powerful Republicans on the national scene will return to Washington.

But possibly the most intriguing race locally is the one for State Representative.

Local businessman and long time realtor Danny Ford is seeking re-election to a seat he has held for twenty years.

Ford has opposition from a Stanford Attorney, but J. Paul Long apparently doesn't care if anyone in Rockcastle votes for him or not.

From what I can tell, Long has made only one trip to the county and that was to a function at Western Water Association. Other than that, the former Lincoln County Attorney has made no effort to lure Rockcastle County voters.

I understand the fact that he knows Ford is well-known, well thought of and a veteran legislator, who will get most of the vote in Rockcastle County.

But it is hard to believe that Long apparently doesn't think that he should do anything in Rockcastle County to make voters aware of what he stands for, or even what kind of

legislator he thinks he will make.

One thing Rockcastle voters should keep in mind, if Long doesn't care enough about Rockcastle County to make the slightest efforts to solicit votes in the county, what do you think he will do for the county if he were to get elected to the state house. Can you spell nothing?

Representative Ford is in a position now more than ever to help Lincoln and Rockcastle County residents.

He has been the minority leader in the House and he has the ear of his fellow legislators and Governor Patton.



Points East

By:
Ike Adams

Last Saturday was a pretty long day for me.

I had some business acquaintances coming in from Little Rock who wanted to see what the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises (FAHE) does to create affordable housing and Yd promised to haul them around a few counties.

It's always a pleasure to show off good work, especially when there's a chance you might enlist somebody else to join you in it. And besides that, Sister Mary Barbara Phillip had driven all the way from Arkansas on Friday night to make the visit. Sister Barbara works for the Diocese of Little Rock and is part of the investment committee for The Seton Enablement Fund, which loans money to organizations like FAHE so we can keep on doing the work we do.

Sister Barbara is not a "spring chicken" and she spends most of her time preparing bilingual radio broadcasts for Spanish and English speaking audiences in Little Rock. In her spare time she does due-diligence and loan underwriting for the Seton Fund which is largely comprised of retirement savings from folks like herself. "We don't feed to make much profit but we can't afford to lose the principal," she said.

Profit to Sister Barbara is 1% interest and the knowledge that the rest did good work. The more good work, the better.

"But you have to have confidence that the principal is going to be re-

paid and that's why I'm here," she said.

And that's why I was up early on Saturday morning to go tooling around with Sister Barbara and Jim King (Ex. Director of FAHE) and his three kids and 16 year-old Emma who had ridden through most of Kentucky after dark to make sure Sister Barbara didn't go to sleep.

We saw Irvine and the fine work that Brenda Rice has done to restore some downtown buildings and turn them into beautiful apartments for folks who never dreamed of having one. We saw Campbell Street in Lancaster and I tried to talk about the chute (shoot) and how wonderful it is that that community is being revitalized. But we saw nothing of the eastern hills where the bulk of FAHE's work goes on.

Still Sister Mary Barbara and Emma were content. Maybe most content when we stopped in Paint Lick for Village Fest and had our lunch from the street vendors. Everything from soups and corn bread to Mexican everything cooked right on the street. And good stuff to take home.

Honey and molasses and oh-so-fresh corn meal ground on the spot. Painted gourds and gingerbread and fried apple pies. Cookies and fruit

cakes. Pottery turned on the spot. Woven goods still smelling of the sheep. Everything from gun stocks to hie handles and ladder back chairs fixed while you wait. Hammer handles, checker boards, and name your favorite wood toy. Jams and jellies and pumpkins and cushaws and sauerkraut and shucky beans. Even dancing girls who would have wooed my friend, Tom Miller.

So I was walking round town and I'd lost Sister Barbara and her shadow, Emma, and all at once I heard a rooster crow. And then again. Boldly. Paint Lick was bustling at the moment but it was not exactly the kind of place where you'd expect the hear a rooster crow, right downtown, in the early afternoon.

The rooster crowed again and I finally tracked him down. He was a young sprout in the cage with several pullets and one of my neighbors had him for sale in a big wire cage propped up against the wall of the Post Office. "Range chickens," I'm told by his previous owners. "All you got to do is turn 'em loose and let 'em go."

I've named the little rooster "Roscoe" but I bought three little hens to keep him company.

We'll see how it goes. All I want to do right now is wake up in the morning when Roscoe starts crowing. But I need three eggs for breakfast every morning and I figure when I name the hens, they should start laying.

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