

GENERAL NEWS

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

THE OLD TOBACCO KING AND THE BOOGEYMAN

The other day I found myself admiring an old tobacco knife that had once belonged to my late grandfather. I'm sure my late father also used it when he was in his early tobacco-cutting prime. A family friend had coincidentally mentioned me just a few days before, but my dad had once cut 6000 sticks of tobacco in six days and he'd had to drop all of the sticks in the process.

I then remembered a dad telling me about the feat when younger. He told me how he had parked a trailer wagon loaded with tobacco sticks on one end of the large tobacco patch. He was alone and would drop sticks out a row and cut back, get more sticks and drop out another row, and then cut back.

I was about 16-years-old when he first told me about it and I told him the feat didn't seem like anything that I would be able to do. He just shrugged and granted in the familiarity he sometimes did and then asked me if I had ever seen 6000 tobacco sticks loaded on a trailer wagon before at any one particular time.

Of course, I hadn't. He told me that 6000 tobacco sticks on a wagon looked like it would take a week just to drop them, let alone cut that many. I was young, and he couldn't tell me anything, though he often tried.

In 41 years old now, dear reader, I'm starting to feel like I'm way past my prime. Don't get me wrong, I had a prime, a great prime, but I feel like my way past it now.

I feel like I'd barely measure up to be a third of the man my father was when he was at my same exact age. Maybe a fifth of a man Grandjaw was at the same age.

I finally beat Dad in a tobacco-cutting race when I was 23-years-old. He was over 50, and I still only beat him by a few stalks, and then only because I cheated.

It was the only time I ever beat him at anything as far as I can recall. It just about killed him, too, and when I tried to joke with him about it, he never said anything, but just looked at the ground while he sharpened his knife and spoke.

It was the first time he ever looked old to me. Now, sometimes I feel very old myself, and I guess that's because I've honestly seen a lot in my 44 years. Our society has changed drastically in the past four decades.

The changes haven't all been for the better. "The world is getting a little rougher every day." Dad used to say frequently when I was growing up. Coming from a man who

covered up with my blanket. Everyone knows a Boogeyman can't drag you out of bed by your feet if your feet are completely covered up with a blanket. That's one of the first things you learn as a kid.

Now it seems like, if you watch the evening news anyway, the Boogeyman is everywhere, and doesn't just come out after dark. Now it seems as if the Boogeyman comes out whenever it wants and covering your feet with a blanket will do no good.

Not good at all. Sometimes it seems like the entire

fabric of our society, our nation's blanket if you will, is becoming torn apart and won't protect us from anything anymore, especially the Boogeyman. The Boogeyman has taken to wearing three-piece suits these days.

I was in the first grade at Flemings Elementary School, and we used to drink our milk from big old glass bottles. There weren't any plastic liquid containers.

When someone dropped a bottle of milk it made a humongous crash. When I was growing up, NASA hadn't yet sent a man to the moon.

When I was growing up there was no such thing as HIV or the AIDS virus.

No such thing as school shootings. No such thing as crack cocaine. No such thing as suicide bombers. No such thing as improvised explosive devices.

Life sure isn't the same way now when I was growing up. That's for sure.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WOW!!!! What a great week at Nicholas County High School! The 2007-2008 school year is off to a great start! Kudos to the administrators, high school faculty and staff, and to the students.

Kudos to the parents and local citizens who assisted in making this all possible. Homecoming week was truly an event our town can be proud of.

The motto "Work hard, Play hard" now has new meaning. The week of special daily events and competitions kept the school spirit growing and spreading like wildfire. It was an amazing site to witness the excitement during the parade. You could feel it.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth "Woody" Glass 1936-2007. Kenneth "Woody" Glass, 71, Lexington, husband of Emma "Lena" Hughes Glass, died Fri., Sept. 28, 2007.

Junior Clay Jolly 1926-2007. Junior Clay Jolly, 81, widower of Carrie Marie Carson Jolly, of Cynthiana, died Fri., Sept. 28, 2007 at the Windsor Care Center, Mt. Sterling after a brief illness.

Paris, Randy (Becky) Jolly, Hamilton, OH and Jennifer (Keith) Sharpe, Cynthiana; two brothers, Paul Gene (Darla) Jolly and Roy (Juanita) Jolly; six sisters, Frances (Arnold) Montgomery, Betty Edgington, Delores Bashaw, Nancy Daily, Nancy Whit; and Wanda Cox; his grandchildren, Mark Jolly, Russell Jolly, Kris Jolly, Kandy Edgington, Jonna Hill, Karl Leigh Edwards, Amber Jolly, Mary Peyton Jolly, Teresa Sharp, Cody Sharp and Preston Sharp; and 11 great grandchildren.

ligan, Berea and Betty Fryman, Carlisle; and two brothers, Buford and Billy Ray Glass, both of Carlisle. Casket bearers will be Robin Riggs, Randy Hughes, Josh Hughes, Steve Campbell, Sterling Glass, Jackie Glass, Shawn Glass, Forrest Palmer, L.T. Handy, and Bill Hughes.

Funeral services were held Wed., Oct. 3, 2007 at the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home by Rev. Donald "Buck" Riggs with entombment in Evergreen Memory Gardens. Hinton-Turner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, www.hinton-turnerfuneralhome.com.

He was born July 31, 1936 in Nicholas County, son of the late William Albert "Bill" and Addie Mae Helphentine Glass. He attended Nicholas County schools, was a former member of the Army Reserve and retired Kenel- and Security Guard.

Mercury Memories

25 years ago The Nicholas County Blue-jacket Football Team fell to Bath County Friday night 20-18 with all of Bath's kids coming from Johnny Botts. 200 Myers Station residents have signed a petition asking for alcohol sales in that precinct of the county. Nicholas County Clerk Ross Scott said the petition only needed 40 valid signatures to have the subject placed on the next election's ballot.

50 years ago The Carlisle Musketeers Football Team defeated the Lancaster Devils 13-0 Friday night. Miss Linda Reid was named the Nicholas County Dairy Princess Saturday afternoon. Thought of the week "Our Republic and its press will

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